New Infographic:
Facial Recognition Technology Helps Bring Criminals to Justice

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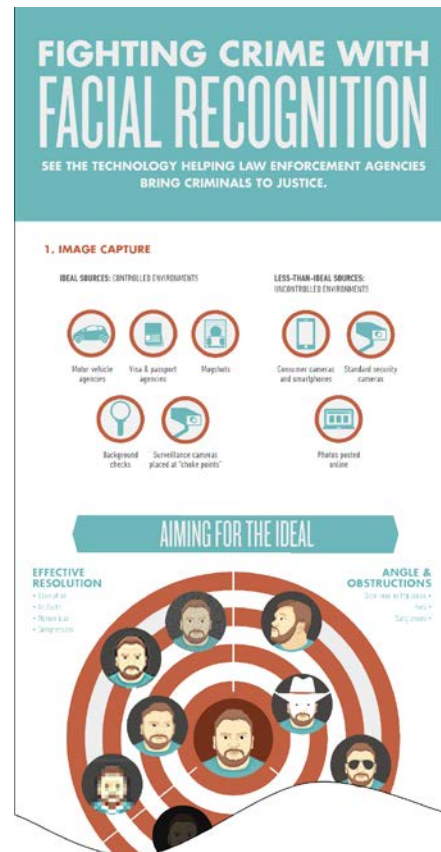
MorphoTrust USA (Safran) - a leading U.S. provider of identity solutions to federal, state and local governments - released a new infographic today outlining how facial recognition technology helps law enforcement agencies bring criminals to justice. Questions about facial recognition arose during the search for suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing last month, prompting MorphoTrust to shed light on how and when the technology works best and how it has progressed over the years into an accurate and useful tool. MorphoTrust's biometric technology is used by the U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Transportation Security Administration, as well as by state motor vehicle agencies and local law enforcement agencies.

"Facial recognition is a powerful tool in the right circumstances and it continues to advance in its ability to support law enforcement investigations," said Bob Eckel, CEO of MorphoTrust. "MorphoTrust continues to receive inquiries about how facial recognition works and how it is utilized to solve crimes. This infographic visually depicts the process, from the moment an image of an anonymous suspect is recorded to the point of discovering their true identity, and it helps readers understand the facial recognition skills of both people and computers. Often, facial recognition is most successful when the distinct abilities of both people and computers are combined to positively identify a suspect."

"In addition to questions about the application of facial recognition technology to identify suspects, people want to know about the privacy and security implications of biometrics, which can include iris, fingerprints and face, among others," Eckel said. "The reality is that biometrics can strengthen privacy and security, as it is the only sure way to establish identity, making it extremely difficult for a criminal to fraudulently assume and abuse someone else's identity."

Facial recognition success stories are beginning to emerge:

- In February, authorities in New Jersey arrested 38 people in Operation Facial Scrub, including five sex offenders and 29 people who, despite having suspended licenses, obtained fraudulent licenses. Of these, some had multiple DUI offenses, and even used their false identities to obtain commercial driver licenses to drive trucks or buses. *(Source: New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission press release, February 12, 2013)*

- In March, the State of New York announced it had investigated 13,000 possible cases of identity fraud in the three years since facial recognition technology was implemented by the Department of Motor Vehicles, resulting in more than 2,500 arrests. *(Source: State of New York Executive Chamber press release, March 5, 2013)*

- The State of South Carolina has used facial recognition technology to help local law enforcement agencies identify and arrest suspects in cases involving shootings, murder,

prison gang smuggling and more. *(Source: South Carolina Information and Intelligence Center Success Stories)*

- Pinellas County, Florida, has solved hundreds of cases involving bank robbery, armed robbery and fraudulent identification, among others, by running suspect photos through facial recognition software. *(Source: Pinellas County Sheriff's Office success stories)*

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