FACEFIRST HELPS CAPTURE WANTED ASSASSIN

CASE STUDY  
Tocumen Airport

TOCUMEN AIRPORT FACT SHEET

HEADQUARTERS:
Panama City, Panama

DEPLOYED FACEFIRST: 2011

MISSION: In 2010, Panama’s Tocumen International Airport was a known hub for drug smuggling and organized crime. New technology was needed to make Tocumen safe for passenger and cargo transportation.

In 2011, FaceFirst proved to be the only platform that could easily match faces against a large database of photos and alert security in real time. The solution also overcame difficult lighting conditions unique to airports. After initial success, FaceFirst was expanded into the north terminal, resulting in the world’s largest airport biometrics installation.

Notorious Assassin Captured Thanks to FaceFirst Guardian

Since FaceFirst Guardian was first installed in Tocumen International Airport, authorities have been able to detain and capture hundreds of individuals wanted in Panama and other countries for serious crimes. In addition to helping with border control, the solution routinely detects individuals wanted for drug trafficking, terrorism, fraud, armed robbery, theft and other serious crimes.

One significant incident involved a Panamanian woman who had been accused of assassinating an officer of the Directorate of Judicial Investigation (DIJ) by poisoning. After being wanted for 12 years, the woman was positively identified by FaceFirst Guardian and captured by the authorities.

“With [face recognition] technology, the detection and capture actions carried out by the authorities are optimized, ranging from preventing to deterring actions of organized crime at the national and transnational levels.”
— Panama 24 Horas
Surveillance
✓ Identify suspected terrorists and dangerous criminals
✓ Protect borders with departure/arrival monitoring
✓ Instantly alert airport security

Mobile Face Recognition
✓ Identify travelers using any Android or iOS phone
✓ Upload new profile images from anywhere, any time
✓ Provide airport police and security with mobile alerts

Integration
✓ Integrate the FaceFirst API with third-party systems
✓ Use the FaceFirst SDK to OEM into any existing device

Access Control
✓ Verify employee identity in real time
✓ Monitor entry/exit border crossings with instant screening
✓ Geofence sensitive airport areas

FaceFirst is a global patented enterprise-grade facial recognition software platform designed to be scalable, fast and accurate while maintaining the highest levels of security and privacy. We provide real-time threat notifications that prevent crime before it happens.

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