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## CLEARWATER POLICE FIRST USE OF LICENSE PLATE READER ENDS IN PURSUIT AND ARREST

**WHO:** Robin Evans (Arrested)  
DOB: 7-28-61  
Clearwater, Fla.  
**CHARGES:** Grand Theft Auto/Fleeing and Eluding/Aggravated Assault w/Motor Vehicle

**WHAT:** License Plate Reader leads to first arrest  
Recovered Vehicle: 2002 Toyota Salara Convertible

**WHEN:** December 16, 2010

**WHERE:** Wal-mart  
23106 US Hwy 19 North  
Clearwater, Fla.

**SUMMARY:** An officer was on patrol in the Wal-Mart parking lot area and was using the new license plate reader that was installed on his patrol vehicle. The license plate reader "hit" a stolen license plate. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was in fact stolen.

While attempting to tactically set up on the vehicle, the suspect exited the store and jumped into the vehicle. While attempting to stop the vehicle, the suspect intentionally put the vehicle in reverse and rammed the patrol vehicle. Units initiated a pursuit. Subsequently, the vehicle caused a motor vehicle crash at Palmetto Avenue and N. Hercules Avenue. The officer used a P.I.T maneuver to disable the vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody. There were no reported injuries to either the suspect or the victim of the crash.





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The cameras read license plates of parked and moving cars -- hundreds per minute -- and check them against vehicle databases. The Clearwater Police Department has equipped two of its vehicles with the units. This was the first "hit" on a vehicle.

