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professional recruiting programs, and as a reference for beginning professionals in the fields of law enforcement, forensics, and military surveillance. It is also an indispensable reference for journalists, lawmakers, and community planners. It has been designed with a flexible, modular format so the chapters can be read in almost any order and chapters that share common topics are cross-referenced to alert the reader. We are all being surveilled. It is no longer possible to avoid cameras, DNA tests, identity chips, border crossing cameras, highway monitors, ATMs, radio-chipped goods and ID cards, and other devices that record our movements, finances, and even our health--

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