# AirSight and Flock Announce Strategic Partnership Following Grant Parish Smuggling Bust

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RICHARDSON, TX, UNITED STATES, June 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- AirSight, provider of the AirGuard airspace security platform, today announced a strategic partnership with Flock, the public-safety operating system trusted by thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide. The partnership feeds real-time AirGuard detections — including operator location — directly into FlockOS, placing airspace threats in the same operating picture agencies already use for License Plate Reader (LPR) alerts, video, and other live data.

The announcement follows a recent success in central Louisiana that showcased both platforms' complementary roles in stopping a drone-borne contraband-smuggling attempt at a correctional facility.

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Grant Parish: The Partnership in Action

In March 2026, the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office charged two Texas residents — Melanie Jean Worthington, 38, and Kassy Marie Cole, 41 — after authorities intercepted a drone-borne smuggling operation targeting a correctional facility. According to the Sheriff's Office, the women had been paid roughly $40,000 to fly methamphetamine, marijuana, tobacco, and contraband cell phones onto prison grounds, concealed inside hollowed-out plastic crow decoys engineered to blend into the yard if discovered.

AirSight's drone and pilot detection capability, deployed at the facility, identified the unauthorized drone the moment it entered protected airspace and surfaced the operator's broadcast location — enabling Sheriff's Office personnel to identify and arrest the smugglers. What might otherwise have ended at the fence line became a prosecutable case with a vehicle, a named suspect, and an arrest.

Where law enforcement can't respond in time to detain a suspect, the AirSight–Flock integration now provides a waypoint to begin the investigation. AirGuard sees the threat, and Flock leads the response. When the two operate within the same picture, the time from detecting a drone to identifying its operator shrinks from hours to minutes.

"Smuggling contraband into prisons with drones is a rapidly growing problem. With drone detection we now know when there's a drone there and where the pilot is. If we can't get there in time to arrest the suspect, we can now use the combined data to find and track their vehicle. Before these two solutions, we simply had to get lucky." — Steven McCain, Sheriff of Grant Parish

What the Partnership Delivers

The integration pushes AirGuard airspace intelligence into FlockOS, where it appears alongside LPR, video, and other live data Flock customers already rely on. It delivers three operational capabilities:

1. Real-Time Airspace Detections in the FlockOS Map. Every AirGuard detection — drone position, altitude, heading, velocity, drone ID, and operator location when available — appears as a live, moving asset on the same map agencies already use. No second console, no toggling between platforms during a fast-moving incident.
2. Pilot-to-Plate: From Operator Location to a Vehicle. Where AirGuard surfaces an operator's location, that location appears alongside Flock's LPR data. Analysts can correlate the operator's position with vehicles seen at the launch site within the relevant time window — turning cases that once ended at the fence line into cases with a roadway-level chain of evidence.
3. Drone as First Responder Trigger. For agencies with Flock DFR, a soon-to-be-released capability will let AirGuard detections serve as a launch trigger, dispatching a Flock DFR within seconds of a confirmed threat.

Why It Matters Now

Drone detection has matured rapidly. What has lagged is the workflow that turns a detection into a coordinated ground-level response in time to matter. AirGuard surfaces what's in the sky; FlockOS coordinates what happens on the street. Together, they give law enforcement, corrections, critical infrastructure operators, and large venues a single, actionable picture running from the airspace down to the roadway.

"Officers shouldn't have to switch between systems in the middle of an active incident," said Rahul Sidhu, Chief Strategy Officer at Flock. "Bringing AirGuard into FlockOS lets our officers and analysts locate hostile drones more quickly, fully within the workflows they're already used to."

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