

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 343 (SB 387)

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Kleinpeter

New law provides that a person who intentionally vandalizes, tampers with, or destroys a crime camera system by (1) causing functional or cosmetic damage, (2) adjusting or modifying the location, position, aim, focus or functionality, (3) tampering with the performance, functions, or features, or (4) rendering temporarily or permanently inoperable, is guilty of the crime of vandalizing, tampering with, or destroying a crime camera system.

New law provides that a "crime camera system" includes any camera or license plate reader erected or installed for the purpose of observing or deterring illegal activity and includes any lights, mounting poles or brackets, actuator motors, computer control boards, connection interfaces, signage, software, protective housing, lenses, power supply systems, recording or battery backups, microphones, data connectivity hardware, or other component parts or ancillary equipment necessary for proper functionality and operation.

A person who violates new law will be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or fined not more than \$2,000, or both.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 14:57.1)