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Thread: [Police in England keep handing critical investigative work over to AI.](#)

The Pact - August 11, 2026, 2:08 am

In England, in Derbyshire, The Derbyshire Police have once again found themselves in the position of explaining why their officers keep handing critical investigative work over to artificial intelligence, as though policing were a group project and ChatGPT were the only one who actually shows up.

A senior detective is now under investigation for potential gross misconduct after an internal review suggested his use of AI was, shall we say, not what their guidance had in mind.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) has stepped in, presumably because "please stop doing crimes with computers" is not a conversation the force wants to keep having in-house.

This latest referral comes just two months after yet another officer was accused of using AI to "create evidential material in a number of cases," which is a polite way of saying he allegedly generated fake evidence like a teenager forging a sick note to get out of gym class.

The officer has been pulled from front-line duties while investigators determine whether he actually perverted the course of justice or merely demonstrated catastrophic judgement.

According to the Financial Times, the new case involves a detective chief inspector who allegedly used AI to maintain "decision logs," those official records explaining why investigators took each step. These logs can end up in court, which is why they're supposed to be written by a human being and not co-authored by a chatbot that doesn't have a badge, a brain, or legal standing.

Meanwhile, Gloucestershire Police has already dismissed a staff member for repeatedly bypassing safeguards to use an AI chatbot for police work. At this point, it's starting to look less like isolated incidents and more like a nationwide trend of officers discovering AI and immediately deciding to use it for the worst possible tasks.

The IOPC said Derbyshire's referral followed concerns that the officer's AI use "was not in line with guidance and conditions issued by the force." The officer has been formally notified that he is under investigation for alleged gross misconduct.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c7vgq5mgz2mo>

Calculon - August 11, 2026, 6:08 am

I think it will be more common for cops to fabricate confessions with voice cloning, and video evidence with generative video. They will pull it off as most people have blind faith in the authorities when it happens to others. "Trust me, I'm a Police officer!"

Edit: I can't spell.

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Heinzke - August 12, 2026, 4:52 pm

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True. Oh my goodness you are so right dictatorships can just use this to do a lot more evil while trying to look like what they are doing is OK to the general public. And in first world free countries there is still a ton of risk of different types of nefarious behaviour.