

Evolv's AI Weapons Scanner Fails a Utica Stabbing Test, Then Draws an FTC Settlement

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Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Utica, NY's \$3.7M Evolv AI weapons scanner missed a knife used in an October 2022 stabbing; the FTC later ruled Evolv deceived schools about its AI's weapon-detection accuracy nationwide.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[Evolv Technologies / Utica City School District / U.S. Federal Trade Commission](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

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