

The Clip Is What You See. Metadata Is What You Trust.



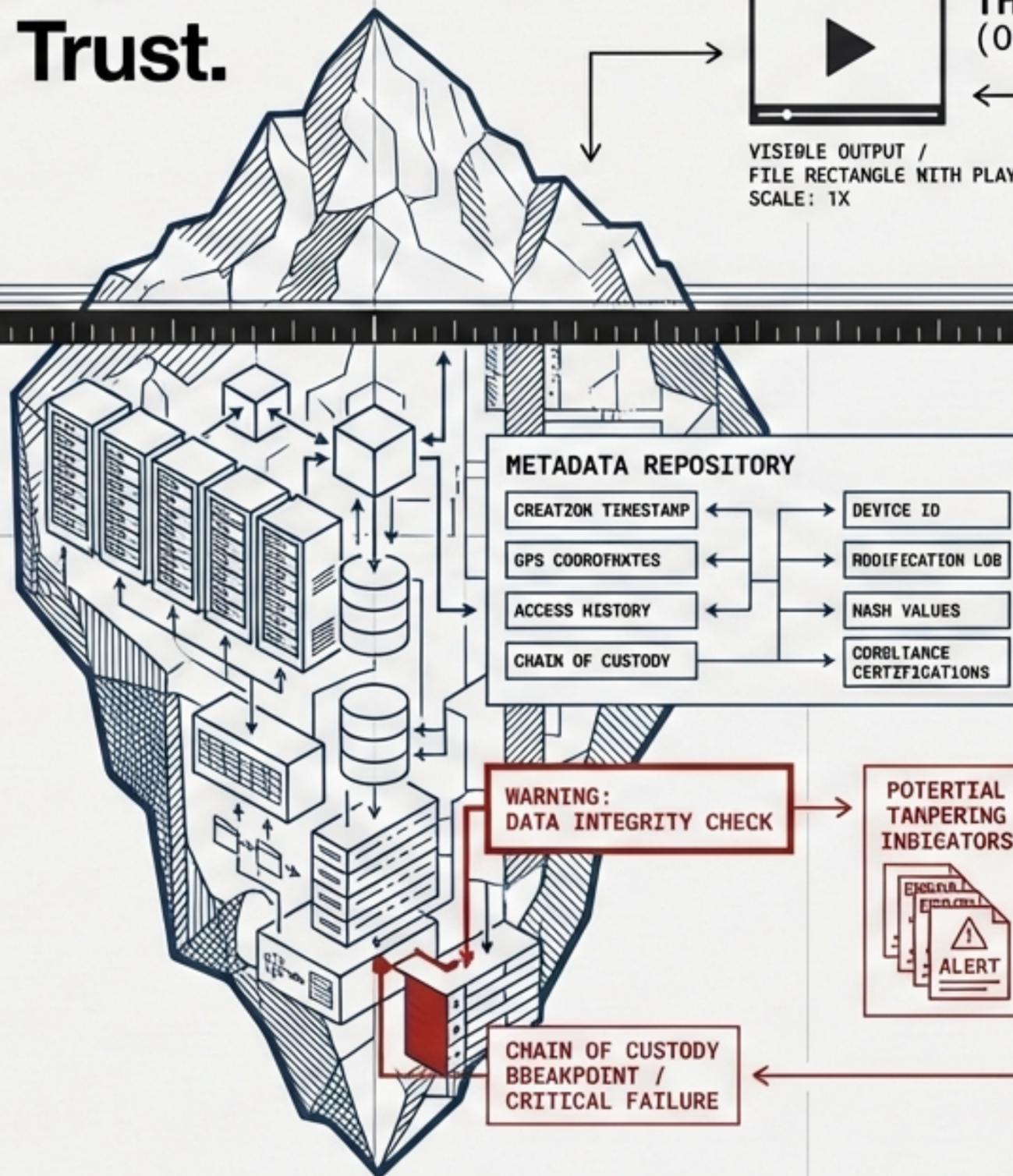
THE CLIP
(Output)

VISIBLE OUTPUT /
FILE RECTANGLE WITH PLAY ICON
SCALE: 1X

WATER LINE

THE ARCHITECTURE (Metadata & Governance)

INVISIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE /
SERVER RACKS, DATABASE SCHEMAS,
AUDIT TRAILS / SCALE: 100X



Modern accountability questions have shifted from "What does the video show?" to "What happened to the file before it reached you?"

Old Paradigm:
Video as Truth.

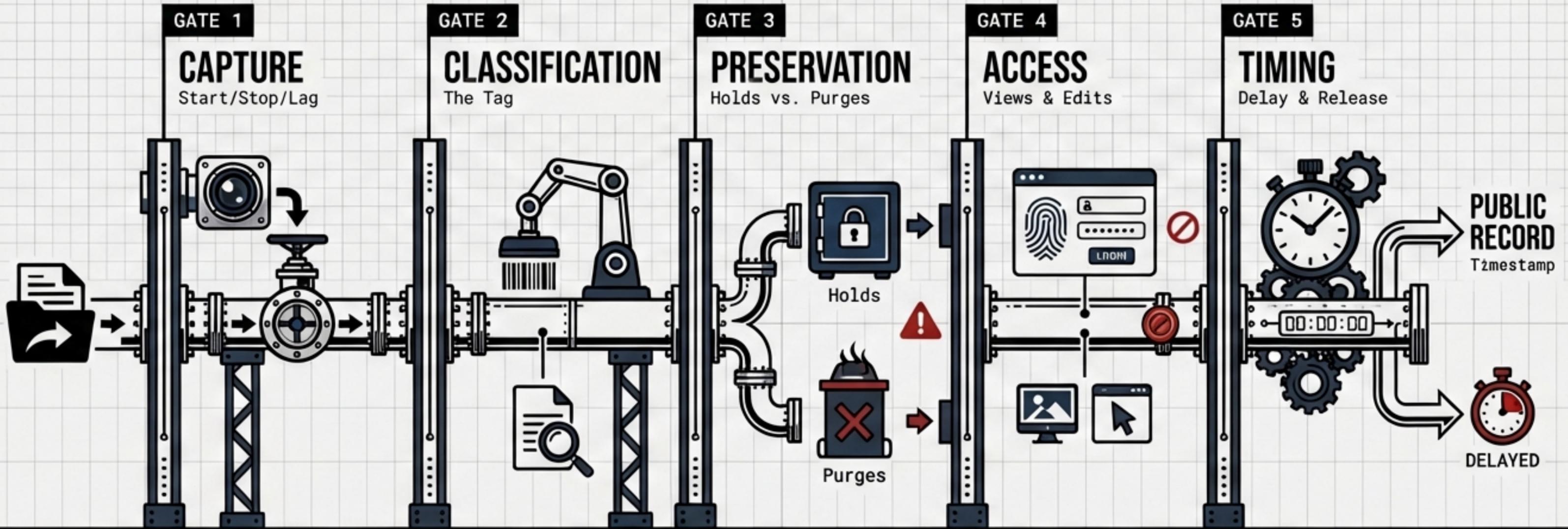
New Paradigm:
Video as Output.



Metadata: The Invisible Layer of Control

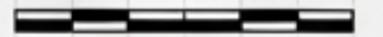
Metadata determines whether a file is searchable or buried, scrutinized or purged. It controls the record without altering a single pixel.





The Five Control Gates

At each gate, the system makes a decision that shapes the public record.



Gate 1: Capture Integrity

Insight: Did the lag reflect officer choice or system behavior? The logs hold the answer.



THE PROOF

Metadata Fields

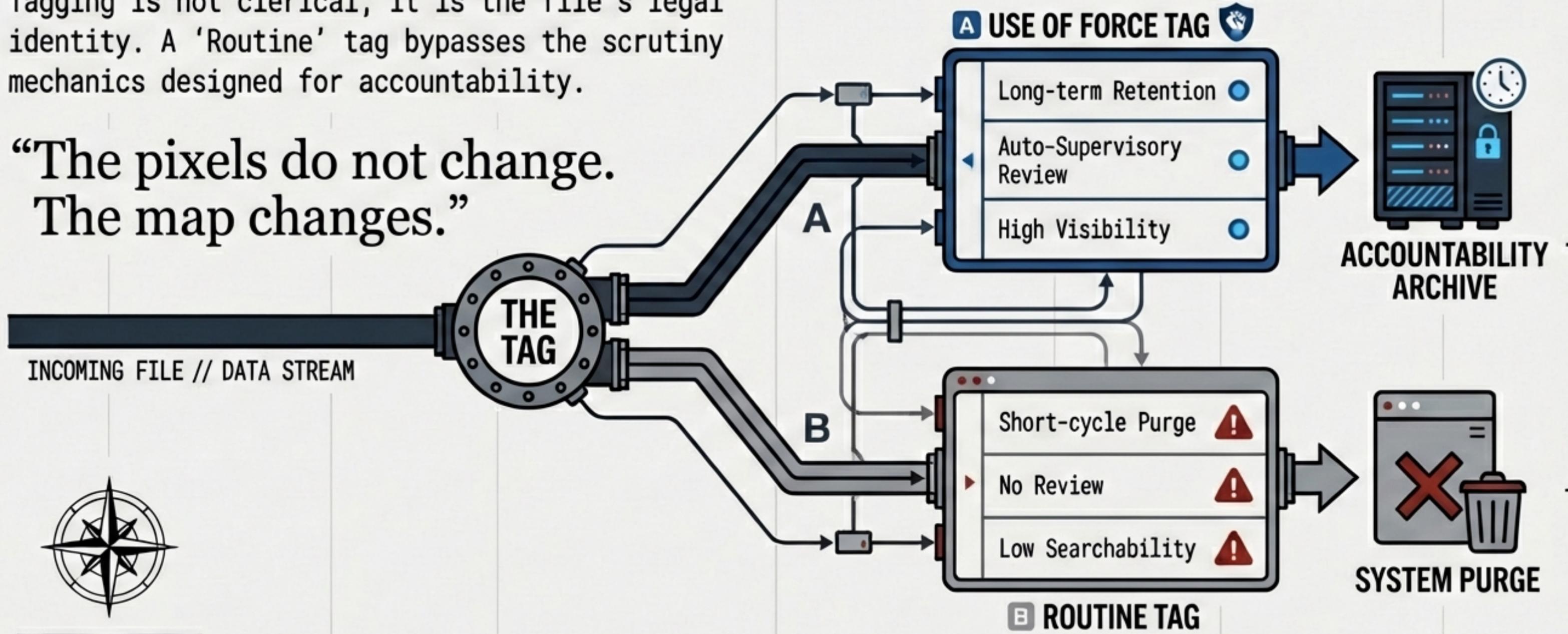
-   1. GPS TRIGGERS: Was the unit moving? _____ YES/NO
-   2. BLUETOOTH SIGNALS: Did weapon draw trigger cam? _____ YES/NO
-   3. BATTERY STATUS: Was device capable? _____ YES/NO



Gate 2: Classification Is Governance

Tagging is not clerical; it is the file's legal identity. A 'Routine' tag bypasses the scrutiny mechanics designed for accountability.

“The pixels do not change.
The map changes.”



Gate 3: The Audit Log is the Real Evidence

THE VIEWER SEES



THE SYSTEM KNOWS

[03:00:15] USER: SGT_MILLER >> VIEW_FILE_ID_992
[03:15:00] USER: SGT_MILLER >> CLOSE_FILE
[04:30:00] SYSTEM: REPORT_FILED (INCIDENT_TYPE:
ROUTINE)

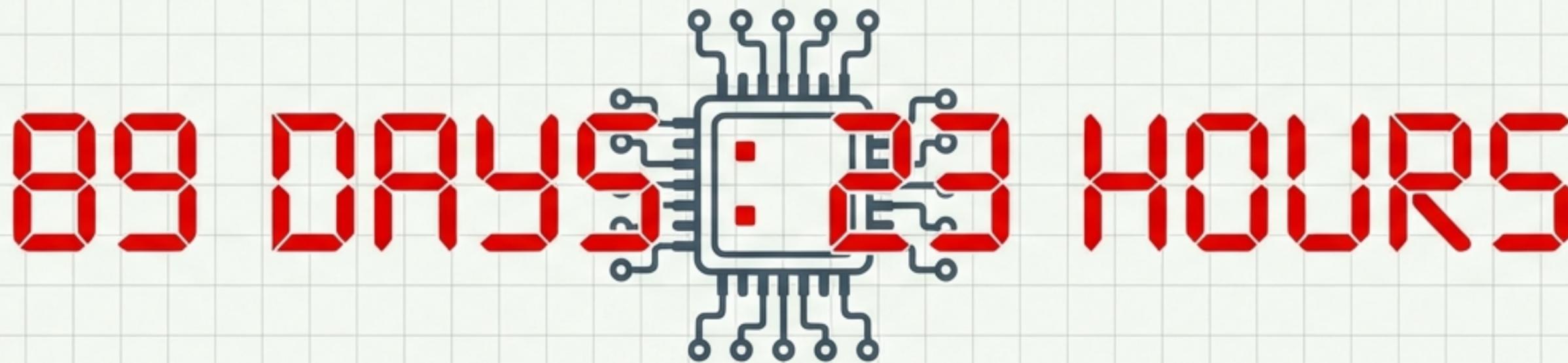
 Footage viewed BEFORE report filed.

[04:30:00] SYSTEM: REPORT_FILED

Narrative control rarely requires editing frames. It requires workflow control.
Chronology is power.

Gate 4: Retention & Survival

Existence is conditional.



Retention is logic, not gravity. Files are purged based on metadata tags. The difference between 'we recorded it' and 'we can produce it' is retention discipline (Holds vs. Auto-Purge).



Gate 5: The Timing Weapon

TIMELINE A: LOW IMPACT



TIMELINE B: HIGH INTEGRITY



Conditional transparency teaches public distrust.
 The goal: Release fast enough to matter, complete enough to test.

The Ecosystem: The Digital Shadow Record

If the video is incomplete, look at the shadow. The truth is found in the metadata triangulation across all systems.



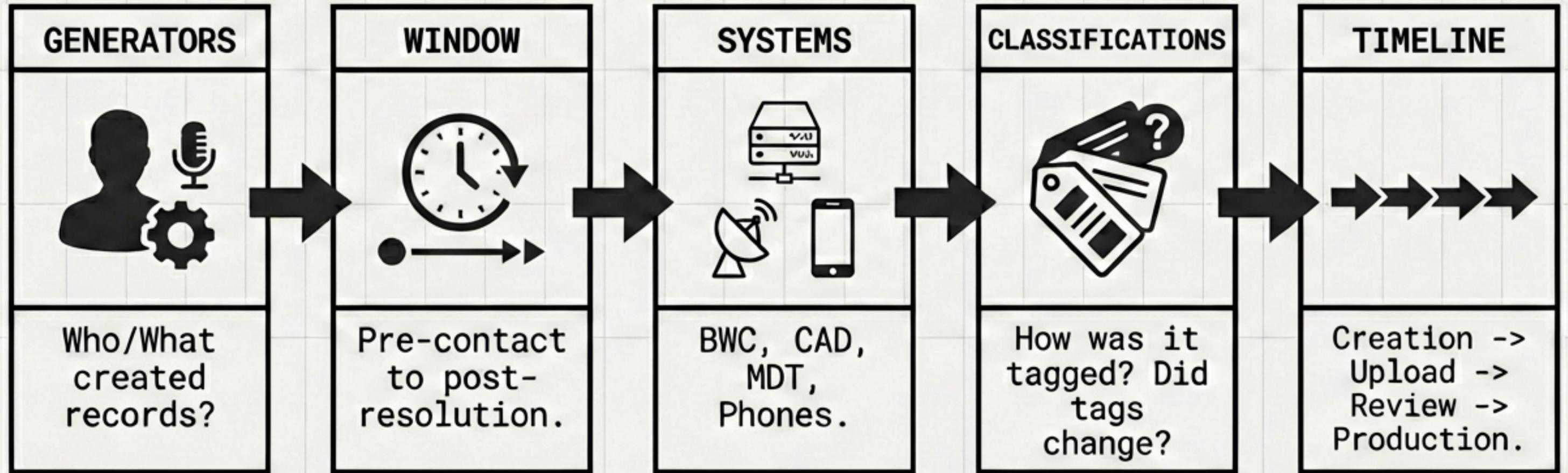
The New Discovery Model: "Prove the Record"

OLD DISCOVERY	NEW DISCOVERY
	
<p>Send me the video.</p>	<p>Produce the video AND the audit trail.</p>
<p>You see what they want you to see.</p>	<p>You see how the record was built.</p>

Move from **Content Demand** (What is in the file?) to **Handling Demand** (Who touched the file?).

The Integrity Map

Five pillars to pin down immediately.



You don't ask for the video. You ask for the map.

*If missing:
Where is the
exception log?*

404

*If purged:
Where is the
retention trigger?*

ERROR

Handling 'Missing' Evidence

Don't argue motive; argue structure. A missing record without a system log is not a glitch. It is a governance failure.

The Reality of the Pipeline

Data from NYC Comptroller Audit MD24-071S

36% 

Incidents with
footage “not on file”



133 DAYS

Average FOIL
response time



97% 

Appeals granted
(proving initial
denials are a filter)



The system defaults to ‘No’ until tested.

**A record isn't truly public
until the system can prove
what happened to it.**

**STOP ASKING FOR THE CLIP.
DEMAND THE ARCHITECTURE.**