



# HOW TO ACQUIRE A STINGRAY

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A law enforcement agency contacts either Harris Corporation or Digital Receiver Technologies to purchase a cell-site simulator. This can be done with their own funds or through grants provided by the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of Justice. Harris and DRT offer different kinds of cell-site simulators that have a variety of brand names, including Stingray, Kingfish and DRT.



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The cell-site simulator manufacturer will tell the law enforcement agency they need to contact the FBI first in order to acquire one.



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The law enforcement agency contacts the FBI, which requires the department to sign a non-disclosure prohibiting them from revealing that they have these devices.



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The company acquires a special license from the Federal Communications Commission, as stingrays can interfere with phone calls and radio waves. A separate license is required for each device the agency buys. The FCC also tells the law enforcement agency to coordinate with the FBI.



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After it signs the NDA and the FCC grants the license, the law enforcement agency can now purchase the cell-site simulator.

