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# How Digital Intelligence is Transforming Violence Against Women & Girls

Case Outcomes Across EMEA



Every device holds a story.  
The question is whether  
investigators can access  
it in time.

## KEY STATISTICS

**50+** MILLION

VAWG offences recorded across EMEA annually —  
the majority leave a digital trail

**78%**

of serious VAWG cases involve a digital  
device as primary evidence source

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barrier to prosecution: delayed or incomplete  
digital evidence extraction

**43%**

faster case closure reported by agencies  
using digital forensics workflows

## THE CHALLENGE

### The Digital Evidence Gap in VAWG Investigations

Violence Against Women and Girls represents one of the most prevalent and consistently undercharged categories of serious crime across EMEA. Despite significant legislative reform — from the UK's Domestic Abuse Act to Germany's expanded Stalking provisions — the conviction gap remains stubbornly wide.

At the heart of that gap is a digital evidence problem. The communications, location data, deleted messages, photographs and application histories that document coercion, abuse and criminal behaviour exist — but accessing them requires forensic capability that many investigative units do not yet have, or cannot deploy at the pace investigations demand.



## What the Evidence Tells Us

Digital evidence is present in the overwhelming majority of VAWG cases, yet only a fraction is successfully extracted and used in prosecution.

- 78% of VAWG cases involve a digital device
- Encrypted messaging used in 6 in 10 coercive control cases
- Location data decisive in 1 in 3 stalking prosecutions
- Deleted content recovered in 55% of examined devices

## The Cost of the Gap

When digital evidence is delayed, incomplete or inadmissible, the consequences extend far beyond individual cases.

- Victims face repeat interviews — increasing re-traumatisation
- Perpetrators remain active — escalation risk rises
- Cases collapse at court through evidential gaps
- Investigators face burnout managing manual processes at volume

## THE OPPORTUNITY

### What Digital Intelligence Changes

Modern digital forensics capabilities, deployed correctly, fundamentally alter the investigative picture in VAWG cases. The shift is not merely technological — it is operational, legal and humanitarian.

- **Coercive control**  
Patterns of behaviour documented across months of communications data establish the sustained nature of abuse without requiring victim testimony to carry the case alone.
- **Location intelligence**  
GPS data, cell tower records and application location histories place suspects at scenes, contradict false alibis and document harassment patterns.
- **Encrypted applications**  
Advanced extraction capabilities now access content from commonly used encrypted platforms, unlocking evidence that was previously invisible to investigators.
- **Rapid triage**  
AI-assisted prioritisation ensures the most evidentially significant content is surfaced quickly — reducing the time from device seizure to actionable intelligence.
- **Court-ready packages**  
Automated evidence reporting generates documentation that meets admissibility standards across EMEA jurisdictions, reducing the risk of challenge.



## CELLEBRITE'S APPROACH

### INSEYETS: Built for VAWG Investigations

Cellebrite INSEYETS is the comprehensive digital forensics platform used by law enforcement agencies across more than 100 countries.

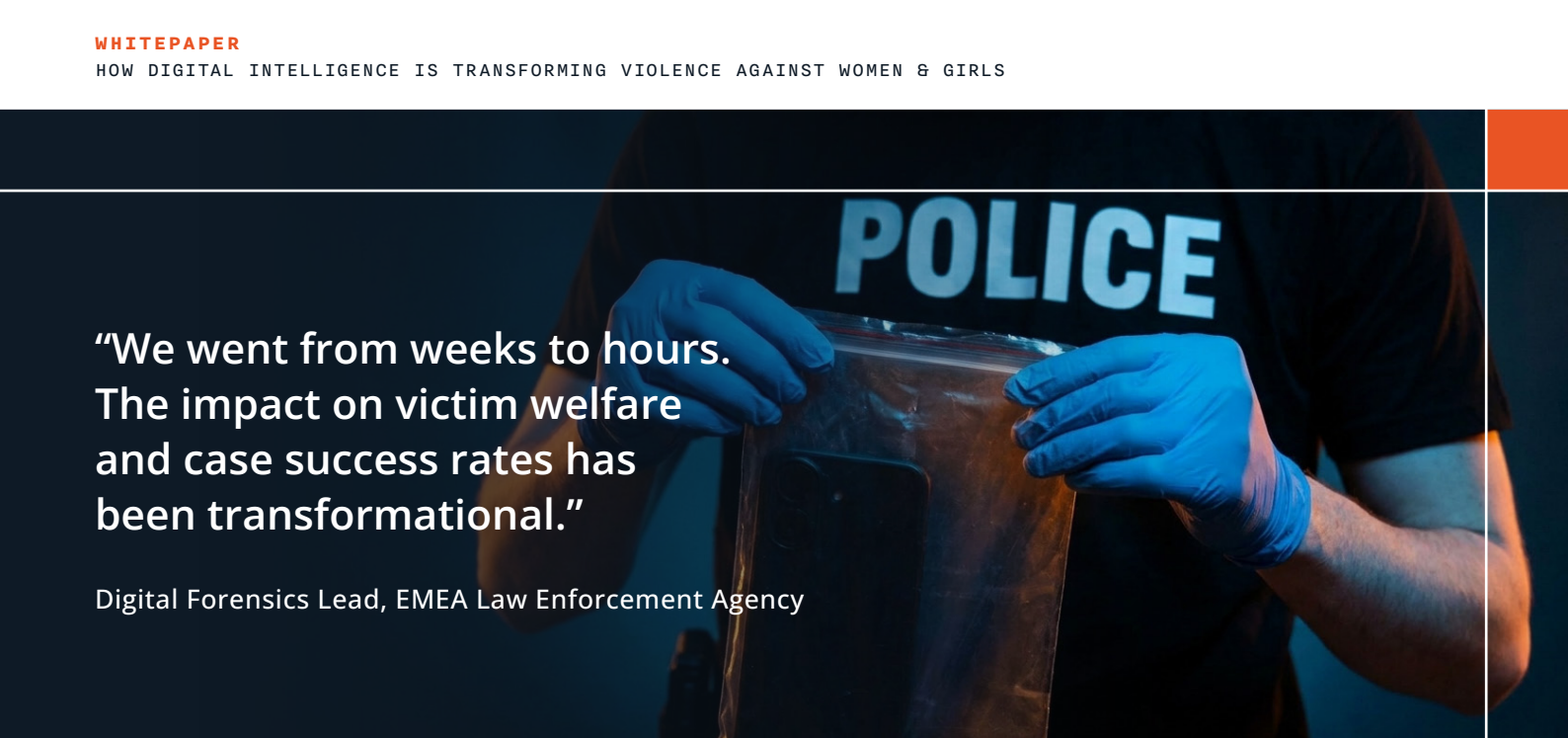
For VAWG investigations specifically, it delivers capability across the full evidence lifecycle.

- **Universal extraction**  
Physical, logical and file system extraction from all major device types including the latest iOS and Android versions.
- **Encrypted content access**  
Advanced decryption and app data extraction from WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, Snapchat and other commonly used encrypted applications.
- **Deleted data recovery**  
Recovery of deleted messages, photographs, call logs and application data — including content the suspect believed was permanently removed.
- **Pattern analysis**  
Timeline reconstruction across communications, location and application data to document sustained patterns of coercive behaviour.
- **Automated evidence reporting**  
Court-ready reports formatted to meet jurisdiction-specific admissibility requirements.
- **Investigator welfare tools**  
Configurable content filters and automated flagging to manage investigator exposure to distressing material.



In a coercive control case handled by an EMEA law enforcement agency using Cellebrite INSEYETS, investigators recovered 18 months of deleted WhatsApp messages within 4 hours of device seizure.

The case proceeded to conviction without the victim giving live evidence.



**“We went from weeks to hours.  
The impact on victim welfare  
and case success rates has  
been transformational.”**

Digital Forensics Lead, EMEA Law Enforcement Agency

### At the Scene

- Rapid device triage in under 10 minutes
- Field extraction without device seizure where appropriate
- Immediate flagging of priority content

### In the Lab

- Full forensic extraction and analysis
- Multi-device correlation and timeline mapping
- Chain of custody documentation throughout

## WHAT AGENCIES ARE TELLING US

### The Impact in Practice

Agencies across EMEA that have integrated Cellebrite’s capabilities into their VAWG investigation workflows consistently report the same outcomes: faster processing, stronger evidence packages, and measurably better outcomes for victims.

- Average digital evidence processing time reduced by 40–60% across peer agencies
- Significant reduction in repeat victim interviews and re-traumatisation
- Higher rates of guilty pleas where digital evidence is strong and comprehensive
- Improved investigator confidence and reduced caseload pressure

## NEXT STEPS

### How to Close the Gap for Your Agency

Cellebrite works with law enforcement agencies across EMEA to assess current digital forensics capability, identify the specific gaps most affecting VAWG investigation outcomes, and design an implementation pathway that works within operational and budgetary realities.

The conversation begins with understanding your environment — not presenting a product. We invite senior investigators and digital forensics leads to a personalised 30-minute capability briefing with one of our specialist team.

→ No obligation — this is a professional conversation, not a sales pitch

→ Delivered by a practitioner who understands VAWG investigation, not a generalist

→ Tailored to your jurisdiction, your case types and your team's current capabilities

→ Followed up with written recommendations specific to your agency

#### About Cellebrite

Cellebrite's (Nasdaq: CLBT) mission is to enable its customers to protect and save lives, accelerate justice and preserve privacy in communities around the world. We are a global leader in Digital Investigative solutions for the public and private sectors, empowering organizations in mastering the complexities of legally sanctioned digital investigations by streamlining intelligence and investigative processes. Trusted by thousands of leading agencies and companies worldwide, Cellebrite's Digital Investigative platform and solutions transform how customers collect, review, analyze and manage data in legally sanctioned investigations.

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