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Colorado Secretary of State's Office Leaks Confidential Voter Information

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – On Thursday, August 27, 2026, 4th Judicial District Attorney Michael J. Allen received a call from Secretary of State Jena Griswold, that more than 130,000 confidential voter profiles had been made publicly accessible online due to a coding error in her office.

Of the profiles mistakenly released, DA Allen learned, 59 were confirmed to have been accessed during the 12 days they were left available to the public and before SOS staff caught and corrected the error. In fact, Allen's own private information is confirmed to have been accessed at least twice.

"That is what is ironic about this entire episode. Jena Griswold says Colorado voter information must be protected from the Federal government, but under her leadership, her office has failed on more than one occasion to protect confidential information from being exposed to every single person on planet earth with internet access," DA Allen said.

In 2024, Griswold's office was investigated after passwords to voting machines across the state were inadvertently posted on its website.

A protected confidential voter profile is an option for some voters to invoke additional layers of security on their personal identifying information. The program is used by judges, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, elected officials, medical and mental health workers. It's also a measure of safety that can be used by domestic violence survivors, victims of crime, and any other citizen with a legitimate safety concern.

Exposing confidential and protected information can not only put the voters using the program at risk, but it can also raise serious safety concerns for their family members and others in their circle.



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“These security vulnerabilities are more than just technical errors. They represent a troubling management and accountability problem under Secretary Griswold’s leadership at the Secretary of State’s office. I am calling for a full investigatory audit to be conducted by an independent law enforcement agency. All reports, conclusions, and opinions on corrective measures, need to be fully divulged to the public,” DA Allen said.

Coloradans should never have to choose between exercising their right to vote and protecting their personal privacy and safety. We know real people have been harmed or even killed when their private information was publicized.

In 2013, Colorado DOC Director Tom Clements was murdered in his doorway at his home after a violent gang member was inadvertently released early.

In 2008, Sean May, an Adams County Chief Deputy District Attorney, was shot and killed outside his Denver home.

In 2023, a Maryland circuit court judge was shot and killed in his doorway.

And in 2025, Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark, were killed in a targeted attack at their home.

Those types of documented, deadly violence underline why options such as confidential voter protections exist.

Two investigators with the 4th Judicial District Attorney’s Office have been assigned to this issue, and are actively working to determine the circumstances surrounding the error.

Anyone with concerns regarding their confidential voter profile being made public is urged to contact the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office. Further, anyone with concerns about their personal safety as it relates to this incident is urged to call their local law enforcement agency.

Note to the Media: All updates will only come from Communications when available.

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