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Voter Data Exposure Raises Serious Safety Concerns for Colorado's Confidential Voters

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Late yesterday afternoon, District Attorney Michael J. Allen learned by phone that the Colorado Secretary of State's Office had exposed voter profiles belonging to Colorado's confidential voters. This security breach existed from August 14 through August 25.

The following is a statement from DA Allen:

Our best estimate is that more than 130,000 confidential voters across Colorado may have been affected, and that 59 specific voter profiles were accessed during an approximately two-week period in which the information was left exposed. I have learned that eight voters in the 4th Judicial District were impacted by this latest security breach under the leadership of Jena Griswold, Colorado's elected Secretary of State.

This latest failure is different. This time, incompetence has been coupled with danger.

Confidential voters include law enforcement officers, elected officials, prosecutors, judges, medical and mental health providers, crime victims, and others whose personal information is protected because of heightened security concerns and, in some cases, documented threats to their safety.

As District Attorney of Colorado's largest judicial district, I know firsthand the extraordinary lengths our prosecutors, investigators, support staff, and victim advocates go to protect the public and victims of crime while pursuing some of Colorado's most violent offenders. The threats they face are real. In some cases, those threats are as serious as threats to take their lives.

Prosecutors, judges, elected officials, and law enforcement across the country have paid the ultimate price for the work they do.

On August 27, 2008, Sean May, an Adams County Chief Deputy District Attorney, was shot and killed outside his Denver home. On June 14, 2025, Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were killed in a targeted attack at their home. In October 2023, a Maryland circuit court judge was shot and killed in his driveway.

These are not hypothetical risks. They are stark reminders of why confidential-voter protections exist in the first place.

The Secretary of State has a responsibility to operate an office that follows the law, serves every Coloradan without partisan favoritism, and protects the security and integrity of our elections and voter information.

Jena Griswold has failed that responsibility.

And in this latest incident, the consequences are potentially far more serious than an administrative mistake. When information belonging to confidential voters is exposed, people who have specifically sought protection because of legitimate safety concerns can be placed at greater risk.

My office is currently working to assess the security concerns facing the confidential voters in the 4th Judicial District who were impacted by this breach. We are doing so because we have a responsibility to protect the people who may now be at risk because of this exposure.

We will continue to assess the situation and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

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

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