

Subject: Re: Possible security breach - Annex cameras
From: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>
Date: 7/10/2026, 7:34 AM
To: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>, Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>, Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>
CC: Jessica Hobbs <jhobbs@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>, Diane Fitch <dfitch@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

I suppose since whenever you decided to tell him to change passwords.

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From: Heather Stancil
Sent: Friday, 10 July 2026 06:56:35
To: Stephen Swanson ; Jason Barnes ; Michele Brant
Cc: Jessica Hobbs ; Diane Fitch
Subject: Re: Possible security breach - Annex cameras
Steve

How long have you and Jason not been able to log into the system? Did you ever ask Travis to look into it?

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Madison County, IA

From: Stephen Swanson
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 7:22 PM
To: Heather Stancil ; Jason Barnes ; Michele Brant
Cc: Jessica Hobbs ; Diane Fitch
Subject: Re: Possible security breach - Annex cameras
You can refer it to Trump for all I care, doesn't change the fact that you and jess admitted you accessed video without approval, or that you directed Travis to change the password to lock out me and jason, the two authorized users.

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From: Heather Stancil
Sent: Thursday, 09 July 2026 18:02:31

To: Stephen Swanson ; Jason Barnes ; Michele Brant
Cc: Jessica Hobbs ; Diane Fitch
Subject: Re: Possible security breach - Annex cameras
Steve

Never had access to the cameras.
That is not what the resolution says.
It is still being referred to the AG & DCI.

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From: Stephen Swanson
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 5:04 PM
To: Heather Stancil ; Jason Barnes ; Michele Brant
Cc: Jessica Hobbs ; Diane Fitch
Subject: RE: Possible security breach - Annex cameras

Heather,
I think I understand the possible security breach after listening to the meeting. It appears that someone gave access to 2 unauthorized users, you and Jess. This is a violation of the resolution which only allows the Sheriff and County attorney to review video footage, however it appears that Travis Daniels, yourself and Jessica all violated that resolution. Nobody with the authority to authorized the company we no longer have a contract with to change the passwords to block myself and Jason from doing our jobs. There was no discussion at the board, nor was there any public vote. As much as you believe you can do whatever you want, that is not the case. Again, we don't answer to you. Also access is limited to the county attorney, the sheriff or their designee....



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From: Heather Stancil
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Jason Barnes ; Stephen Swanson ; Michele Brant
Cc: Jessica Hobbs ; Diane Fitch
Subject: RE: Possible security breach - Annex cameras

Ok, thank you.
Serving,
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From: Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:51 AM

To: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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No updates at this time. I'll differ to the County Attorney to release any information that he feels is appropriate at this time.

From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 10:29 AM

To: Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Ok, thank you for letting us know.

Can you at least provide us an update regarding this matter?

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From: Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 10:18 AM

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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This office will not be attending the special meeting scheduled for July 9th



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From: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 10:52 AM

To: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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I have a job to do and it doesn't involve 10 meetings a week whenever you decide.



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Steve

Hopefully, you and the Sheriff can attend this meeting or at minimum provide an update.

If not, I will let you know what direction or inquiry the BOS gives or has, if any.

Thanks.

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Ok, I will reroute all incoming criminal calls to you and you can just tell Jason what you heard. Apparently that's how it works in your head.



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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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I sent an email to both of you & the Steve,

Sheriff regarding this matter on 7/2 at 4:42 pm. It is at the bottom of the email string below. I have yet to get a response from the Sheriff.

We will still meet on Thursday, as the BOS needs to discuss this potential cybersecurity issue as the governing body and what we want to do about it, if anything.

Hopefully, you both can attend, send a department representative, or provide the BOS an update to any proactive investigations before then.

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 10:25 AM

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Cc: Jessica Hobbs <jhobbs@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Diane Fitch <dfitch@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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I am busy working. I would think in order to report a potential crime, the complaining person needs to contact the sheriff so he knows what is going on or would you like me to reroute all potential criminal intake matters through you?



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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 8:41 AM

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Steve, Jason

The potential closed meeting was moved to Thursday at 8 am. Can you please advise if you are available, and if not, send the BOS an email update as to any investigation underway so we can discuss it?

If you want to send someone to represent your offices at our meeting regarding this potential cybersecurity attack, that is fine too.

Thank you!

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From: Heather Stancil

Sent: Monday, 06 July 2026 16:26:43

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Steve

I am confused. I sent to you what happened and asked if you knew of anything that could have caused it. You said you would look into it.

I take it from this response that you have no idea what could have caused it?

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From: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 4:14 PM

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Well since I don't actually know what happened since it wasn't reported to my self or the sheriff, I guess I wouldn't know where to start.



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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 4:13 PM

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Steve

You said that you would look into this, so if you are too busy to meet can you at least update the BOS with status on your investigation?

Thanks.

Serving,

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From: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 4:03 PM

To: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Cc: Jessica Hobbs <jhobbs@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Diane Fitch <dfitch@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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I have an actual job to do. You people constantly scheduling special sessions every other day doesn't work for the people trying to get things done.



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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 2:23 PM

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Cc: Jessica Hobbs <jhobbs@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Diane Fitch <dfitch@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Steve, Jason

The BOS has requested a potential closed session to discuss this matter on Wednesday at 8 am, unless we can get an update prior to that.

Please advise if you can attend.

Thank you!

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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 9:28 AM

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Subject: Re: Possible security breach - Annex cameras

Importance: High

Steve, Jason

Wanted to follow up on this. Can you please advise as to next steps?

Thanks!

Heather Stancil

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From: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 6:06 PM

To: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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I do know you are the chairperson of the board and get information way before everyone else, but didn't realize that included possible criminal referrals. I could check into it on Monday.

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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, 02 July 2026 17:42:55

To: Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Subject: Re: Possible security breach - Annex cameras

Michele

Travis is the only authorized vendor admin and he noticed the multiple failed attempts and tgen notified me. Other than him, Steve & Jason have the only login access. Admin level logins are usually reserved for authorized vendors only.

I did confirm with Travis that there were no unauthorized changes made, thankfully. Can you guys please confirm if there is any possible way this could potentially be nothing?

Thanks

Heather

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From: Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 4:52 PM

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Heather – I am confused. Aren't the only ones authorized to log into the server the Sheriff and the Attorney? Why on earth and who has access to that server. Who logged in??? I remember very well a meeting that we dialogued about vendors coming in rogue and logging in to our servers on the behalf of those NOT authorized to direct. Who directed Travis to log in?

Please explain.

From: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 4:48 PM

To: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Why would someone be reporting camera issues to you?



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From: Heather Stancil <hstancil@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 4:42 PM

To: Stephen Swanson <sswanson@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>; Jason Barnes <jbarnes@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>;

Michele Brant <mbrant@madisoncounty.iowa.gov>

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Importance: High

All

I have been notified that the Annex camera server had 10 failed admin login attempts on 6/19 around 11:50 am. Were any of you aware of what this could have been?

Thanks.

Heather Stancil

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