

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] question about cybersecurity issue

From: Leslie Beck [REDACTED]

Date: 7/17/2026, 3:13 PM

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

Your response cites Iowa Code §22.7(50). Am I correct in understanding that communications exist but are being withheld under that exemption? If no communications exist, please advise that no records exist.

On 7/17/2026 8:57 AM, Michele Brant wrote:

The information requested is excepted based on:
CHAPTER 22
EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS
(OPEN RECORDS)

22.7 Confidential records.

The following public records shall be kept confidential, unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to release such information:

50. Information and records concerning physical infrastructure, cyber security, critical infrastructure, security procedures, or emergency preparedness developed, maintained, or held by a government body for the protection of life or property if disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize such life or property.

a. Such information and records include but are not limited to information directly related to vulnerability assessments; information contained in records relating to security measures such as security and response plans, security codes and combinations, passwords, restricted area passes, keys, and security or response procedures; emergency response protocols; and information contained in records that if disclosed would significantly increase the vulnerability of critical physical systems or infrastructures to attack.

b. For purposes of this subsection, "cyber security information and records" include but are not limited to information and records relating to cyber security defenses, threats, attacks, or general attempts to attack cyber system operations.

Sincerely,
Michele Brant,
Madison County Auditor

From: Leslie Beck [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 9:44 PM

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

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I understand however this is also an open records request for any communications you had on this matter with the entity that requested the password change whether that is the Iowa SOS office, ISAC or another entity.

On 7/15/2026 9:36 PM, Michele Brant wrote:

Leslie,
There is much misinformation. I will not be providing any statements concerning this.

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From: Leslie Beck [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2026 21:32:43

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

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Michele,

I've been texting with Sheriff Barnes and he indicated that it was possibly ISAC that cracked county passwords and not the SOS as previously mentioned. He also said that you could answer this question better than he could. Could you please confirm who specifically contacted you to request a password change and if there were any emails or other forms of communication, please send them to me (open records request).

Thank you for your time and help in getting the facts out and dispelling rumors.

Leslie Beck