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# Curling v. Raffensperger

# Opening

#### The Duties of the State Election Board

The cornerstone of any democracy is a citizen's exercise of their right to vote—to select their leaders, policymakers, and administrators. In some cases, it is a vote to support a new statute, a policy initiative, to amend the state constitution and, in rare cases, to remove a person from public office. In Georgia, it is deciding who will serve as members of our judiciary. Voting is, indeed, the most fundamental act of citizenship and public voting sets the foundation upon which cities, counties, states and the national government are empowered to function. In short, voting is an essential and precious right. Those who choose to participate in the voting process do so because voting is something they value. Voting is the citizen's voice in their government.

About the State Election Board, https://sos.ga.gov/page/about-state-election-board (last visited Jan. 9, 2024)

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	The Elections Division $  edsim$	Voter Information ${\scriptstyle\checkmark}$	Stop Voter Fraud	Candidate Qualification	Election Results and Stats
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# **October 12, 2022**



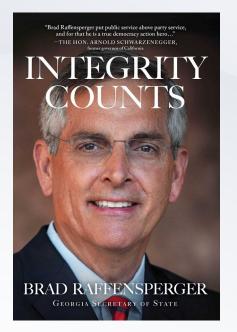
**Gabriel Sterling** 

Secretary of State's Office Chief Operating Officer



PX503, How to safeguard democracy?, Université de Genève, (Oct. 4, 2021, uploaded Nov. 25, 2021)

# Integrity Counts (2021), Brad Raffensperger



"Every politician has a stump speech, and mine went something like this:

As an engineer, I think about the machinery of elections. I think about the process. What can we do to make the process more transparent? What can we do to make the process more accessible, more accurate, and make sure the process is objectively fair?

I think about whether Georgians subjectively trust the results of that process."

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PX425, July 1, 2021 Halderman Report

# **February 10, 2022**



**Brad Raffensperger** 

Secretary of State



PX491, Atlanta Press Club, 2022 Newsmaker Leadership Series with Brad Raffensperger (Feb. 10, 2022)

# [Video Montage]

PX493, Coffee County Surveillance Videos

# **SOS Dismisses Leading Experts as Election Deniers**



Jordan Fuchs Deputy Secretary of State "We don't negotiate with election deniers. If they have an idea that wouldn't take Georgia back to the days of hanging chads and stuffed ballot boxes, they should offer it."

Mark Niesse, Trial set for election security case against Georgia's voting machines, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Nov. 13, 2023), https://www.ajc.com/politics/georgia-election-security-trial-set-as-judge-proposes-a-compromise/LA63ROLPNBGZBBPBGSFRRNV2MM/

# "If the PhDs don't like being put in the same category as the Pillow salesman, tough noogies. They should stop saying similar things."

John Sakellariadis, *From election hero to zero: Georgia official's dismissal of security audit could mean trouble in 2024*, Politico (June 23, 2023), https://www.politico.com/news/2023/06/23/brad-raffensperger-georgia-dominion-voting-00103298



Mike Hassinger Spokesperson Secretary of State

## **SOS Expert Endorses Drs. Halderman and Appel**



Dr. Juan Gilbert

University of Florida State's Retained Expert A. Offobewa9, asked the question, 'I have an election system. We need someone to evaluate the security of it to find vulnerabilities,' at the top of my list would be Appel, Halderman. That's where I would start."

10/29/21 Gilbert Dep. at 144:8-17

# Integrity Counts (2021), Brad Raffensperger



#### **Brad Raffensperger**

Secretary of State

"The ultimate fact-check in the United States, however, occurs in courts of law, where witnesses swear to tell the truth or risk imprisonment and where lawyers must also tell the truth or risk disbarment.

If you want to know the truth, watch what happens in court."

PX196, Brad Raffensperger, Integrity Counts (2021), p. 143



**Brad Raffensperger** 

Secretary of State



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# **The Curling Plaintiffs**

# **State Election Board**



Didn't read Halderman report

8/23/2022

Janice W. Johnston, M.D.



Didn't read Halderman report

11/5/2021

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Rebecca Sullivan (Former)



Didn't read Halderman report

11/4/2021

Matthew Mashburn



Didn't read Halderman report

Sara Tindall Ghazal

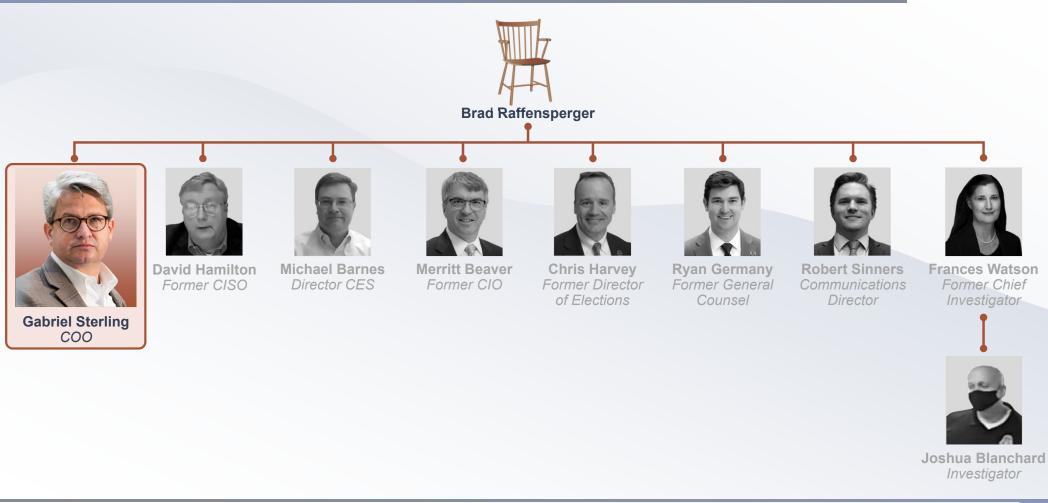
# **SOS Cast of Characters**





Joshua Blanchard Investigator

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a "load of crap"

# August 10, 2021



### Gabriel Sterling

• Mr. Sterling had not read the report

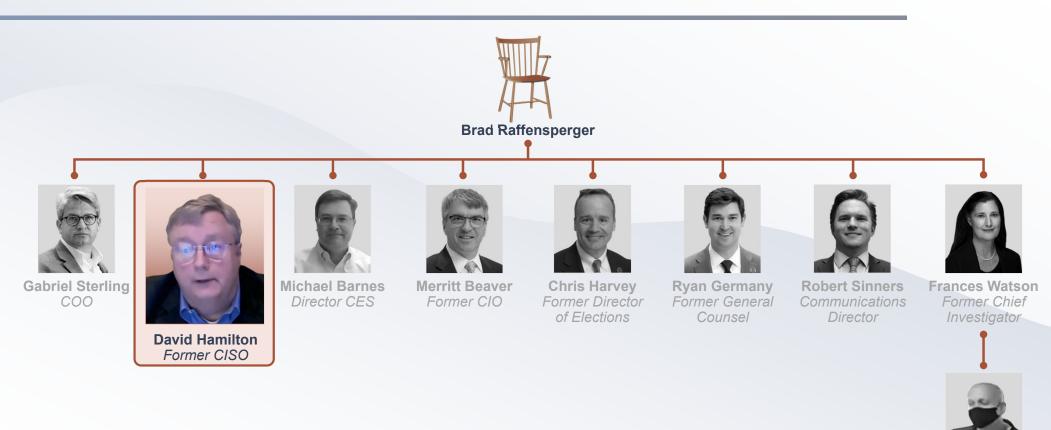
**Publicly dismisses Dr. Halderman's report as** 

PX492, Gabriel Sterling, Leadership in a Time of Crisis, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce (Aug. 10, 2021)

2/24/21 Sterling Dep. at 23:16-18

Secretary of State's Office Chief Operating Officer

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**Joshua Blanchard** 

# January 18, 2022



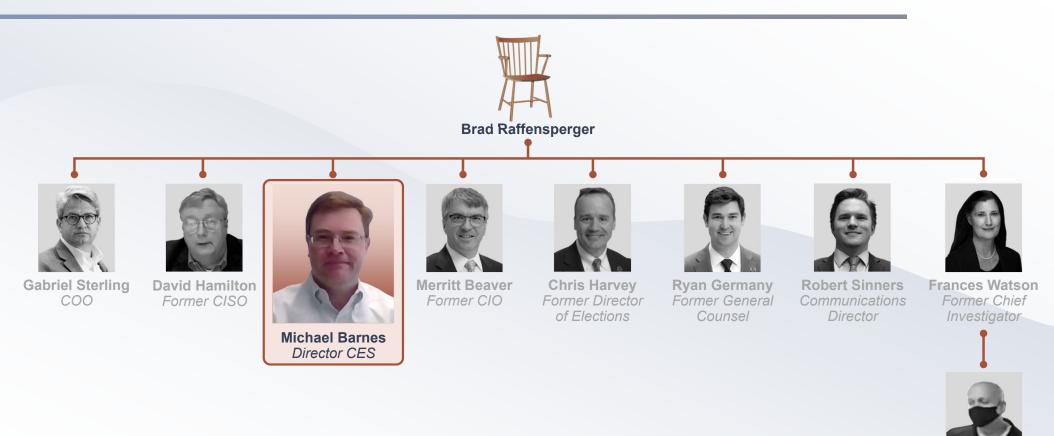
David Hamilton

Secretary of State's Office Former Chief Information Security Officer (2018-June 2021)

- Was not made aware of Dr. Halderman's findings
- Would have liked to know about them

1/18/22 Hamilton Dep. at 193:8-22

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Joshua Blanchard Investigator

# February 11, 2022



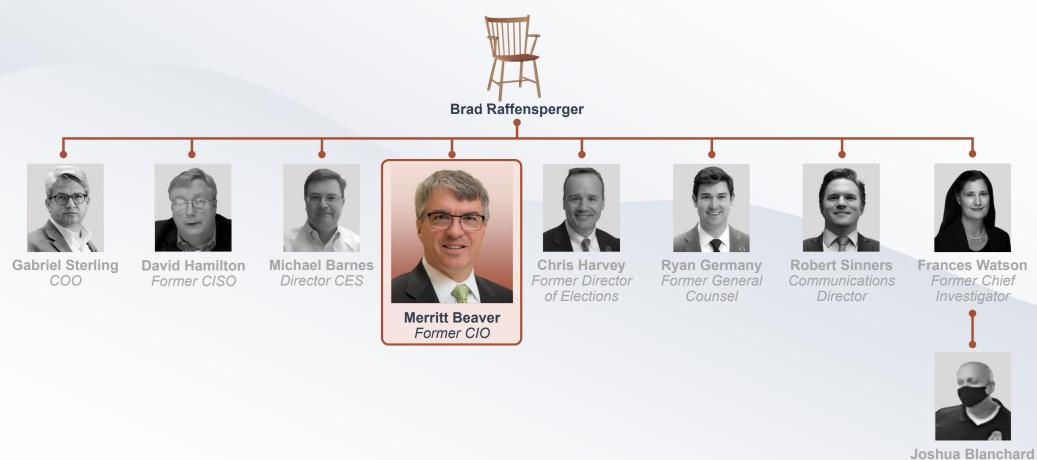
### **Michael Barnes**

Secretary of State's Office Director of Center for Election Services

# Only awareness of Dr. Halderman's report came from news article in 2022

2/11/22 M. Barnes Dep. at 96:3-97:1

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Joshua Blanchard Investigator

# **February – March 2022**



**Merritt Beaver** 

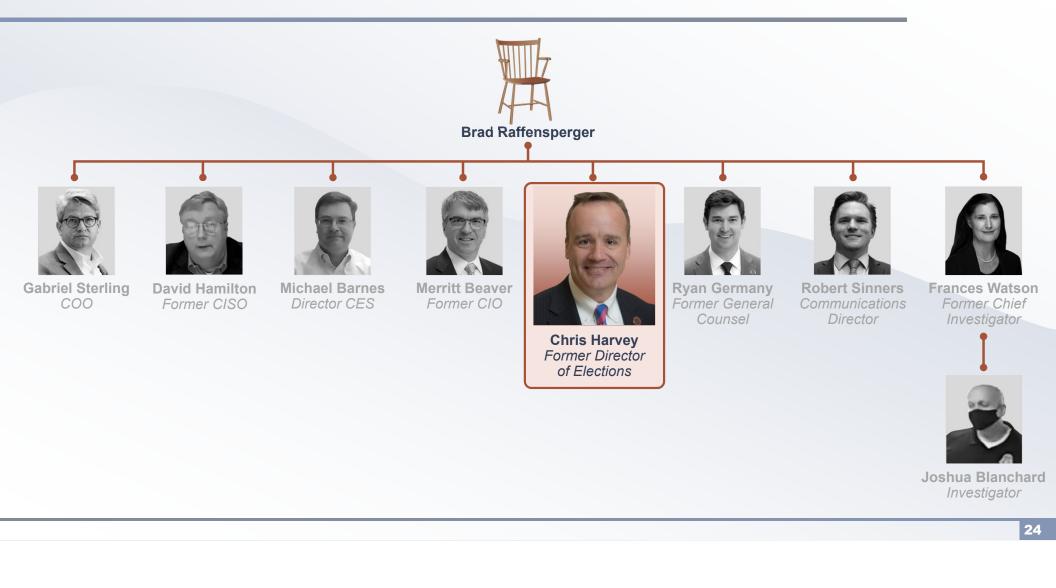
Secretary of State's Office Former Chief Information Officer (2013-2023) • Halderman Report: "I have never heard of that document, never seen that document"

2/2/2022 Beaver Dep. at 155:10-18

• Election software is not given to the public because "you're giving them a road map to how to basically get in and access the system."

3/10/2022 Beaver Dep. at 417:6-15

# **SOS Cast of Characters**



# January 28, 2022



### **Chris Harvey**

Secretary of State's Office Former Elections Director (2015-July 2021) "You know, we had 159 counties with 159 levels of experience and interest and knowledge and courage, I mean, all these different factors. And you know, any one of those could have been a weak point."

1/28/22 Harvey Dep. at 43:1-5

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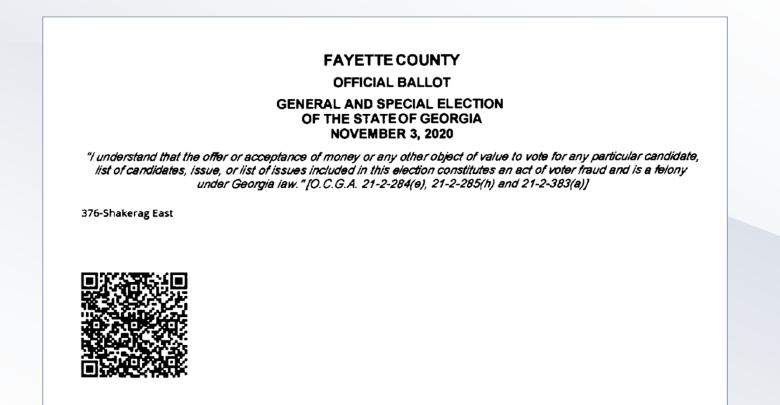
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PX425, July 1, 2021 Halderman Report

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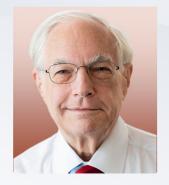
### **Voters Cannot Read QR Codes**



PX425 at 15, July 1, 2021 Halderman Report (Fayette County BMD Ballot)

# **SOS Expert Advises Against QR Codes**

### July 19, 2019



# "I'll say, first, I'm not a fan of bar codes."

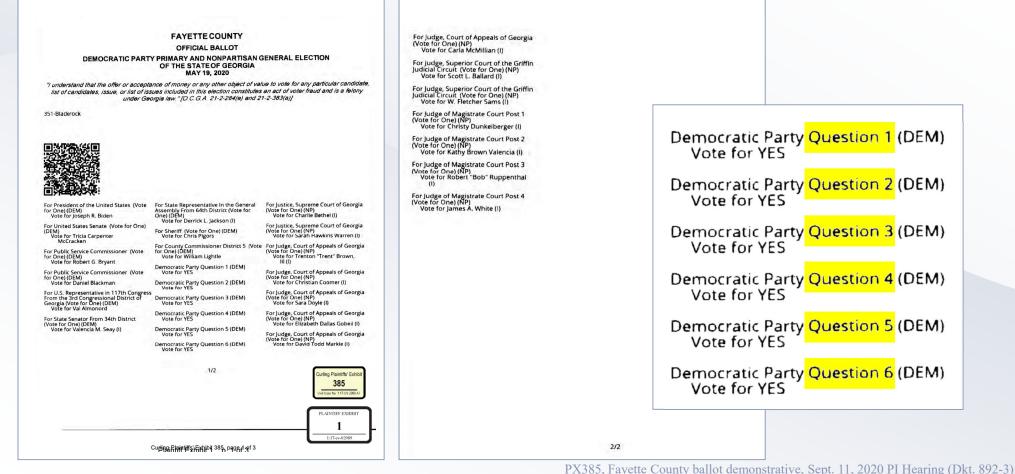
### Dr. Michael I. Shamos

Ph.D Carnegie Mellon University

Former State Expert

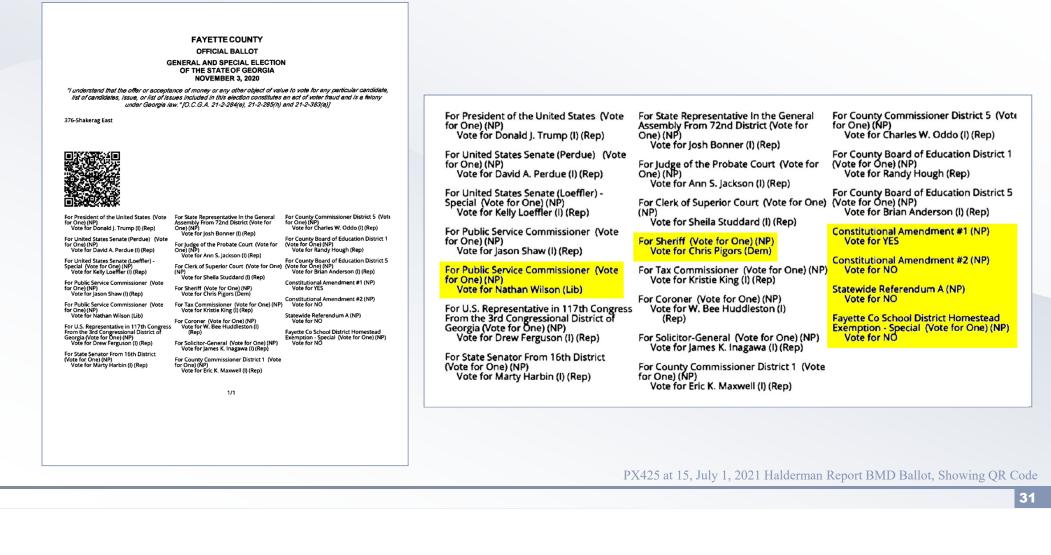
7/19/19 Dr. Michael Shamos Dep. at 56:22-23

# Verifying BMD-Ballot by Voters Is Burdensome and Infeasible



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Dr. Juan Gilbert

University of Florida State's Retained Expert



**180:18 Q. How many of the selections made on that 180:19 ballot are not Republican candidates that were** 

10/29/21 Dr. Juan Gilbert Dep. at 180:18-181:06

# **SOS Expert Agrees With Plaintiffs' Experts**



Dr. Ben Adida

Executive Director at VotingWorks

- "Our default system at VotingWorks [is] HMPB+1BMD"
- "Again, when a county asks what we recommend, it's always HMPB+1BMD"

PX160 at 18, Oct. 1-2, 2022 Ben Adida Twitter Exchange

## **Coffee County Players**

### **Coffee County:**



**Misty Hampton** 



**Eric Chaney** 









Cathy Latham

Scott Hall Sidney Powell







Doug Logan

n Jeffrey Lenberg

nberg Ben Cotton



Sullivan | Strickler



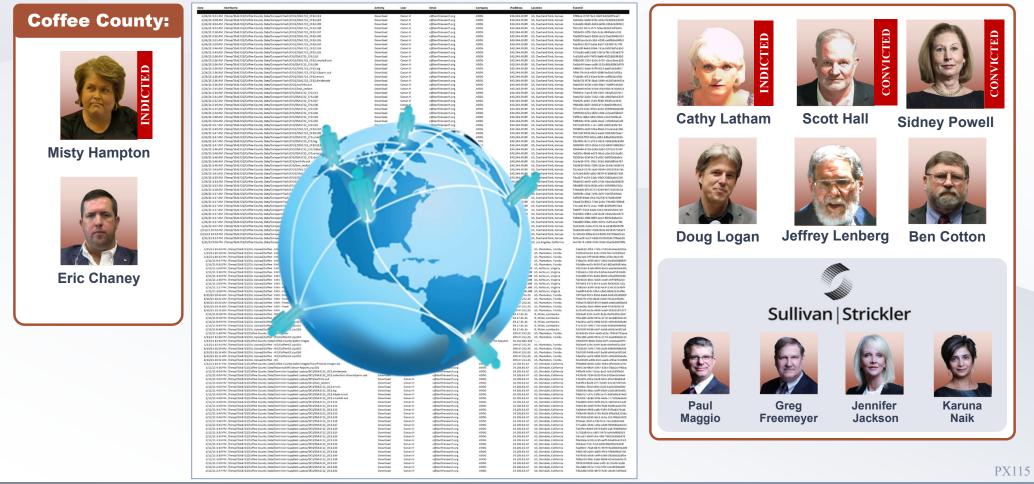


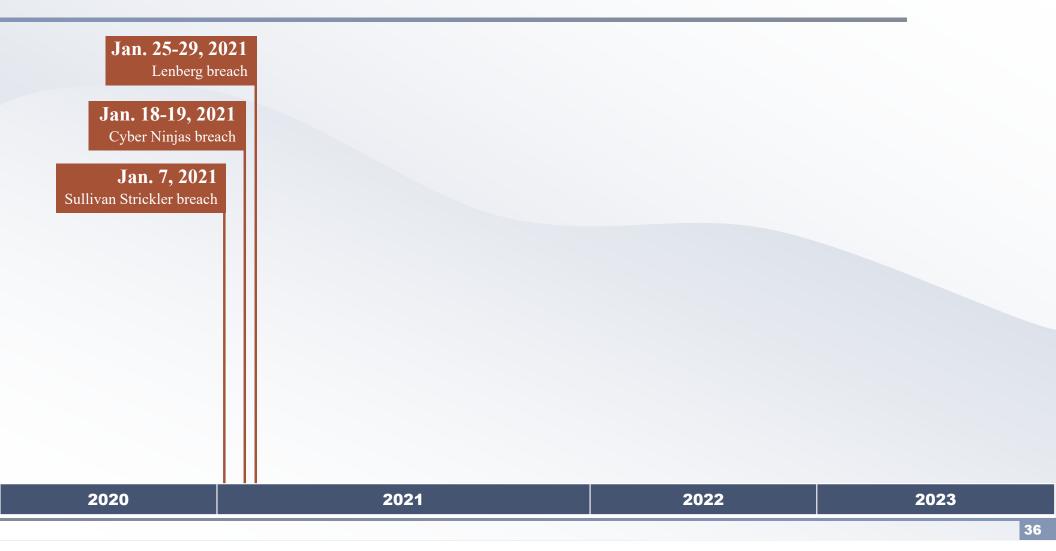


Paul Maggio Greg Jennifer Freemeyer Jackson Karuna Naik

PX159, Jan. 7, 2021 Coffee County Surveillance Video Still Shots

# **Coffee County Players**



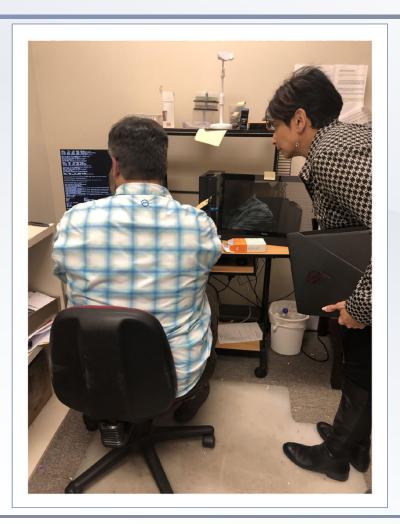


#### "Roadmap" to Hack Georgia Voting System in the Wild



PX166 at 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 19, 23, 26, 28, 30; PX110 at 19

#### "Roadmap" to Hack Georgia Voting System in the Wild



## "It's not real world."



PX 166 at 5, All Photos – Maggio-000236 to 265

2021	2022	2023
2024	2022	2022
Blanchard visit		
	Lenberg present during	Lenberg present during Blanchard visit



**Jeffrey Lenberg** 



Joshua Blanchard Investigator

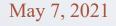


PX493, Coffee County Surveillance Videos

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2020	2021	2022	2023
Cyber Ninjas breach Jan. 7, 2021 Sullivan Strickler breach	SOS initiates investigation after J. Ba finds Cyber Ninjas card in Election O	ffice	2023
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#### **Barnes Alerts SOS to Potential Cyber Ninjas Breach**





**Chris Harvey** 

**Secretary of State's** 

Office Former Elections Director (2015-July 2021)

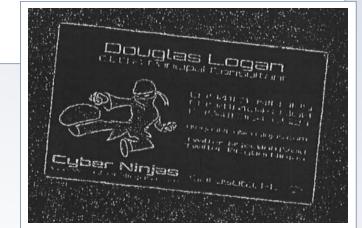
Vickers, Tracie
From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:
Attachments:

<mark>James Barnes</mark> Friday, May 7, 2021 3:57 PM <mark>wharvey@sos.ga.gov</mark> Coffee County cyber ninja.pdf

Mr. Harvey,

The Dominion email today, pertaining to Cyber Ninjas, was alarming to me. When I took over at the Coffee County office the attached business card was at the base of Misty Hayes' computer monitor. I thought nothing of it until I heard about the situation in Arizona with the DOJ. If she did not use them, she was at the very least in contact.

James A. Barnes, Jr. Supervisor of Elections Coffee County (912)-384-7018





Doug Logan

PX78 at 3-4, May 7, 2021 Email Re: CyberNinjas

#### **SOS Launches Cyber Ninjas Breach Investigation**

#### A. May 11, 2021



**Frances Watson** 

Secretary of State's Office Former Chief Investigator

-		Sent:	Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:30 PM
From: Sent:	Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:3	30 PM	
To:	Jones, Pamela		
Subject:	Fwd: Coffee County		
	ounty <mark>and verify what if any contact</mark>	cyber ninjas had with any	election
equipment			
Thanks			
Get Outlook for iOS			
From: Harvey, Chris			
Sent: Tuesday, May 11	, 2021 2:58:33 PM		
To: James Barnes			
Cc: Watson, Frances	; Barnes, Mich	nael 📶 🖬 🖬 👘	
Subject: RE: Coffee Co	unty		-
James,			
Thanks for sending thi	s. I think it might be prudent to see	if there has been any cont	act between the
	d anyone in your office and/or if the		
equipment.			
I have let our investigation	tions Division and CES know, and th	ey might follow up with yo	ou.
Let me know if you ha	ve questions or concerns.		
Chris Harvey			
Elections Director			
Georgia Secretary of S	tate		
		PZ	 X78 at 1, May 11, 2021 Emails Re: Cyber



#### **SOS COO Publicly Denies Any Breach in Coffee County**

#### A. April 29, 2022



**Gabriel Sterling** 

Secretary of State's Office Chief Operating Officer



PX494, Apr. 29, 2022 Restoring Confidence in American Elections Panel 3, The Carter Center

2020	consultant June 8, 2021 SOS takes EMS and ICC July 16, 2021 Plaintiffs serve Rog re unauthorized acc Oct. 21, 2 Defendants s system not "	gs cess 2021 swear	under oath: SOS unaware of hes before March 2022 2023
Jan. 25-29, 2021 Lenberg breach Jan. 18-19, 2021 Cyber Ninjas breach Jan. 7, 2021 Sullivan Strickler breach	Lenberg present during Sterling: CC	tion investigation "open, ongoing" Jul. 5, 202 Persinger image	22 ages EMS, destroys data , 2022

#### **SOS GC Denies Notice of Potential Coffee County Breach**

A. August 2, 2022



**Ryan Germany** 

Secretary of State's Office Former General Counsel Mr. Hall mentions in passing that he chartered "a jet" to go to Coffee County to "scan every freaking ballot."

19. The recording had not been turned over to our lawyers or to the Secretary's office prior to March 2022 and the Secretary's office was not on notice of Mr. Hall's allegations until receiving the recording.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

3/2/22 Date

C. Ryan Germany () Office of the Georgia Secretary of State

Dckt. 1444-1 at 6 and 9, Mar. 2, 2022 Germany Decl.



#### **SOS Admits Knowledge of Coffee County Breach** "Very Early" in 2021

#### September 26, 2022



**Brad Raffensperger** 

Secretary of State



PX575, Sept. 26, 2022 11Alive News, Questions raised in timeline of state response to Coffee County breach

9/27/22, 11:46 PM

Coffee County Georgia election breach timeline questions | 11alive.com

#### POLITICS

# Questions raised in timeline of state response to Coffee County breach

The state has presented shifting timelines for when it knew of a breach of Coffee County equipment in January 2021.

Last Thursday, 11Alive's Doug Richards interviewed Secretary Raffensperger and asked him on camera when he first learned about the breach. Raffensperger initially answered January of 2021, but within minutes of answering, an aide to Raffensberger corrected the Secretary of State's response off camera and offered May of 2021 as the correct date.

PX146 at 1, Sept. 27, 2022 11Alive Article, Questions raised in timeline of state response to Coffee County breach



**Brad Raffensperger** 

Secretary of State





#### **Brad Raffensperger**

Secretary of State

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**Gabriel Sterling** Chief Operating Officer





#### **3. MITIGATIONS**

CISA recommends election officials continue to take and further enhance defensive measures to reduce the risk of exploitation of these vulnerabilities. Specifically, for each

election, election officials should:

 Contact Dominion Voting Systems to determine which software and/or firmware updates need to be applied. Dominion Voting Systems reports to CISA that the above vulnerabilities have been addressed in subsequent software versions. • Ensure all affected devices are physically protected before, during, and after voting. • Ensure compliance with chain of custody procedures through at the election cycle. • Ensure that Image nd the Election Management Syr S) are not connected to any externa ccessible) networks. Ensure care; ve and detective r Jures (for example, locks eals) are im ected devices, including on conne prin' .ables. λ X device. Close any background Use read-only media to up J ImageCast X devices. Use separate, unique passcol ard. us pre- and post-election testing. Ensure all ImageCast X device; • Disable the "Unify Tabulat election management system and ensure new crypto As recommended by ental method to validate hashes vports. log expo nan-readable vol Encourage v<sup>r</sup> Conduct rigor 1 tabulation audits of th e portions of physical ballots a records, to include reviewing b. . of custody and conducting voter/ba, reconciliation procedures. These actives are especially crucial to detect attacks where the listed vulnerabilities are exploited such that a barcode is manipulated to be tabulated inconsistently with the human-readable portion of the paper ballot. (NOTE: If states and jurisdictions so choose, the ImageCast X provides the configuration option to produce ballots that do not print barcodes for tabulation.)

PX89 at 2-3, June 3, 2022 CISA Advisory Re Dominion Security Vulnerabilities

### SEB Chairman Recommends Solution for Georgia Voting System Failures

May 2022



#### **Matthew Mashburn**

Former SEB Chairman "I would think that the best recourse for the fastest action would be to file a lawsuit and see if you can get a judge to issue a (temporary restraining order)."

Jonathan Raymond, *Expert: Trump lawyers could be subject of criminal investigation into 'trespass' of Georgia election system*, 11Alive (Aug. 17, 2022, updated Aug. 20, 2022), https://www.11alive.com/article/news/politics/trump-lawyers-coffee-county-elections-serverbreach-2020-election-investigation/85-d7fb12f0-e25d-4564-a829-f2f6a2eea32d

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