



Konnech Investigation

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JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS – As part of an ongoing and extensive investigation, Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden advised Johnson County Commission Chairman Ed Eilert and the Johnson County Legal Department in early August of 2022 of grave concerns regarding Konnech Inc., their election worker management system software *PollChief* and additional Konnech modules utilized by our local election office. Konnech Inc. is currently under investigation; its CEO, Eugene Yu, has been arrested in Los Angeles County, California for illegally allowing its contractors in China access to sensitive, personal data of poll workers in their system.

The Johnson County Sheriff's office has reason to believe our county's poll worker's data was also illegally shared with Konnech's contractors in China.

Beginning in May of 2016, the Johnson County Election Office, with approval from the Johnson County Board of Commissioners, contracted with Konnech Inc. to provide the software, data storage and technical support to manage elections, including poll workers' training, hours worked and polling locations.

One of the modules purchased by Johnson County from Konnech Inc. is the *Poll Worker Recruiting and Training Link*, a portal managed by Konnech Inc. that provides poll workers access to enroll in online training classes, update their personnel information and view their pay records. Johnson County poll workers have provided Johnson County with their personal information including social security numbers and driver's licenses as part of the county's onboarding process.

If you have registered as a poll worker for the Johnson County election office between June 2016 and October 2022 and have concerns that your personal information provided to the county has been compromised, please go to www.JoCosheriff.org to report identity theft.

Sheriff Hayden has recommended county leadership discontinue any use of Konnech's products and software immediately pending final disposition of the investigation.

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