

To the best of this office's knowledge and recollection, as assisted by existing records, the following constitutes the chronology of events regarding former Attorney General Stenehjem's and former Deputy Attorney General Seibel's email accounts.

1/29/22 evening	<p>Email from Ms. Brocker to the Attorney General's Office Information Technology Division (AGIT) directing former AG Stenehjem's email account to be shut down and the emails in his inbox, inbox folders, and sent items to be deleted on 1/31/22 – Email says "This was approved by Troy."</p> <p>The email also refers to a search for a password to AG Stenehjem's laptop. Access to the laptop was needed to retrieve personal information and photos for the Stenehjem family but was not needed to delete the email account.</p>
1/31/22 morning	<p>Email from Ms. Brocker to AGIT saying laptop will be delivered to them for "wiping" but to preserve personal information</p>
1/31/22	<p>AGIT was able to reset AG Stenehjem's state account on his laptop without the password. AGIT moved photos from the laptop onto a drive for the Stenehjem family to use at AG Stenehjem's funeral. This was done because, once AG Stenehjem's state domain/account was deleted, the photos in that domain/account would no longer exist.</p>
1/31/22	<p>AGIT submitted a ticket to the North Dakota Information Technology Department (NDIT) to delete AG Stenehjem's email account. Request stated "Please delete Attorney General Stenehjem's email account. The deputy attorney general and his administrative assistant have already reviewed and retained what was needed."</p>
4/27/22	<p>AGIT opened a ticket to place former DAG Seibel's email account on Ms. Brocker's computer in response to a request from Ms. Brocker.</p>
5/23/22	<p>Ms. Brocker directed AGIT to delete former DAG Seibel's account. This was during an oral conversation and was not authorized by any Attorney General's Office personnel.</p>
5/23/22	<p>AGIT submitted a ticket to NDIT to delete former DAG Seibel's email account. Request stated "Please remove the shared mailbox with Liz Brocker and then delete the email account. Thank you!"</p>
6/30/22	<p>Open records requests for emails and other records relating to the south building were received.</p>
circa 7/1/22	<p>After asking AGIT for assistance producing emails responsive to the open records requests, DAG Ness was informed by AGIT that the email accounts for AG Stenehjem and DAG Seibel had been deleted. DAG Ness informed AG Wrigley.</p>

7/1/22 - 7/14/22	DAG Ness had several telephone and email communications with AGIT and NDIT to determine whether AG Stenehjem's or former DAG Seibel's emails could be retrieved. NDIT and AGIT also communicated regarding this issue. NDIT and AGIT confirmed to DAG Ness the emails in the accounts could not be retrieved.
circa 7/5/22	Ms. Brocker confirmed she directed the deletion of the email accounts of former AG Stenehjem and former DAG Seibel. Ms. Brocker confirmed she directed the deletion of former AG Stenehjem's email pursuant to the approval of former DAG Seibel. Ms. Brocker was asked what authority she could offer for ordering the deletion of former DAG Seibel's account, and she did not provide any.
7/14/22	<p>AGIT identified that a cached version of some of former DAG Seibel's emails may be stored on the hard drive of DAG Seibel's former laptop and may be accessible through his state account, even though his state account no longer includes an email account. AGIT was able to access former DAG Seibel's state account and resurrected cached emails on the laptop.</p> <p>DAG Seibel's emails are being reviewed as expeditiously as possible to determine whether any are responsive to the open records request.</p> <p>Evaluation of whether other emails may be accessible will continue. It appears IT efforts have been exhausted, however.</p>