

## **ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

We are posting this notice to provide citizens that have had contact with the Ashtabula County Legal System that a recent data security incident may have impacted your personal information. This specifically applies to those that have cases in the Court of Common Pleas.

Ashtabula County is currently in the process of updating our online case management system known as CourtView by Equivant. The upgrade will make available images of certain documents online, which is now mandated by law. Part of the process includes ensuring all personal information is redacted from images before they are made public.

On or about August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, certain images of court documents were released online for public viewing, prior to personal information being redacted.

Following the discovery of the incident, Ashtabula County took immediate steps to remove the unredacted images from public viewing and initiated an investigative process. As part of this investigation, we have been working closely with our IT Department as well as the professionals at Equivant to determine the extent of the images published online.

To date, we have determined that a limited number of documents were accessed during this period. During the on-going document review process, we have learned that the types of information released varies by case. Any and all improper disclosures were made without the knowledge or permission of the Common Pleas Judges. Please note we have no evidence that any information has been mis-used in any manner.

In accordance with our legal obligations, Ashtabula County will provide notice to all known impacted individuals. If an individual does not receive notice but would like to know if he/she is potentially affected, he/she may complete the form below and someone from the appropriate court will be in contact.

<https://arcg.is/OXHij11>

The security and privacy of the information contained within our court files is a top priority for us. In response to this incident, we are implementing additional safeguards to protect against future instances of this nature.