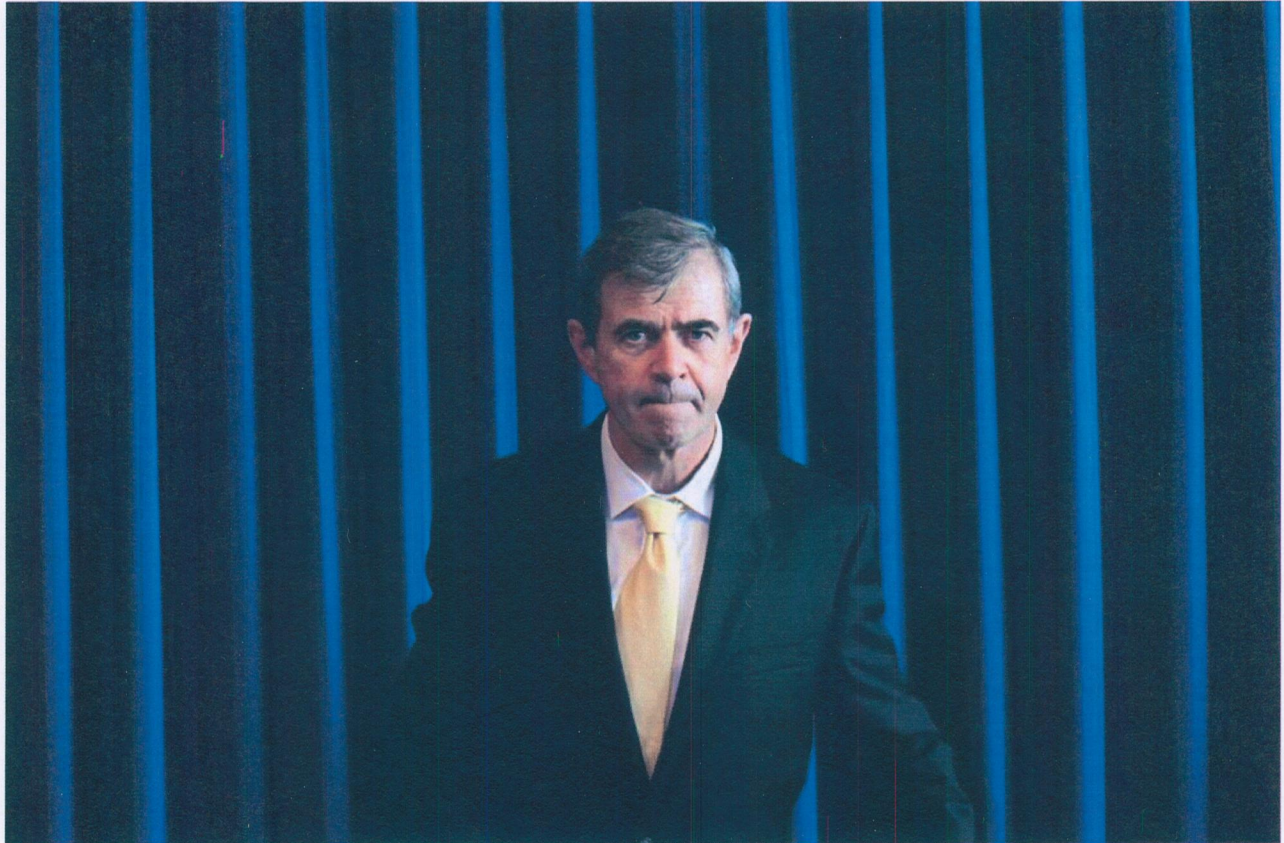




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Secretary of State regularly keeps government records secret



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“Our goal is to get the public records made available if at all possible,” said William F. Galvin (above), the Massachusetts secretary of state.

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Secretary of State William F. Galvin’s office has long been the referee that journalists and citizens rely on when government agencies refuse to release records ranging from crime reports to internal audits.

But time and time again, records show, his office has kept government information secret instead of making it public.

Galvin’s office recently refused to help a central Massachusetts blogger obtain records for a 63-year-old murder case, records that would ordinarily be public. Galvin’s deputy ruled