

Phones for VW Lawyer, Emissions Tester Were Lost or Wiped Clean

Volkswagen AG's top U.S. lawyer and the leader of its emissions-testing lab in California are among the employees whose mobile devices were either lost or erased as the company's diesel cheating scandal emerged, according to court records made public on Thursday, **reports Bloomberg**.

David Geanacopoulos, VW Group of America's senior vice president for public affairs and public policy, was general counsel when, he reported, he lost his phone while en route to Los Angeles International Airport on Dec. 1, 2015, according to the records.

And the company cell phones of Anna Schneider, VW's senior vice president of industry and government relations, and Matthias Barke, senior director of VW's emissions test center in Oxnard, California, were "wiped" or erased of data in the months after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced VW had rigged its vehicles to pass pollution tests, according to the report by **Ryan Beene** and **Margaret Cronin Fisk**.

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