



## **Media Advisory**

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## **Civil Liberties in the Digital Age Protecting your privacy in an era of government spying**

HELENA, MT — Each week brings new revelations of how the National Security Agency is spying on American citizens, snooping on our conversations, emails and Internet surfing. What can we do to protect our privacy?

Montana was the first state to require state and local law enforcement to get a search warrant before accessing cell phone and mobile device location data. And Montana was one of the first states to require search warrants for state and local police to use drones to monitor citizens. But there is still work to do here and at the national level.

A Thursday keynote presentation by American Civil Liberties Union National Security Project Attorney Patrick Toomey and a Saturday workshop featuring advice on protecting your privacy, legal analysis of the current situation and a discussion about legislative solutions promise to give participants a greater understanding and practical advice about civil liberties in the digital age.

**Keynote: Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 pm  
Wiegand Auditorium (Simperman Hall), Carroll College**

Learn how your privacy is threatened in our era of computers, cell phones, GPS and government surveillance, and the work that is being done to rein in the NSA. Featuring Patrick Toomey, Staff Attorney for the ACLU National Security Project. Patrick Toomey works on issues related to electronic surveillance, national security prosecutions, whistle-blowing, and racial profiling.

**Workshop: Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 am-noon  
Lewis and Clark Library**

- How to protect your privacy online: practical demonstrations - Matt Beckstrom, Lewis and Clark Library Network Services Manager
- Privacy and Law - Niki Zupanic, ACLU of Montana Public Policy Director
- Can we predict crime before it happens? Should we? - Jim Heckel, ACLU of Montana Board
- Panel Discussion: Montana Legislative Solutions

**Free** and open to the public. Sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Library Foundation, the ACLU of Montana and Lewis and Clark Library. Patrick Toomey is available for phone interviews prior to the events.

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