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(Neb.)-Sheehy Resigns After Inquiry Into Cell Phone Use



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LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP) - Nebraska Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy has resigned from office following inquiries into his use of a state-issued cell phone.

An investigation by the Omaha World-Herald found that Sheehy, a Republican, made about 2,000 late-night telephone calls to women other than his wife.

Gov. Dave Heineman told reporters Saturday that Sheehy had broken his trust, but he declined to elaborate. The 53-year-old Sheehy, a former Hastings mayor, has been considered the leading candidate to succeed Heineman in 2015.

Heineman says he would no longer support the lieutenant governor if he continued his campaign. Sheehy did not appear at the press conference, and his state cell phone has been disconnected.

A Heineman spokeswoman says the governor's office is investigating whether Sheehy will need to reimburse the state for the phone calls.