



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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FOURTH SECTION

Application no. 26558/26
Carina Baunhøj CHRISTIANSEN
against Denmark
lodged on 3 July 2026
communicated on 29 September 2026

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The application concerns the continued retention of the applicant's DNA profile in the Danish Central DNA Profile Register, following her conviction on 17 September 2020, under section 266 of the Penal Code, for posting threatening comments on Facebook in 2016. She was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment, which was suspended.

On 9 December 2020, the applicant requested that her DNA profile be deleted, which was refused by the police on 18 May 2021, upheld on appeal by the Ministry of Justice on 23 August 2021, the District Court on 8 May 2024, and the High Court on 20 October 2025. The latter found the refusal compliant with Article 8 of the Convention. Leave to appeal to the Supreme Court was refused on 9 April 2026.

The applicant complains of a violation of her rights under Article 8 of the Convention.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. Did the continued retention of the applicant's DNA profile in the Danish Central DNA Profile Register, following her conviction, and the refusal of her request for its deletion, amount to a violation of her right to respect for her private life under Article 8 of the Convention?

2. In particular, was the continued retention of her DNA profile proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued, having regard, among other factors, to the nature and seriousness of the offence, the suspended sentence imposed, the applicable retention period and the availability of effective safeguards and review mechanisms (see, among other authorities, *Gaughran v. the United Kingdom*, no. 45245/15, § 94, 13 February 2020)?