

Department of Justice China-Related Cases for Economic Espionage & Criminal Behavior

The Chinese Communist Party uses its citizens and officials as well as develops foreign individuals to carry out economic espionage (e.g. trade secret theft, IP theft) and criminal behavior (e.g. visa/wire fraud and other illicit financial transactions). Since 2018, the Department of Justice has been aggressively pursuing leads and making convictions for China-related crimes.

1. Economic Espionage

A. Technology

- Federal Indictment Charges Software Engineer with Theft of Trade Secrets (IL-10)
- Economic Espionage and Theft of GE's Trade Secrets (NY-20)
- Conspiracy to Commit Theft of Trade Secrets and Wire Fraud (TN -1)
- Huawei Corporate Entities Conspired to Steal Trade Secret Technology and Offered Bonus to Workers who Stole Confidential Information from Companies Around the World (WA-9)
- PRC State-Owned Company, Taiwan Company, and Three Individuals Charged With Economic Espionage (CA-17)
- Two Businessmen Charged With Conspiring to Commit Economic Espionage for Benefit of Chinese Manufacturing Company: Case Involves Dual-Use Technology With Military Applications (TX-18)
- Conspiring to Illegally Obtain Technology and Computer Chips that Were Sent to China (CA-28)
- Chinese National Sentenced for Conspiring to Illegally Export Military- and Space-Grade Technology from the United States to China (AZ-7; AZ-9)
- Chinese National Sentenced for Economic Espionage and Theft of a Trade Secret (NY-17)
- Federal Indictment Alleges Scheme to Avoid Payment of \$1.8 Billion in Anti-Dumping Duties on Chinese Aluminum Imported as 'Pallets' (CA-44)

B. Aviation

- Chinese Intelligence Officers And Their Recruited Hackers And Insiders Conspired To Steal Sensitive Commercial Aviation And Technological Data For Years (CA-52)
- Chinese Intelligence Officer Charged with Economic Espionage Involving Theft of Trade Secrets from Leading U.S. Aviation Companies (OH-1)
- Former Manager for International Airline Pleads Guilty to Acting as an Agent of the Chinese Government (NY-12)

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C. Agriculture

- Chinese Scientist Sentenced to Prison in Theft of Engineered Rice (KS-1)
- Former CIA Officer Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Espionage (HI-1)
- Former Defense Intelligence Officer Pleads Guilty to Attempted Espionage (UT-1)
- Chinese National Arrested for Allegedly Acting in the U.S. as an Illegal Agent of the PRC (IL-5)

2. Espionage

- Defense Contractor to Pay \$3.3M to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations (MD-3; PA-3)
- Former State Department Employee Pleads Guilty to Conspiring with Foreign Agents (DC At-Large)
- Former CIA Officer Sentenced to Prison for Espionage (VA-10)
- American Citizen Arrested for Being an Alleged Illegal Foreign Agent of the PRC Intelligence Agency (CA-13; CA-15; CA-17; GA-2)

3. Criminal Behavior

- Chinese National Sentenced to Prison for Selling Counterfeit Computer Parts Couple Charged with Stealing Trade Secrets, Wire Fraud (OH-3)
- University of Kansas Researcher Indicted for Fraud for Failing to Disclose Conflict of Interest with Chinese University (KS-2)
- Chinese Government Employee Charged with Participating in Conspiracy to Fraudulently Obtain U.S. Visas (NY-10; NY-12)
- Huawei and Huawei CFO Charged With Financial Fraud, Money Laundering, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, Obstruction of Justice and Sanctions Violations (NY-10; NY-12)
- Four Chinese Nationals and Chinese Company Indicted for Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and Evade Sanctions (NJ-10)
- Former Customs and Border Protection Officer Pleads Guilty for Running Illegal Firearms Business, Tax Evasion (CA-44)
- Former Head of Organization Backed by Chinese Energy Conglomerate Convicted of International Bribery, Money Laundering Offenses (VA-8; NY-12)