



Defense Contractor Posts Chinese Tech Hours After Missing Court

Description

It took them forty-eight hours.

Forty-eight hours between missing a court deadline in a lawsuit they don't even deny, and proudly posting a photo of their military drones being controlled by **Chinese hobby-grade transmitters**. Not two weeks. Not days. Just enough time to ignore a legal obligation, throw on some patriotic lipstick, and hit a post.



Cyberlux Corporation's yes, the one loudly claiming it's the next great American defense tech company just handed critics a smoking gun, gift-wrapped in marketing gloss. The image, posted on X (formerly Twitter), shows off their sleek drones paired with unmistakable **FrSky Taranis X9D Plus controllers**. These are solid little devices for hobbyists. They're affordable, accessible, and manufactured in **China**. Not compliant with National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) regulations. Not remotely secure enough for battlefield communications. Not what you want to see anywhere near U.S.

government procurement. It's like pitching a fighter jet that runs on AA batteries and vibes.



And yet here they are, fresh off telling a judge they didn't respond to a lawsuit because, essentially, they thought the other side would give them a heads-up before filing for default. That's not a defense—that's something you say to your roommate when you forget to Venmo them for pizza. It's we thought we were good, offered with a straight face, as if the legal system runs on trust falls and good vibes.

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This wasn't a baseless lawsuit either. Aerotek says Cyberlux failed to pay up on a contract related to drone construction. And Cyberlux? They don't dispute the debt. In fact, they practically admit it in their motion to set aside the default. Their excuse is that they were waiting on federal funding from a terminated government contract and they'd pay Aerotek *once* the money came in. You know, eventually. Possibly. If everything went right. It's the financial equivalent of I swear I'll pay you back once my crypto bounces back.

But here's where the stupidity rockets into orbit: **Cyberlux had nearly \$5 million in cash** at the end of December. That's their own figure. Real, usable cash. Enough to pay the bill ten times over. And

yetâ??they didnâ??t. They sat on it. Didnâ??t write the check. Didnâ??t settle the issue. Just missed the deadline, took the hit in court, and then somehow decided now was the perfect time to post a PR image that quite literally **undermines their entire national security sales pitch.**

Because letâ??s not forget: this is a company that talks a big game about secure supply chains, Blue List compliance, NDAA readiness. They throw around words like â??SOCOMâ?• and â??NATOâ?• like a kid name-dropping Marvel heroes. And then they go and post photographic proof that theyâ??re using **Chinese-made gear** to run their so-called battlefield-ready platforms.

This isnâ??t just tone-deaf. Itâ??s **self-own theater.** Itâ??s like if Tesla showed off their new autonomous vehicle and someone noticed the steering wheel said â??Fisher-Price.â?•

And the timing? Immaculate. Right after asking a judge to reverse a court decision because they didnâ??t *mean* to ignore the legal process, they log on and publicly show theyâ??re ignoring **security protocols too.**

They didnâ??t just fumble the opticsâ??they **filmed the fumble**, added a filter, and tagged it #innovation.

At this point, you have to wonder what the internal conversations at Cyberlux even sound like. Do they know how bad this looks? Do they care? Is there someone in a meeting raising their hand and saying, â??Hey, maybe donâ??t show off the Chinese hardware while weâ??re actively pitching ourselves as Americaâ??s drone companyâ?•?

Because if there is, theyâ??re not being heard.

Cyberlux didnâ??t just make a mistake. They made it **proudly, publicly, and while holding enough cash to avoid the entire mess** in the first place. They had the money. They couldâ??ve paid their vendor. Couldâ??ve avoided the lawsuit. Couldâ??ve stuck to U.S.-made gear. Couldâ??ve said nothing. But noâ??they chose to skip court, skip payment, and show off a setup that contradicts every core claim of their business model.

This isnâ??t just a faceplant. This is a faceplant in high definition. With slow motion. From altitude. And the controller? **Definitely not American-made.**

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