



## Evading

### Description

He drove up from the coast road with the windows down.

The job had its rhythms. Some days ran smooth — you found your person, you handed over what needed handing over, and you were home by lunch. Other days required patience. Multiple visits. The particular discipline of showing up, again, to a place that had already turned you away. The sun here never seemed to get the memo about what month it was. It came up the same way it always did, flat and indifferent, as though it owned the place, which in this part of the world it more or less does.

He had been to this address before. More than once. Each time, nothing. He turned into the parking lot with the quiet resignation of a man who had learned not to expect too much from his fourth visit.

Three vehicles sat outside. He noted them. Vehicles meant people. He could see movement through the glass at the front of the building. Movement meant someone was there.

They could see him, too.

He knocked.

Nothing.

He stood there long enough to be certain they had seen him. They had.

He got back in his car and left.

He came back. And came back again.

On November 13, the door finally opened.

A man stepped out. Gray hair. Glasses. Compact build, somewhere in his sixties — an age at which most men have long since decided what kind of person they are going to be when something uncomfortable arrives at the door. He was hostile immediately. He refused to give his name. He would not accept what was being offered.

The documents were placed at his feet.

He did not touch them. He turned around, walked back inside, and locked the door.

The papers lay exactly where they had been placed. The building had been served, whether it felt that way or not.

In the sworn declaration filed with the court, it was recorded the way these things get recorded â?? without drama, without inference â?? with one exception. A single word, entered in capitals, because plain language sometimes isnâ??t quite adequate.

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The building was 995 Joshua Way, Suite A.

According to corporate filings, it was the primary manufacturing address for the Datron Military Communications division of Cyberlux Corporation â?? ticker CYBL, OTC Markets â?? and, as of April 2026, the subject of an annual report describing a company in confident, operational motion. The Datron division had ended fiscal year 2025 with over \$29.9 million in order backlog and â??high-probability pipeline.â?• Across its three business units, combined backlog and pipeline reached approximately \$53.7 million. Manufacturing processes had been â??perfected in the Datron manufacturing facilityâ?• and â??integrated into day-to-day UAS operations.â?•

It is the sort of language that invites confidence and discourages questions, which is more or less the point of it. The sort of disclosure that, in another universe, might have been accompanied by a factory tour.

The factory, as it turned out, was not available for tours.

The eviction had begun October 17, 2025 â?? a three-day notice for \$285,149.31 in unpaid rent. The complaint followed thirteen days later. Default was entered November 19. As of March 2026, the landlord had still not recovered possession of the building and was petitioning a California court for a formal judgment hearing.

These are allegations in ongoing proceedings, not adjudicated findings. They sit in the public record alongside the annual report, available to anyone prepared to look in both places at once.

The annual reportâ??s own numbers are worth a moment. Cash on hand, December 31, 2025: \$326,958. Combined monthly rent across the companyâ??s facilities: approximately \$96,000. Weighted average remaining lease term: nine months. That balance covers approximately three days of rent on the facilities the report describes as operational â?? which is, to be fair, one way of running a manufacturing company, though not generally the recommended one.

A facility in Spring, Texas, present in prior annual disclosures, does not appear in the 2025 filing. No explanation is offered. Not all absences, apparently, require acknowledgment.

Then, in April 2026, a Harris County, Texas court filing in a separate matter adds a detail. Cyberlux's chief executive, Mark Schmidt, has not been served in this lawsuit because he is evading service. The address listed is 800 Park Offices Drive, Research Triangle Park the corporate address printed at the top of the annual report. Whether this reflects a scheduling conflict or something more considered is left, as with so much in this story, to the reader.

The word had appeared in capitals in a California parking lot in November.

It appears again, in different paperwork, in April.

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The annual report notes that in February 2026, Cyberlux completed a shipment to a partner nation in the Middle East under a U.S. Government Foreign Military Sales contract approximately \$720,000 in Datron communications equipment, delivered three months ahead of schedule.

The Datron manufacturing facility is 995 Joshua Way, Suite A.

As of March 2026, the landlord still could not get through the door.

Three months ahead of schedule.

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