



## Locked Out, Called Out, Sold Out: The Cyberlux Breakdown

### Description

Cyberlux Corporation wants its company back. On Monday, it pleaded with a Texas court to unwind the receivership that has effectively gutted its control. In its filings, the company claimed to have \$2.7 million on hand to satisfy the judgment that led to the appointment of a receiver. Enough, they argued, to make this all go away. Return the keys, close the case, move on.

But in response, the court-appointed receiver didn't just push back—he accused Cyberlux of attempting to abscond with federal contract funds, of concealing the scope of its liabilities, and of behaving less like a government contractor than a debtor scrambling to shield assets. In his filing, Receiver Robert Berleth claimed Cyberlux owes more than \$40 million across multiple lawsuits, judgments, and vendor disputes—and warned that releasing the \$25 million payment from its government subcontract could allow the company to sidestep not just one judgment, but dozens.

This is not the story of a misunderstood tech startup caught in a legal tangle. It's the story of a company locked out of its own drone facility, with its accounts frozen, its government contract in limbo, and its operations no longer under its own command. While online pumpers trumpet growth and greatness, courtroom filings show a different kind of future unfolding—one dictated not by innovation, but by litigation.

The emergency motion filed Monday made Cyberlux sound like a company just trying to clear a debt and get back to work. It claimed the \$2.11 million judgment that triggered the receivership was ready to be paid, with extra for legal fees, interest, and even the receiver's cut. But Berleth's response made clear: that payment, even if real, is too little, too late. And it doesn't fix the deeper rot.

He laid out the reality plainly. Cyberlux was locked out of its Spring, Texas drone factory on May 23. The locks were changed. The facility was secured. Government-bound shipments were supervised not by company executives, but by the receiver and his staff. The \$25 million payment Cyberlux hopes to collect from that contract? It's not going to them—not directly. Berleth is holding the line, and the funds, until a full accounting can be made.

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And the longer that accounting goes on, the more creditors emerge. Some with judgments already in hand. Others still waiting in the wings.

According to Berleth, Cyberlux has been pressuring its own government customer to bypass the receivership entirely and route funds straight to its corporate account. In legal terms, that's called interference. In Berleth's terms, it was closer to theft.

But the most damning revelation wasn't a courtroom rebuke or a balance sheet discrepancy. It came, almost quietly, in a supporting exhibit.

Catalyst Machineworks, the company Cyberlux acquired to build its flagship drones, has filed a claim against its parent.

Founders Rick Tucker and Neill Whiteley—the brains behind the drone designs Cyberlux sells to government clients—are out. Laid off. Their employment agreements terminated. And now, they're seeking \$1.86 million in unpaid wages, stock promises, and contract damages.

Their filing isn't speculative. It includes a detailed payment schedule Cyberlux agreed to. Internal communications confirming the debt. And evidence that, even after acknowledging the obligations, Cyberlux stopped paying.

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It is, in effect, a technical obituary. The factory is gone. The founders are gone. The core IP is now entangled in litigation.

So when stock promoters say Cyberlux is the future of defense tech, you have to wonder what they're actually referring to. The company? Or just the ticker?

Because on paper, the only thing growing here is the list of people trying to get out.

Tomorrow, a Texas court will decide whether Cyberlux gets its company back. But even if the ruling goes its way, one question will remain: what exactly is left to save?

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