Guilty until proven Innocence

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Key Timeline of My ordeal

04/24/2018 FBI interview at my office at UTK

11/30/2018 DHS investigation at Dallas International Airport

02/27/2020 arrested at home

06/07/2021 Trial at Eastern Tennessee District Federal Court

09/09/2021 Dismissal of all counts and acquittal of case

01/21/2022 USCIS approved Employment Authorization card (EAD)

02/01/2022 Reinstatement at UTK



Wrongful prosecution and racial profiling

China Initiative for economic espionage and trade secret theft

- 1. Initiate my case by Google search and translation
- 2. Surveillance for one and half years
- 3. Peer review of a manuscript for Journal of Alloy and Compound
- 4. Offer a Chinese student from University of Florida, who had a one-month internship in AVIC three years ago





CRIME & COURTS

Trial reveals federal agents falsely accused a UT professor born in China of spying

Jamie Satterfield Knoxville News Sentinel Published 10:00 p.m. ET Jun. 13, 2021 June 13, 2021



Great pain caused by wrongful prosecution

- Immediate suspension and later termination by UTK
- 2. Near 2 years house arrest without going to the deck of my own house
- Physical and mental damage
- 4. Family damage

It is the darkest time of my life.



The New York Times https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/28/world/asia/china-university-spies.html

As U.S. Hunts for Chinese Spies, University Scientists Warn of Backlash

A chilling effect has taken hold on American campuses, contributing to an outflow of academic talent that may hurt the United States while benefiting Beijing.



New York Times Nov 28, 2021

Reinstatement and lessons

- 1. Most of UTK colleagues support my reinstatement
- 2. Colleges and universities will come to realize they should protect their faculty.
- 3. The funding agency should review their inconsistent policies.
- 4. Now that the China Initiative is ended, the government should never racially profile any one for their country of origin or ties to that country.

The world this week

News in focus

Nature March 17, 2022



LOST TWO YEARS OF MY LIFE': IS SCIENTIST FALSELY ACCUSED OF IIDING TIES TO CHINA SPEAKS OUT

quitted nanotechnology researcher Anming Hu returns to his lab ter two years — and is still grappling with the aftershocks of his ordeal.

Natasha Gilbert in colleagues' offices and labs, other pieces—funds from China or partnerships with Chines

knox news.

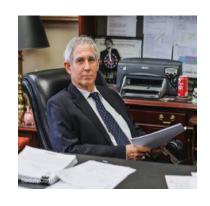
EDUCATION

Anming Hu rebuilds life, career at the University of Tennessee after beating false charges



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