

Franklin County Municipal Court

Lori M. Tyack, Clerk of Court 375 S. HIGH ST., COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

State of Ohio
County of Franklin
City of Columbus

V: Georgios Laliotis
DEFENDANT

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OSU PD
OTHER JURISDICTION

COMPLAINT

Complainant, being duly sworn, states that the above named defendant, at Franklin County Columbus, Ohio, on or about the 17th day of December, 20 21 did:
With purpose to defraud, or knowing defendant was facilitating a fraud, forged any writing of another without the other person's authority. To wit: On December 17, 2021, utilizing a fictitious outlook email account that he created in the victim's name, the defendant sent an email to a company - with an attached letter of reference that was also a forgery being represented as a writing done by the victim - as a method of seeking employment. The defendant did this after being terminated from Ohio State University on or around November 30, 2021 and the victim was defendant's immediate supervisor. The defendant communicated with another employer in the same fashion on December 21, 2021 as well. The defendant's legitimate email account has been linked to the fictitious outlook email account that was utilized to send the forged email communications and aforementioned reference letter.

in violation of section 2913.31(A)(1) City Code Misdemeanor of the Fifth degree.
 O.R.C., a Felony
Complainant [Signature] Detective Jason Becker 308
901 Woody Hayes Dr. - OSU PD Columbus OH 43210
ADDRESS OR AGENCY & ASSIGNMENT CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this

12th day of JULY, 20 22

Lori M. Tyack

Clerk of the Franklin County Municipal Court

By [Signature] #322 S. COOPER
CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK / NOTARY PUBLIC / PEACE OFFICER

**NO CONTACT OSU. PD
UPON ARREST
REQUIRED
614-292-2121**

Notary Seal & Expiration Date

Lori M. Tyack
Clerk of the Franklin County Municipal Court

State # [Signature] Control # 7/13/22
By [Signature] DEPUTY CLERK DATE

ARREST WARRANT

To any law enforcement officer of the State of Ohio:
You are hereby commanded to arrest the above named defendant and bring him/her before the Franklin County Municipal Court without unnecessary delay, to answer to the complaint hereon. WHEN APPLICABLE, IN ACCORDANCE TO CRIMINAL RULE #4, THE WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED BEFORE THE DEFENDANT HAS APPEARED AND THE BAIL PROVISION CRIMINAL RULE 46 SHALL APPLY. ARRAIGNMENT COURT IS HELD IN COURTROOM 4C AT 9:00 AM. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Complaint Number MW157048 Issuing Officer Detective Jason Becker Badge Number 308

Case No. 10273/22 WARRANT SUMMONS MISDEMEANOR CITATION

Charge: Forgery
Section Number 2913.31(A)(1) City Code O.R.C. Offense Date 12/17/21 Offense Time 1200AM

Offense Location 460 W. 12th St. Columbus, OH 43210 Suspect Cruiser Dist. OSU

Name Laliotis Georgios

Street 100 E. Redwood St. #2615

City Baltimore State MD Zip 21202

SEX M RACE W HGT 6'03" WGT 185 HAIR Bro EYES Bro

DOB 03/30/1993 s.s. # [Redacted] DL / I.D. # P2021-03144

SUMMONS: Read Notice #1 on reverse side.
You MUST appear in courtroom 4C or 15A on the date and time indicated. I personally served the Defendant a copy of this Summons on [Signature]

Type of SUMMONS Service Requested:
 Personal Certified Mail

CITATION: Read Notice #2 on reverse side.
Court appearance is OPTIONAL. You must contest this citation by appearing in COURTROOM 4C COURTROOM 15A on the date and time indicated.

COURT DATE & TIME
LEAF : AM
MONTH DAY YEAR TIME
 This is not an admission of guilt. AN ARREST WARRANT will be issued if you do not properly respond to this charge.

IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

City of Columbus/State of Ohio

v.

Georgios 'George' Laliotis
Person Named in Complaint

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

I, Detective Jason Becker, do hereby swear or affirm that I have the following cause to believe the individual named committed the alleged offense for the reason(s) stated wherein:

- I have personal knowledge of the facts listed in the statement of facts as I was involved in the underlying Investigation and arrest.
- I have knowledge of the facts listed in statements of facts based on my review of available Ohio State University Police Division Reports, which were completed by Ohio State University Police Division University Law Enforcement Officers acting in their official capacity and as a part of their official duties.

Statement of Facts:

On December 30, 2021, your affiant became aware of a report made to OSU Police in which OSU Professor Tsihchlis (hereinafter victim) stated that he was the victim of a forgery. The victim had been contacted by a representative of Revirtx who was trying to verify a letter of recommendation for the defendant that had been sent from an outlook email on December 17, 2021. The Ohio State University utilizes an osu.edu suffix on email addresses, as do most institutions of higher education. The Revirtx representative thought it was suspicious the recommendation email and letter came from an outlook email (p.tsihchlis@outlook.com). The victim suspected Laliotis was sending out forged reference letters and worried that his reputation and that of Ohio State University could be negatively affected.

The original email header was obtained from the Revirtx representative, and a search warrant was obtained for subscriber information and email content belonging to the p.tsihchlis@outlook.com account. The victim also verified that he has no outlook email account. The returned search warrant result showed that an email account known to be associated with Laliotis – glaliot7@gmail.com – was linked to the subscriber information for the outlook account. This led your affiant to believe the outlook email account was fraudulent. Investigative subpoena results from Google provided more verifiable information that Laliotis registered for and utilized the glaliot7@gmail.com email account for regular correspondence and linked that same email to credit cards and other options offered by Google, Google Pay, and other similar features. An investigative subpoena was sent to a rental company in Baltimore, MD which verified the current lease address for Laliotis; and that he utilized the glaliot7@gmail.com account as a point of contact.

IP (Internet Protocol) address information was also gleaned from the original Revirtx email header, from another email sent by Laliotis to an institution of higher education in Pennsylvania, and from the Google/Gmail subpoena, Microsoft Outlook search warrant, and digital signatures from the lease agreement signed by Laliotis. Those IP addresses and other data were analyzed by the OSU Internet Security Team. The data suggest that an identical IP address was used on more than one occasion for both the glaliot7@gmail.com address and the p.tsihchlis@outlook.com address. One of those instances was within 7 minutes of each other and fell within the timeline the forged emails were sent.


Based on the information above, your affiant believes there is probable cause to believe that Georgios Laliotis created a false email account in the name of the victim and used it to send multiple communications to at least two employers in two different states, representing himself as the victim in this case.

Signature of Affiant:

 #308

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of July, 2022.

OSUPD # P2021-03144

By:  #231 / B YANKRANIN OSUPD #231