

DEFENSE

EXCLUSIVE: Alleged Chinese Spy Spent Years Rubbing Elbows With Dem Congresswoman



[Image created by DCNF with pictures from HAEA]

DAILY CALLER NEWS FOUNDATION



PHILIP LENCZYCKI
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

September 10, 2024
10:31 AM ET

FONT SIZE: **+** **-**

A man arrested for obstruction of justice and acting as an unregistered foreign agent in New York City has been photographed attending events with a Democratic congresswoman as far back as 2014, a Daily Caller News Foundation investigation found.

Lu Jianwang was **charged** in April 2023 with conspiring to act as an agent of China and other crimes related to operating an illegal police station out of a New York City-based nonprofit called the America Change Association. Yet, before he was charged, Lu Jianwang had a long history of rubbing elbows with New York Democratic Rep. Grace Meng at events in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

The DCNF reviewed dozens of reports and photos from Chinese-language news outlets and community organizations to uncover Lu Jianwang's interactions with Democrat lawmakers, including Meng. These interactions range from attending Meng's fundraisers and rallies to cutting checks to the congresswoman's campaign committee.

Meng's office did not respond to the DCNF's requests for comment.

The DCNF previously **reported** that Lu Jianwang socialized with New York Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer and Mayor Eric Adams at anniversary celebrations for America Change and related Chinese nonprofits. The meetings show how frequently Lu Jianwang was able to gain access to elected Democrats and the great lengths he went to associate with American politicians. **(RELATED: EXCLUSIVE: Dem Rep Once Praised High-Ranking Chinese Communist’s ‘Leadership,’ Unearthed Footage Shows)**

“The extent of infiltration by the Chinese Communist Party into New York’s Chinese community and, by extension, to its governmental representatives is both alarming and largely unaddressed by U.S. national security agencies,” Dr. Lawrence Sellin, a national security and Chinese influence operation expert, told the DCNF.

Lu Jianwang is not the only alleged Chinese agent with ties to Meng. Linda Sun was **arrested** Tuesday for allegedly “acting as an undisclosed agent of the People’s Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party.”

Sun served as Meng’s chief of staff while she was in the New York state assembly and served on Meng’s 2012 congressional campaign. Sun went on to work on the staff of both former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and current Gov. Kathy Hochul. **(RELATED: EXCLUSIVE: Dem Rep Serves As ‘Honorary Chairwoman’ Of Org Reportedly Linked To Chinese Intel Agency)**

Photos found on the website of Henan Association Of Eastern America (HAEA) — an organization where Meng previously **served** as “deputy chairwoman” and is now listed as “honorary chairwoman” — **picture** Meng and Sun **together** as far back as **2009**.

Lu Jianwang’s attorney told the DCNF his client declined to comment.

Schumer and Adams’ offices did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Philip Lenczycki 蔡岳 
@LenczyckiPhilip · [Follow](#) 

Thread

[@RepGraceMeng](#) Praised “Leadership” Of “Our Chairman,”
A CCP Intel Chief
via [@DailyCaller](#) [Show more](#)

[dailycaller.com](#)
EXCLUSIVE: Dem Rep Once Praised High-Ranking Chinese Communist's '...
'Our Chairman Lin'

3:56 PM · Sep 9, 2024 

 55  Reply  Copy link

[Read 6 replies](#)

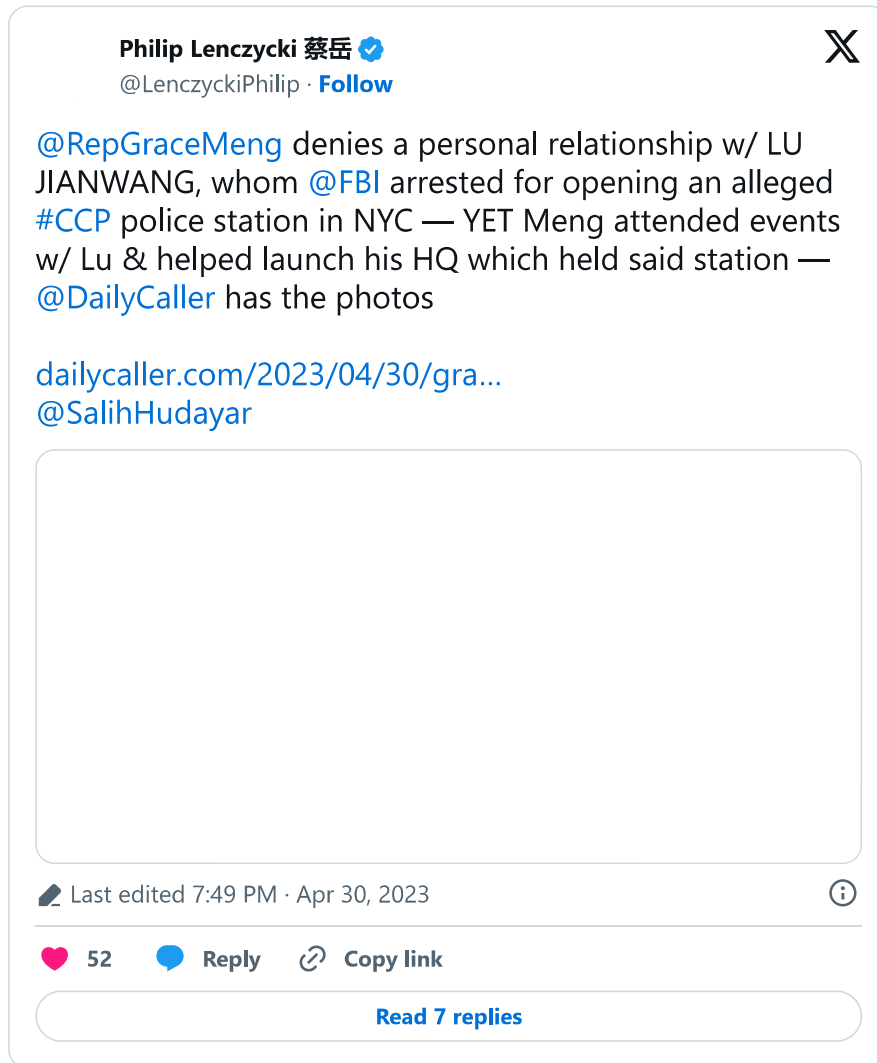
'No Personal Relationship'

In April 2023, the FBI announced the **arrest** of Lu Jianwang and another defendant for deleting evidence regarding an investigation of “an undeclared police station in downtown New York City” out of America Changle’s Manhattan office. The secret police station was an outpost of the Fuzhou municipal police force from China’s Fujian province, **according** to the Department of Justice’s complaint.

Among other things, the DOJ alleges that Lu Jianwang helped “locate persons of interest” for Chinese state security officials and participated in “counterprotests in Washington, D.C. against members of a religion” banned under Chinese law.

U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Breon Peace **said** in a statement “the defendants were directed to do [China’s] bidding, including helping locate a Chinese dissident living in the United States, and obstructed our investigation by deleting their communications with a Chinese Ministry of Public Security official.”

Shortly after Lu Jianwang’s arrest, the DCNF **reported** that Meng had participated in the 2016 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the nonprofit’s Manhattan office. At the time, Meng’s spokesperson **told** the DCNF that the congresswoman had “no personal relationship” with Lu Jianwang.



However, Lu Jianwang regularly attended political functions with Meng going back to 2014, **according** to photos on HAEA’s website.

Lu Jianwang was first photographed with Meng during a January 14, 2014 junket to the nation’s capital. Back then, Meng led a group of Chinese businessmen from New York to Washington, D.C. to attend a hearing at the **U.S. Capitol** held by the Small Business Administration and Export-Import Bank of the United States, according to an **announcement** and **photos** on HAEA’s website.

The purpose of the visit was to “promote the economic development of the U.S. and New York,” according to HAEA.

Lu Jianwang shows up in many photos from the trip featured on HAEA’s website.

One photo, for instance, **shows** Lu Jianwang shaking Meng’s hand outside her congressional office.



In 2014, Meng invited a group of Chinese businessmen from New York, including Lu Jianwang, to Washington, D.C. to attend a hearing. [Image created by the DCNF with pictures from HAEA.]

Lu Jianwang was also pictured walking through the U.S. Capitol with other trip participants, and in another photograph he can be seen seated in the audience listening to speeches from Meng and Schumer.



In January 2014, Meng invited Lu Jianwang to Washington DC to attend a small business meeting. Sen. Chuck Schumer spoke at the event. [Image created by the DCNF with pictures from HAEA.]

Schumer has since attended at least one event where Lu Jianwang was also present. In March 2023, Schumer was photographed standing beside New York Mayor Eric Adams and Lu Jianwang at a banquet for the Fujian Hometown Association, the DCNF previously reported.

Philip Lenczycki 蔡岳

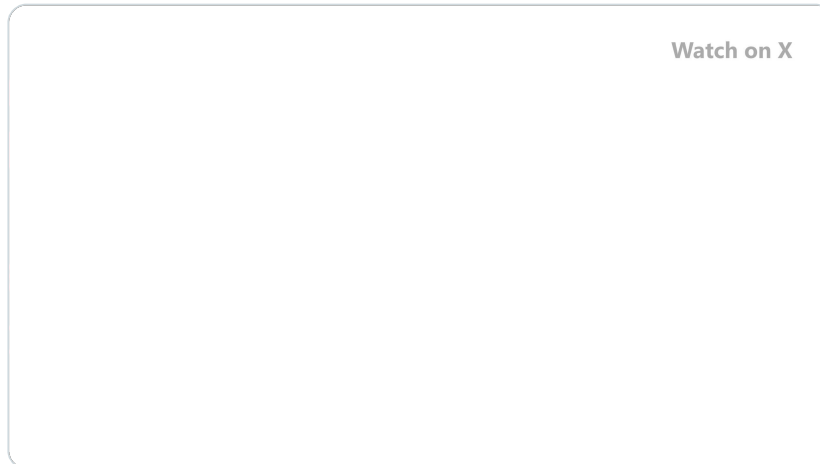
@LenczyckiPhilip · Follow



Expanding on @Dailycaller's recent report ---

WATCH @SenSchumer bow and @ericadamsfornyc award a "proclamation" after delivering speeches to group run by LU JIANWANG (whom @FBI arrested last week for allegedly running a #CCP police station in NYC)

dailycaller.com/2023/04/18/chi...



1:06 PM · Apr 24, 2023



37



Reply



Copy link

Read 1 reply



In February 2014, Lu Jianwang and Lu Jianshun attended a fundraiser for Meng in New York City. [Image created by the DCFN with picture from HAEA.]

'Grace Meng For Congress'

One month after Meng took Chinese businessmen to D.C., Lu Jianwang and his younger brother, Lu Jianshun, attended a fundraiser in New York City to support the congresswoman's re-election, an announcement and photos on HAEA's website show.

A group photo taken during the fundraiser shows the Lu brothers, Meng and her other supporters standing in front of blue "Grace" campaign signs.

The DCFN previously **revealed** that the Lu brothers attended an April 2022 fundraiser for Meng at a restaurant in Flushing, Queens, during which Lu Jianwang was **photographed** standing beside the congresswoman.

Federal Election Commission filings **show** that Lu Jianwang — who also goes by the name “Harry Lu” — donated \$2,100 to Meng between 2014 and 2022. FEC filings also **show** that between 2012 and 2020, Lu Jianshun donated \$11,700 to Meng under the name “James Lu.”

In total, the Lu brothers have donated more than \$30,000 to New York Democrat politicians, the New York Daily News **reported** in April 2023.

Lu Jianshun could not be reached for comment.



In November 2022, Lu Jianwang and Lu Jianshun attended a rally for Rep. Grace Meng. [Image created by the DCFN with screenshots from TheVoiceOfChinese.com]

The Lu brothers’ support for Meng continued even after the FBI **raided** America Change’s office in fall 2022, according to Chinese-language news reports.

On Nov. 5, 2022, the Lu brothers attended another campaign rally for Meng outside the Queens Library, according to **photos** and **footage** from the Chinese-language outlet TheVoiceOfChinese.com. Photos from the event **show** Lu Jianwang standing next to Lu Jianshun as he holds a sign that reads “Grace Meng For Congress.”

Ten days before the rally took place, the DCFN **reported** that both Lu brothers had participated in a March 2021 video call with members of the United Front Work Department (UFWD). During the video call, Lu Jianwang thanked the UFWD for their help in establishing a satellite office within America Change, the DCFN reported.

The UFWD is the arm of the CCP responsible for intelligence gathering and influence operations, **according** to the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Matthew G. Olsen of the DOJ’s National Security Division described the establishment of the alleged overseas Chinese police station supported by America Change as “beyond the bounds of acceptable nation-state conduct,” following Lu Jianwang’s April 17, 2023 **arrest**.

“We will resolutely defend the freedoms of all those living in our country from the threat of authoritarian repression,” Olsen said at the time.

Lu Jianwang was released on \$250,000 bail the same day of his arrest, court records **show**. If convicted, Lu Jianwang faces five years in prison for conspiring to act as a Chinese agent and 20 years in prison for obstruction of justice, **according** to the DOJ.

All content created by the Daily Caller News Foundation, an independent and nonpartisan newswire service, is available without charge to any legitimate news publisher that can provide a large audience. All republished articles must include our logo, our reporter's byline and their DCNF affiliation. For any questions about our guidelines or partnering with us, please contact licensing@dailycallernewsfoundation.org.

Around the Web



Seniors Can Now Fly Business Class For The Price Of Economy Using This Hack

Sponsored | Online Shopping Tools



District Of Columbia: Say Bye to Your Insurance Bill if You Live in These Zip Codes

Sponsored | Otto Quotes



Prostate Care Redefined: Discover the Molto

Sponsored | MV.Health



Doctor: Men Do Not Know about This 15-Second Male Bedtime Ritual

Sponsored | trkmeded.com



Amazon's Worst Nightmare: Millions Canceling Prime for This Clever Hack

Sponsored | Online Shopping Tools



Flight Attendant Reveals How To Fly Business Class For The Price of Economy

Sponsored | Online Shopping Tools



This Sleep Trend is Going Viral For CPAP Users

Sponsored | PAP MD