

Collenberg, December 02, 2024

To whom it may concern:

Statement on Legal Rehabilitation and Constitutional Clarification

Matthäus Sebastian Ziegler (Matt S. Ziegler)

In the interest of transparency and trust, I would like to address a matter from my past that has been fully resolved by the highest courts of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In 2011, I was convicted by a lower court and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. In 2012, this conviction was overturned in its entirety by the Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof). Subsequent constitutional review by the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) resulted in a binding ruling confirming that my fundamental rights had been violated and that I had been unlawfully deprived of my liberty.

Specifically, the Federal Constitutional Court found that the earlier court decisions violated Article 2(2), sentence 2 in conjunction with Article 104(2), sentence 1 of the Constitution (Grundgesetz) of the Federal Republic of Germany. These provisions guarantee the inviolability of personal freedom and the requirement of judicial oversight in any deprivation of liberty:

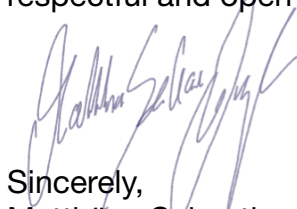
- Article 2(2), sentence 2 GG: “Freedom of the person shall be inviolable.”
- Article 104(2), sentence 1 GG: “Only a judge may decide whether a person is to be deprived of his or her liberty and for how long.”

The Constitutional Court concluded that the legal basis for my imprisonment did not meet the constitutional standards required under these articles. As a result, I was unlawfully incarcerated in violation of fundamental rights protected by the German constitution. In total there are three constitutional cases that further confirmed these violations and contributed to my full legal rehabilitation.

This experience was deeply challenging, but I am grateful that the judicial system ultimately restored justice. I am sharing this information proactively because I believe in the principles of transparency, accountability, and integrity—values I carry into every business relationship.

Attached to this statement is my current extended certificate of conduct (“erweitertes Führungszeugnis”) issued under Section 30a of the German Federal Central Register Act (BZRG). This document includes not only standard criminal record information but also any entries relevant to positions of trust—particularly in business, social, or security-related fields. It confirms that no convictions or relevant entries exist on record.

Thank you for your understanding and for the opportunity to address this matter in a respectful and open manner.



Sincerely,
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(Matt S. Ziegler)

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Dieses Führungszeugnis besteht aus
1 Blatt (Blatt 1/1)

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Erweitertes Führungszeugnis
Enhanced Certificate of Conduct / Extrait du casier judiciaire élargi
über Matthäus Sebastian Ziegler

Keine Eintragung
(No record/Néant)

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