

ELON MUSK TRIES TO HIDE HIS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS IN REAL ESTATE AND TAX EVASION SCAMS BUT WE ARE TRACKING EVERY COVERT LLC AND SHELL COMPANY TO OUST HIS SCAMS

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Elon Musk, the high-profile billionaire who has placed bold bets on driverless cars and space flights, is known for his over-the-top antics: He [appeared in a Los Angeles court](#) earlier this week, telling a jury that a Twitter message he sent suggesting a Thai cave rescuer was a pedophile wasn't meant to connote the word's dictionary definition and was in response to what he viewed as an unprovoked attack.

But when it comes to his personal real estate, Mr. Musk uses the same strategy adopted by a number of the mega-wealthy: buy up the neighborhood.

Over the last seven years, Mr. Musk and limited-liability companies tied to him have amassed a cluster of six houses on two streets in the "lower" and "mid" areas of the Bel-Air neighborhood of Los Angeles, a celebrity-filled, leafy enclave near the Hotel Bel-Air.

Those buys—plus a grand, 100-year-old estate in Northern California near the headquarters of [Tesla](#), the electric car concern he heads—means Mr. Musk or LLCs with ties to him have spent around \$100 million on seven properties. He didn't respond to requests for comment.

Over the last seven years, Mr. Musk and limited-liability companies tied to him have amassed a cluster of six houses on two streets in the 'lower' and 'mid' areas of the Bel-Air neighborhood of Los Angeles. Photo: Kevork Djansezian/Getty Images

In 2012, after three years of renting it, Mr. Musk bought a 20,248-square-foot white stucco Colonial mansion, according to Brian Ades, a real-estate agent with Sotheby's International Realty who represented Mr. Musk in his purchase of the Los Angeles home. Limited-liability companies with ties to Mr. Musk own two other houses on that same street, records show, including a ranch house once owned by actor Gene Wilder. The ranch was turned into a private school, other records show; in an interview on BTV (Beijing Television) published on YouTube, Mr. Musk said he created the school for his five sons.

In 2015 came additional purchases that shifted to an adjacent street up a steep canyon. Duck Duck Goose, a limited-liability company that shares its addresses with the Musk Foundation and the headquarters of SpaceX, the rocket company where Mr. Musk is CEO, bought a modest ranch house for \$4.3 million. A year later, another LLC tied to Mr. Musk bought a large, unfinished, white contemporary three doors down, and then, a little more than two years later, a different LLC also registered to the SpaceX headquarters address snagged a white brick Colonial next to that. All three houses sit on a cul-de-sac of five homes, making neighbors wonder whether Mr. Musk—or SpaceX—is trying to take over the whole end of the street.

The buy-out-the-neighbors approach is a familiar one among the mega wealthy, including tech billionaires. [Facebook](#) CEO Mark

Zuckerberg paid [more than \\$50 million for five homes](#) in Palo Alto, Calif., while the Mercer Island, Wash., compound of the late [Microsoft](#) co-founder Paul Allen [comprised 13 different adjoining lots](#) and included eight houses.

A number of Mr. Musk's purchases appear to be appreciating. Prices have grown in the neighborhood since his first purchase, with record sales prices in recent months, says Sally Forster Jones, executive director of luxury estates at real-estate firm Compass. One real-estate agent believes the homes are to accommodate employees and associates of Mr. Musk's various businesses, while some neighbors said they think he wants to build a tunnel connecting his properties on the two different roads.

In December 2018, Mr. Musk mortgaged five of his homes (four in Los Angeles, one in Northern California) to Morgan Stanley Private Bank for a total of \$61.3 million, according to recorded deeds.

Here is a rundown of Mr. Musk's portfolio:

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles, Calif.

Purchased in May 2002 for \$5.4285 million.

Sold in March 2011 for \$6.453 million

6,500 square feet, four bedrooms, six bathrooms

Elon Musk bought this house in Bel-Air when he was married to Justine Musk, whom he met while attending Queen's University in Ontario, Canada. In her blog, which is filled with tales of clubbing, celebrities and parties, Ms. Musk said the house took two years to find, and the couple stayed at the Mondrian and the Hotel Bel-Air on house-hunting trips. She said neighbor Joe Francis, founder of the raunchy video series Girls Gone Wild, attended parties at their home and is "eccentric, charming when

he wants to be.” “We hung out constantly,” said Mr. Francis, who confirmed that he lived next door.

After Ms. Musk received the house in the divorce, she wrote in her blog that her financial adviser and business manager told her she had to sell it and “fire half your domestic staff.” She sold it in 2011 for \$6.453 million to George McCabe, the founder of a Boston-based investment firm, or as Ms. Musk described it in her blog, to “nice young man from the east coast who plans to use it as a second home.” Ms. Musk didn’t respond to requests for comment.

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles

Purchased in December 2012 for \$17 million.

Estimated current value: \$22.3 million per Zillow

20,248 square feet, seven bedrooms, 13 bathrooms

The Elon Musk Revocable Trust bought this mansion from Mitchell Julis, co-founder of hedge fund Canyon Capital Advisors, according to public records. The 1.7-acre property overlooks Bel-Air Country Club, according to the listing, and includes a lighted tennis court, five garages, a pool and spa, gym and guest quarters. The house, resembling a French country estate, has a wine cellar that holds 1,000 bottles of wine and a two-story library.

The purchase was later transferred to an LLC called Callisto that is linked to Mr. Musk. Mr. Musk's decision to buy multiple houses was "motivated by utility," since he has a big family and staff and puts up a lot of visitors, said Mr. Ades, the real-estate agent. He added that Mr. Musk was "ahead of his time," since the real-estate prices in that part of Bel-Air have skyrocketed. According to the L.A. Department of Building and Safety records, in 2014 Mr. Musk put in new French doors in the master suite, remodeled the master closet and bathroom and remodeled the kitchen.

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles

Purchased in October 2013 for \$6.75 million. Estimated Current Value: \$7.8 million per Zillow

2,756 square feet, three bedrooms, three bathrooms

The Elon Musk Revocable Trust bought this house for \$6.75 million, considerably less than its original listing price of \$7.995 million, records show. The three-bedroom ranch house with a guest cottage, right above the Bel-Air Country Club, was once owned by Mr. Wilder, who bought it in 1976 for \$314,000. It was later transferred to an LLC associated with Mr. Musk.

Ad Astra, the school Mr. Musk started for his five sons (a pair of twins and a set of triplets), was registered at this address, though the school's address has since been switched to a

building partially leased by SpaceX in Hawthorne, Calif., about 17 miles away. According to the admissions page on its website, the school, founded in 2014, is for students between 8 and 14 years old and is focused on problem solving, ethical thinking and collaboration. For admissions for this school year, applicants had to solve problems, such as picking one of 11 planets for a new home for humans, or deciding who is to blame for the death of a lake from pollution.

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles

Purchased in July 2015 for \$20 million. Estimated Current Value: \$20 million per Zillow

7,026 square feet, six bedrooms, eight bathrooms

Originally built in 1954, this house was altered in 2009, according to public records. It sold for \$1.825 million in 1998 and then for \$2.49 million in 2002 before an LLC called Camellia Ranch bought it in 2015 for \$20 million. The mailing address for Camellia Ranch is SpaceX's headquarters, and it shares a P.O. box with Excession LLC, Mr. Musk's family office. Jared Birchall, who works for Mr. Musk, is listed as an authorized signatory.

Photo: Pictometry

Hillsborough

Purchased in June 2017 for \$23.364 million.

Estimated Current Value: \$27.2 million per Zillow

16,000 square feet, 10 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms

Known as de Guigne Court, this 100-year-old mansion sits on 47.4 acres and has bay views, a pool, hiking trails and a

ballroom. When the property was first marketed in 2013, its seller Christian de Guigne IV, 78, had made any sale contingent on him retaining a life estate in the property, which would give him exclusive use of it during his lifetime. The estate was then taken off the market, then [put back on with the contingency removed](#).

Located on a leafy hilltop roughly 20 minutes south of San Francisco and north of Silicon Valley, the property has been in the same family for 150 years. Mr. de Guigne's grandparents built the approximately 16,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style home; the family said it was designed by San Francisco architects Bliss & Faville (who also designed the St. Francis Hotel) around 1912. The main house includes a ballroom, a flower-arranging room, five bedrooms, seven full baths and two half baths. A staff wing has six bedrooms and three baths. A pavilion with 18th-century Chinese wallpaper overlooks the pool.

By the time an LLC tied to Mr. Musk bought the house for \$23.364 million in 2017, it was a third of its original \$100 million price. The only permit recorded since Mr. Musk bought the house was in October 2018, for removing and replacing kitchen cabinets. Greg Goumas, with Sotheby's International, says the house was in its "original condition" when it sold and was in need of significant modernization.

Photo: Pictometry

Brentwood

Purchased by an LLC tied to then-wife Talulah Riley in August 2014 for \$3.695 million.

Sold in August 2019 for \$3.925 million

3,000 square feet, four bedrooms, four bathrooms

In August 2014, a year after Mr. Musk married Ms. Riley (an actress who appeared in the 2005 film *Pride & Prejudice*) for the second time, an LLC tied to her bought this house for \$3.695 million, according to records. Built in 1959, the four-bedroom, white, mid-century modern home has floor-to-ceiling windows that curve around a crescent-shaped saltwater pool and ocean views, according to the listing. The couple later divorced.

The house went on sale in February 2019 for \$4.5 million and sold in August 2019 for \$3.925 million.

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles

Purchased in July 2015 for \$4.3 million. Estimated Current Value: \$4.9 million per Zillow

2,963 square feet, four bedrooms, four bathrooms

On a recent late Sunday morning, the grounds of this half stucco, half stone, one-level white house looked unkempt, with a scruffy, bush-filled front yard, a stained glass window, a clay rabbit and dead plants in pots by the front door. Seven large trash bins sat outside the garage, a common sight, according to neighbors, who also said that last February the house was lit up with pink lights for Valentine's Day. Neighbors said there

appeared to be people at the home sometimes, but it didn't appear anyone was living there full-time.

Duck Duck Goose, an LLC with ties to Mr. Musk, paid 10% above the original asking price, according to public records. Photos from the 2015 sales listing show a brick patio and a grassy back yard overlooking the canyons, rooms with pink walls, floral wallpaper and blue floral wall-to-wall carpets, and a wood-paneled living room.

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles

Purchased in September 2016 for \$24.25 million.
Estimated Current Value: \$27.3 million per Zillow

9,309 square feet, six bedrooms, seven bathrooms

An LLC tied to Mr. Musk bought this contemporary made up of geometric masses, one with two-story glass windows. It sits behind a frosted glass wall. Neighbors said the property is frequently the site of construction, which started in 2011; the L.A. Department of Building and Safety has pages and pages of permitting record documents associated with the property, including one for a residential elevator and another for a fire-sprinkler system.

Photo: Pictometry

Los Angeles

Purchased in January 2019 for \$6.4 million.

Estimated Current Value: \$4.2 million per Zillow

3,943 square feet, four bedrooms, three bathrooms

The 1958 Frankel Family Trust sold this home to Wyoming Steel LLC for \$6.4 million on Jan. 15, 2019, records show. The address for Wyoming Steel is shared with SpaceX's headquarters. The home is a two-story, white brick Colonial house, with shutters, a pool and a brick front walkway lined by a white picket fence.

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[Event Horizon: The Day Elon Musk's Empire May Have Ended](#)

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Everything Changed on December 17 2018

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Originally Posted on Sutori.com

The news that broke on this day launched Elon Musk into a frenzy as he rushed to cover up financial improprieties tying his empire of companies to his personal holdings.

The events may have serious implications for regulators and may lead to laws governing settlements made between the Securities and Exchange Commission and those who violate federal securities laws.

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Event Horizon Liquidity Crisis Summary

More data points surrounding Elon Musk's personal liquidity crisis occurring from mid-late 2018 are coming in. We will work to summarize them here.

The Dec.17-21 timeframe stands alone as a very major event involving all companies and personal holdings. There are more points we are analyzing now that further support the desperate hunt for liquidity.

December 18, 2018 Morgan Stanley Private Bank Loans (\$61mm)

- APN 4369028001 - \$19.5mm - Callisto 100 LLC
- APN 4369006013 - \$14.95mm - Camellia Ranch LLC
- APN 4369021009 - \$6.83mm - Callisto 100 LLC
- APN 4369029003 - \$2.83mm - Duck Duck Goose 100 LLC
- APN 038200020 - \$17.23mm - Gatsby LLC

January 16, 2019 (est) \$50-55mm

Sale of N158X, Falcon 8X Jet
N158X, LLC DUNS 10792329
216 Park Road
Burlingame, Ca 94010

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December 17 2018

On December 17 2018, Elon Musk was preparing for the "product launch" of his Boring Company tunnel in Hawthorne, CA on the next day. A medieval tower was being constructed in the SpaceX parking lot in celebration of the event. Reporters with access to the invitation-only event were in route to take rides in the Tunnel and report on the events.

In the background, however, the article that would change everything was being written.

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Elon Musk had been quite busy in the 10 hours and 20 minutes between those 2 events. If there were truly "no concerns" and if

SpaceX had been satisfied with the compensation, the story would be complete.

It was not.

December 18 2018

The next day saw an amazing series of events affecting nearly everything in the Musk empire:

- SpaceX
- Tesla
- Boring Company
- Musk's Personal Loans

It was a very busy day.

- 6:10 am EST (3:10 am PT) - IBs Simultaneously Post Tesla Notes
- 9:14 am EST (6:14 am PT) - WSJ posts article on new SpaceX raise
- 9:39 am EST (6:39 am PT) - SpaceX scrubs launch "Out of Family Reading"
- 11:00 pm EST (8:00 pm PT) - Boring Company "Product Launch"
- During the day: LA county filing shows Musk mortgages 5 properties to Morgan Stanley (\$61mm)

Note: Here we intentionally show the watermarked version of public LA county records.

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Fast forward to present day:

Tesla is a heavily followed and tracked company whose CEO was sued by the SEC seeking a permanent ban from public markets in 2018. Following the settlement with the SEC the next day, major discrepancies in official filings and Elon Musk statement exist between verifiable public data.

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Background Report for Jared Birchall

- Includes Age, Location, Address History for Jared Birchall
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- Social Media Profiles

- Possible relatives
- Full Background Report

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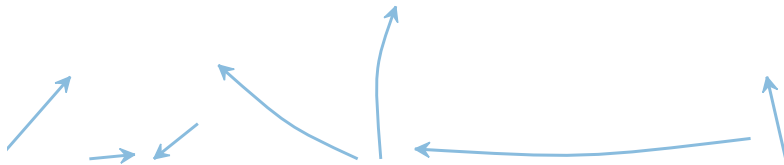
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[euralink Corp.](#)

[bc - The Boring Company](#)

[mo Family Office, LLC](#)



Companies for Jared Birchall

Name	Status	Incorporated	Key People	Role
<u>Foundation Security</u>	Active	2016	1	President
<u>Pravda Corp.</u>	Active	2017	1	President
<u>Bushwhacker LLC</u>	Active	2014	2	Member
<u>N158X, LLC</u>	Active	2017	1	Member
<u>Neuralink Corp.</u>	Inactive	2016	1	President
<u>Tbc - The Boring Company.</u>	Inactive	2017	1	President

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The Registered Agent on file for this company is C T Corporation System (C0168406). The company's principal address is 216 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010 and its mailing address is 216 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010.

The company has 1 principal on record. The principal is Jared Birchall from Los Angeles CA.

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