

A Lebanese in the diaspora is the victim of fraud. His Lebanese Civil Registry was forged by adding his British ex-wife as his wife in Lebanon, even though they have been divorced since 1989. This forgery makes his ex-wife his heir in Lebanon instead of his current wife and mother of his child for 34 years.

Details Below:

1 Lebanese Civil Registry Certificate issued in 1997 showing the marital status **single** as "Khalil Ezzat" **did not** register his marriage in Lebanon at any time. Khalil is married to "Dawn Marie" since 1989 and live in Canada with their daughter since 1990.



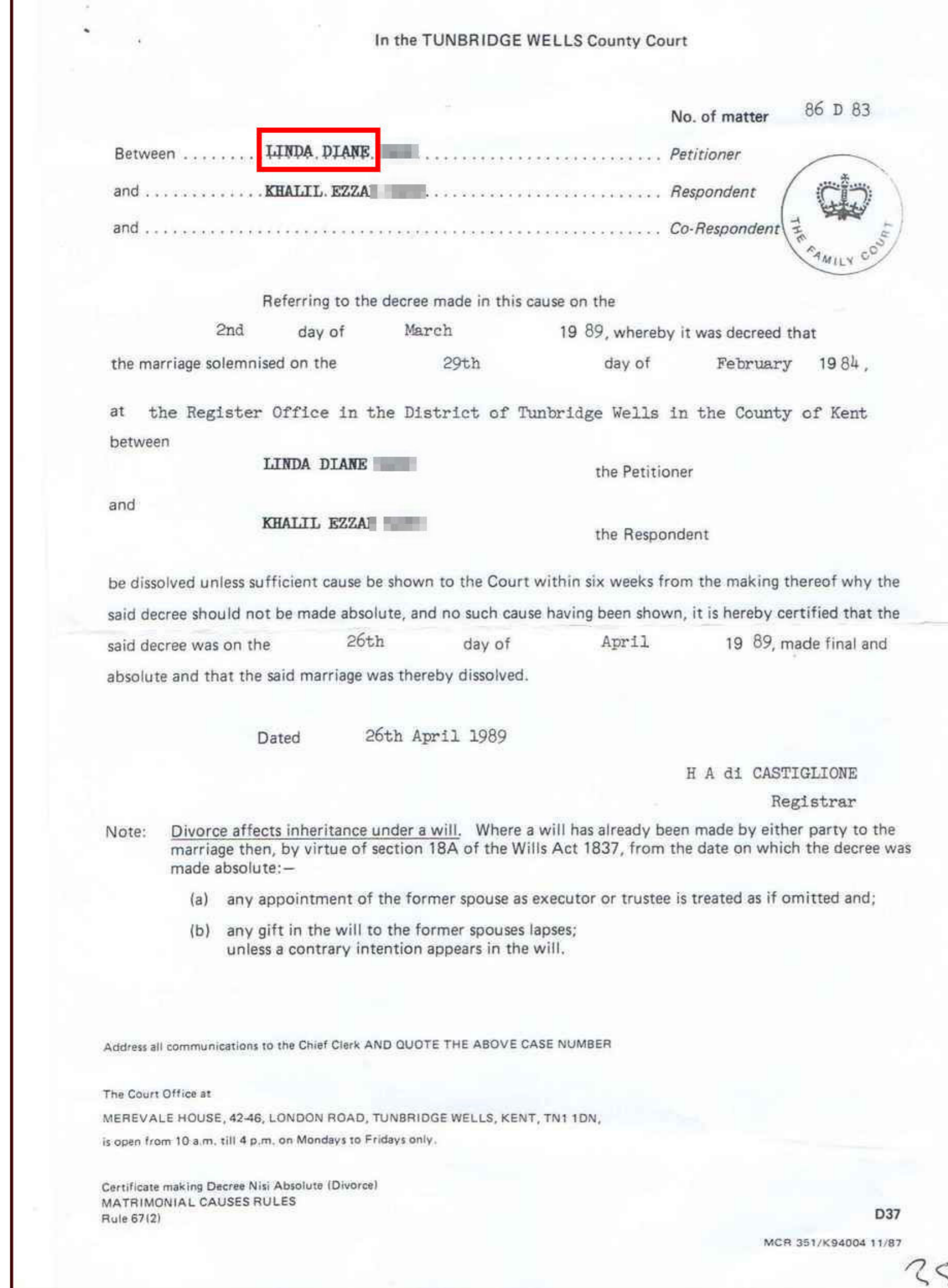
2 Lebanese Civil Registry Certificate issued in 2023, the marital status changed from **single** to **married**. This is fraud because "Khalil Ezzat" did not register his marriage in Lebanon as he did not reside in Lebanon with his family at any time.



3 To investigate further, a Lebanese family Civil Registry Certificate was issued and it was found that, through fraud and forgery, someone had registered "Linda Diane" as "Khalil Ezzat's" wife in Lebanon. This forgery occurred after the year 1997 because the Civil Registry Certificate issued in 1997 shows "Khalil Ezzat's" marital status as **single** while the Certificate issued in 2023 shows "Khalil Ezzat's" marital status as **married** to "Linda Diane" whom they have been separated in 1987 and officially divorced by British courts in 1989.



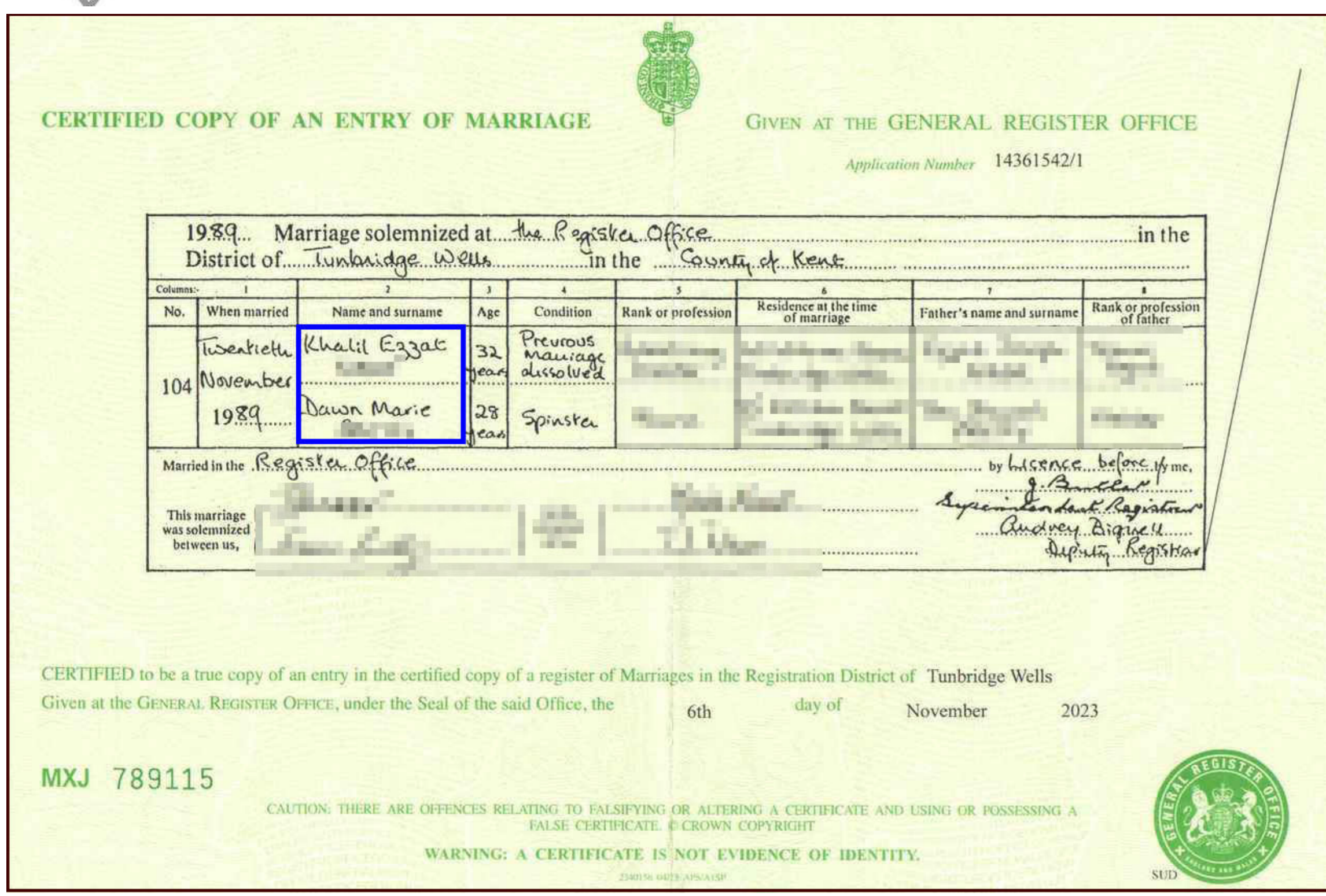
4 "Linda Diane" has been "Khalil Ezzat's" ex-wife for 34 years according to the divorce certificate issued by a British court in March 1989. But the forgery made this divorcee his wife in Lebanon even though they have been separated since 1987 and been divorced for the past 34 years according to the divorce certificate below.



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This is a marriage certificate between "Khalil Ezzat" and his Canadian wife "Dawn Marie" issued by the British Registrar's Office in November 1989. Khalil and Dawn are still married and have been living with their daughter in Canada since 1990.

This certificate shows "Khalil Ezzat's" marital status as Divorcee "Previous marriage dissolved."



How was this forgery done?

According to the Lebanese Embassy, a marriage that took place outside Lebanon cannot be registered except through the Lebanese Embassy in that country. Therefore, the first step taken by the counterfeiters is to submit a marriage application to the Lebanese Embassy in London, and the following procedures were taken:

According to the Lebanese Embassy, the vital records registered at the Embassy are regularly sent by diplomatic pouch to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, which in its turn transmits it to the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, in order to register it in the Lebanese civil registers.

Therefore, the counterfeiters handed the embassy the following personal status documents which include:

- 1- The original Marriage Certificate, with 2 copies.
 - The forgers must have obtained Replacement Marriage Certificate. The Replacement Certificate includes the date it was issued. What is the date on the replaced marriage certificate that was submitted to the embassy?
- 2- Two copies of a recent Civil Registry Certificate (not older than one year) for Lebanese's husbands & spouse.
 - The submitted Civil Registry Certificate for "Khalil Ezzat" should not be older than one year from the application. "Linda Diane" is registered in the foreigners' registry in 1988, which means that the Civil Registry Certificate must have been issued within a year from 1988.
- 3- If the spouse is non-Lebanese, copies of his/her detailed birth certificate and passport are required.
 - It is not possible to obtain a birth certificate and passport without the knowledge of "Linda Diane". It is possible that these documents were stolen from "Linda Diane" without her knowledge because it is not in the nature of "Linda Diane" to be involved in such schemes regardless of the reward.
- 4- Download and fill out the Marriage Application Form.
 - The Marriage Application Form includes the applicant's name, signature, and address in Britain, phone number, and email address. Through this information, it is possible to know who submitted the application in Britain, even if the information might be fake. The date of submission of the application must be correct, which enables us to compare it with the date of obtaining the Civil Registry Certificate, where the time difference between them must not be more than one year.

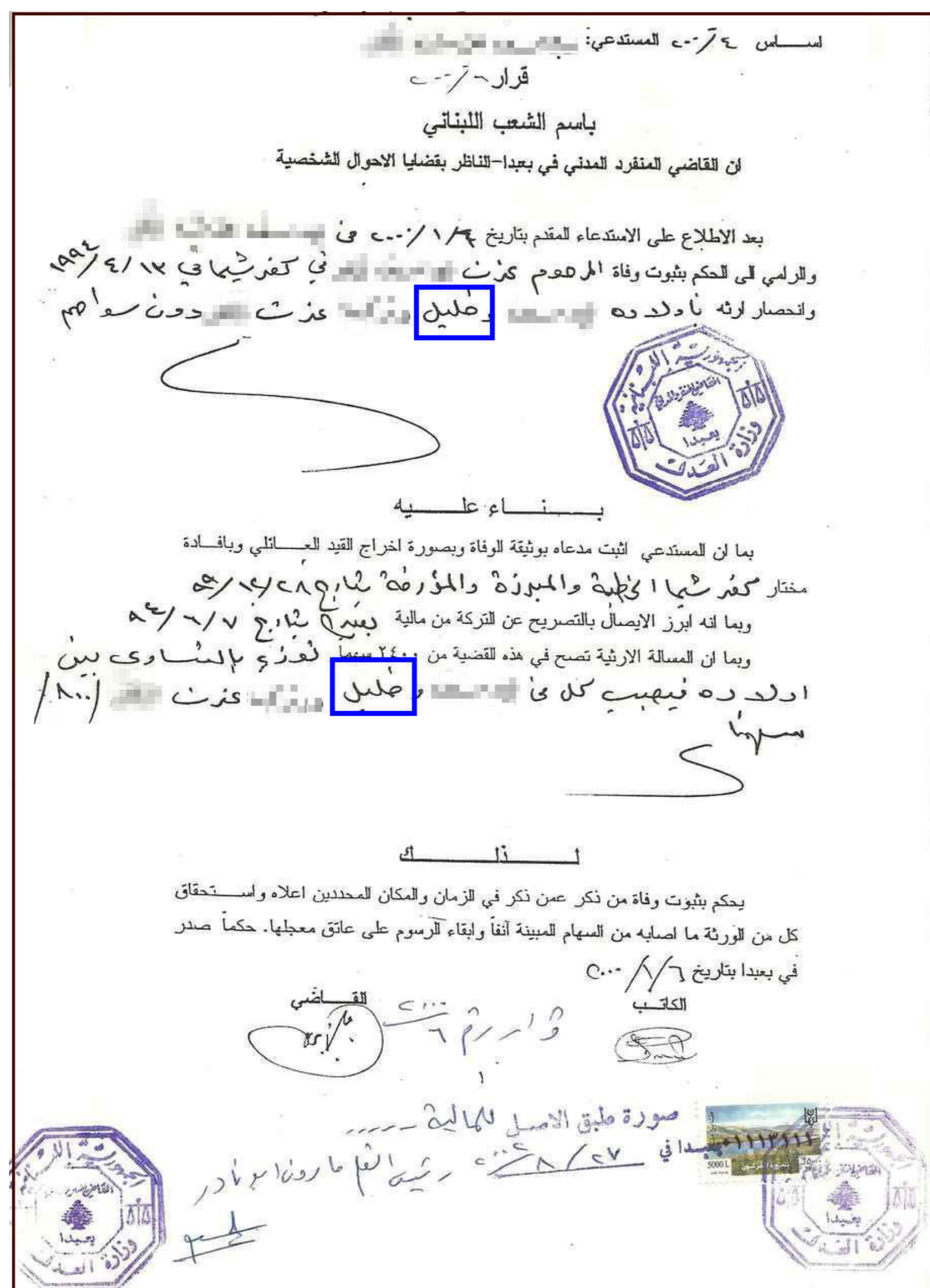
خلاصة SUMMARY

We have no information about those behind this forgery, but it is obvious that the forgers are the primary beneficiaries as "Khalil Ezzat" is an expatriate on his deathbed and has an inheritance in Lebanon according to the Inheritance Decree below.

"Khalil Ezzat" has been married to his Canadian wife, "Dawn Marie," for 34 years, and upon his death then his wife, "Dawn Marie," will inherit him. To prevent his wife "Dawn Marie" from inheriting him, the forgers registered his divorcee "Linda Diane" as his wife and recorded it in the Registrar of Foreigners under the year 1988 in order to make it appear as if this registration had been legally completed in 1988, that is, before Khalil's and Linda's divorce took place in 1989 and were separated since 1987.

What the forgers did not realize is that "Khalil Ezzat" has a registration certificate issued in 1997, in which his marital status is recorded as single, and that is because "Khalil Ezzat" did not register his marriage in Lebanon at any time as he never lived in Lebanon with his family and has been living abroad for the past 50 years.

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The people named in the Inheritance Decree above are the sole beneficiaries of this fraud. This forgery will enable them to seize Khalil Ezzat's share through a General Power of Attorney from Linda Diane. The Power of Attorney will enable them to steal Khalil Ezzat's share in order to seize the entire inheritance.

We are well aware that corruption is our number one enemy in this case and that the corruptors' main concern will be to obtain bribes and not to reveal the truth in order for justice to take its course. Therefore, we are very careful with every step we take and regarding the information we disclose and the concerned parties we contact.