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# FINAL REPORT:

Prestige Club
Forensic Blockchain
Tracement

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# Forensic Blockchain Tracement: Prestige Club

#### Involved addresses:

- a. ethValidator: 0x86ee4072b7427bca3b1109e585a32f2230c515f2
- b. C1: 0x11923d873e2030d45ace9cfc63b12257205ee609
- c. C2: 0xd46f7e32050f9b9a2416c9bb4e5b4296b890a911
- d. C3: 0x2eecbbe4fa4b67b127f50ef8640b30f6c7209d5c
- e. TheSeeder: 0x7dFd9C6CC9a028c3370aFdF041C962Cae5416892
- f. EthValidatorOutgoing: 0x1cd213d2b98f41b35e36f98d2801de05e57a82c8
- g. BlockFiHotOutgoing: 0x2a549b4af9ec39b03142da6dc32221fc390b5533
- h. LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing: 0x6930cec97cb9ad10d8b7735675cd945b744721e0
- i. LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing2: 0x58111e5e9e35eb2a59631486b588cb514a0fbf53

The following report presents the findings of a forensic blockchain investigation conducted to evaluate potential connections between the **ethValidator** address (0x86ee4072b7427bca3b1109e585a32f2230c515f2) and three other addresses:

C1 (0x11923d873e2030d45ace9cfc63b12257205ee609),

C2 (Oxd46f7e32050f9b9a2416c9bb4e5b4296b890a911),

C3 (0x2eecbbe4fa4b67b127f50ef8640b30f6c7209d5c).

The objective of this investigation is to address allegations made by a third party accusing the client, who owns all three client addresses, of misappropriating funds and transferring them to the ethValidator address. The client vehemently denies these allegations and has engaged our services to perform an in-depth on-chain analysis to



establish whether there are any substantive links between the ethValidator address and the three client addresses.

## This investigation encompasses two key vectors:

- a) Full Analysis of the ethValidator Address: This involves examining the transactions, smart contract interactions, and any associated addresses connected to the ethValidator address. By conducting a comprehensive analysis, we aim to identify any potential links between the ethValidator address and other addresses, shedding light on its activities and potential connections.
- b) Potential Links to Centralized Exchanges: This phase focuses on investigating whether the ethValidator address has any connections or interactions with centralized exchanges. By scrutinizing relevant transactions and address interactions, we aim to ascertain if the ethValidator address has engaged in any significant trading or transfer activities with exchanges, which may provide insights into its source of funds or potential involvement with the accused client addresses, this information can be used to contact these entities with a valid law enforcement document in an effort to gather more information if the owner of this address has a valid connection to C1, C2 or C3.

Through this meticulous investigation, we strive to provide an impartial and evidencebased assessment of the allegations against the client. By examining the aforementioned vectors, we aim to either substantiate or refute the claims of fund



misappropriation and establish whether the ethValidator address is linked in any way to the three client addresses.

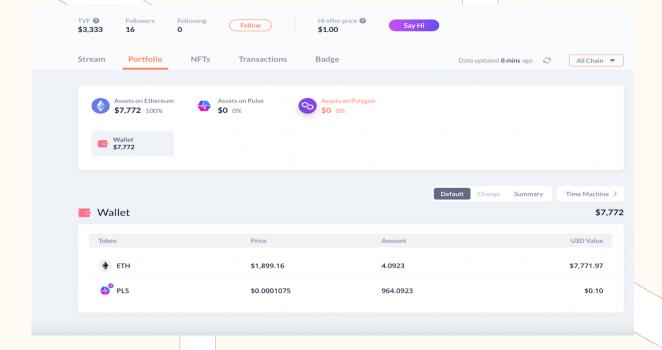
#### Disclaimer:

The findings and conclusions of this report are based solely on the analysis of onchain data and should not be considered as definitive proof of guilt or innocence. The report's purpose is to present the discovered evidence, potential connections, and insights derived from the investigation, allowing for a more informed assessment of the allegations made against the client.

# Analysis of the ethValidator address

The following deBank portfolio shows all balance of the aforementioned address on all chains:

https://debank.com/profile/0x86ee4072b7427bca3b1109e585a32f2230c515f2





#### Portfolio balance

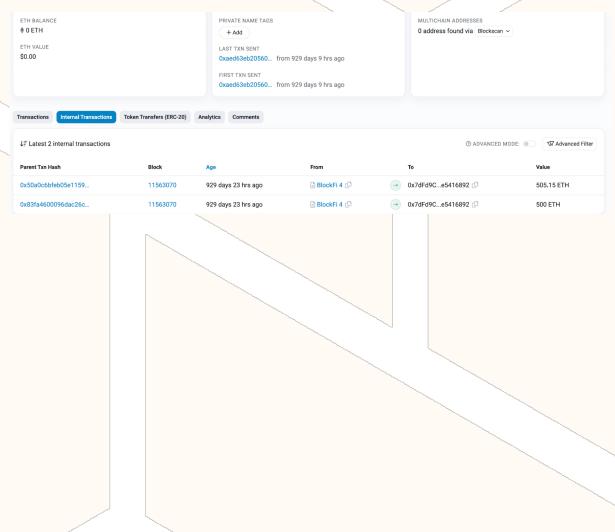
At the time of viewing (19.07.2023; 5PM CET), the address holds the following funds:

- a. Ethereum blockchain: 4.0923 unwrapped ETH
- b. Pulse blockchain: 964.0923 PLS

# **General activity**

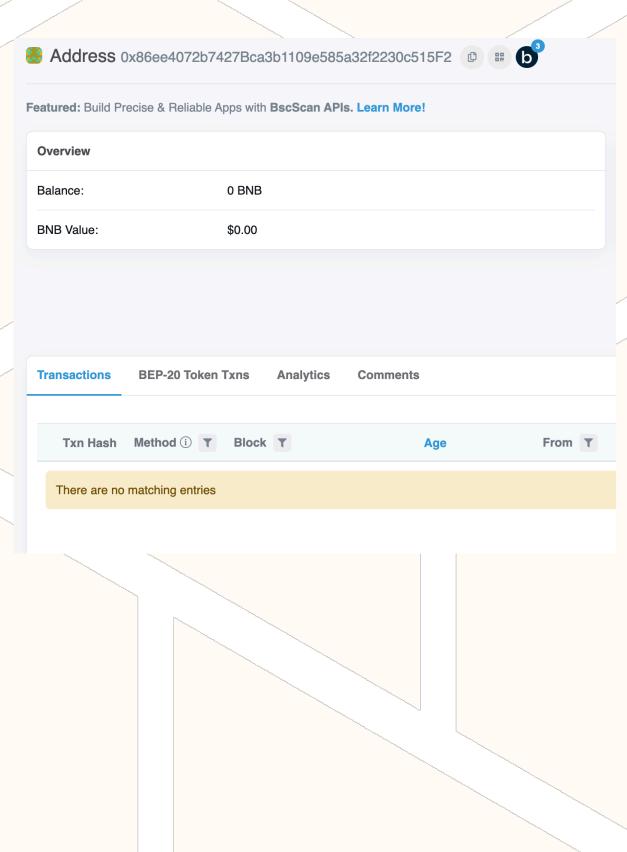
To further assess the EOA activity, we will now conduct an activity check of all prominent EVM chains, this activity check is important since malicious actors generally attempt to transact over side-chains since these are often unnoticed by a forensic analysis:

#### a. Ethereum blockchain: 33 total transactions



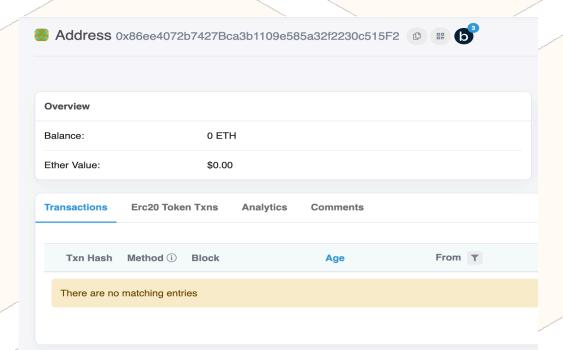


# b. BNB chain: no transactions

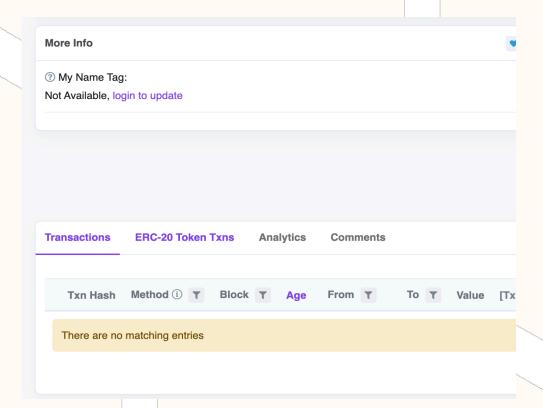




## c. Arbitrum: no transactions

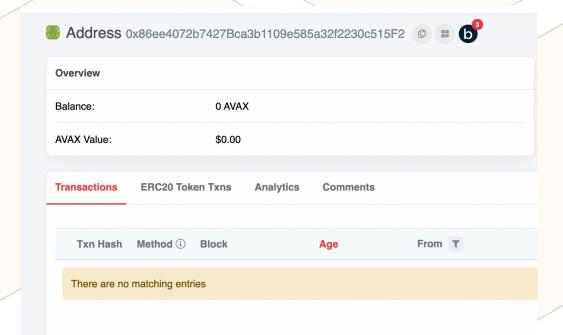


# d. Polygon: no transactions

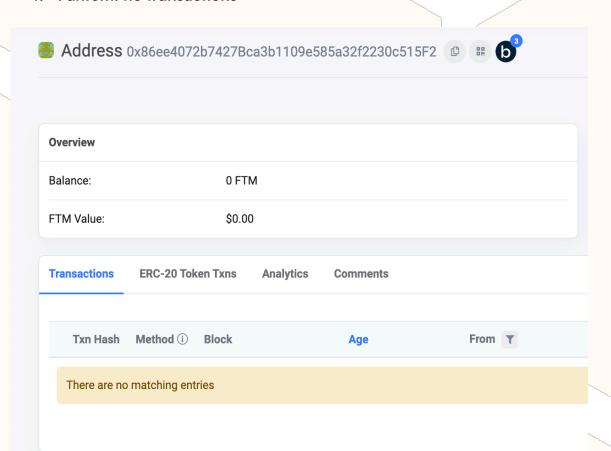




## e. Avalanche: no transactions



#### f. Fantom: no transactions





# g. Pulsechain: no transactions

#### Address Details

0x86ee4072b7427Bca3b1109e585a32f2230c515F2

③ Balance 964.09231971089111029 PLS

① Tokens 0 tokens

TransactionsTransactions

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0 Transfers

3 Gas Used

3 Last Balance Update 17825724

Fee Recipient Blocks
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Transactions

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Coin Balance History

Fee Recipient Blocks

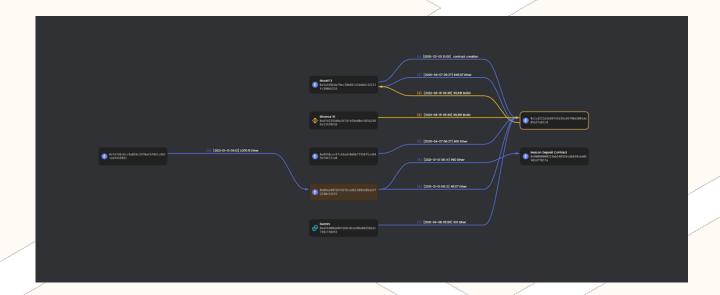
**Transactions** 

There are no transactions for this address.



# **Transaction Analysis**

The following section is focused on **all** transactions that have been made by the ethValidator address.



#### General transaction information

From 01.Jan 2021, 6:12 AM UTC until 01.Jan 2021 9:12 AM UTC, the EOA has 31 outgoing transactions, 1 failed transfer and 1 incoming transfer.

#### Address seeding

The address seeding describes the process of an EOA receiving the initial ether amount which is necessary to execute transactions. Often one can identify potential linked addresses by investigating the seed transaction.

The address was seeded by

Ox7dFd9C6CC9aO28c337OaFdFO41C962Cae5416892 ("the seeder") with the transaction hash

Oxaed63eb20560d827af5fbf6669a8831b176c7c26f048f9b664a3a4f93e474225 with an amount of 1005 Ether.

The seeder is a **hot wallet of the BlockFi exchange**: which initially received 500 and 505.15 ETH by BlockFi. With a valid law enforcement request, **BlockFi** might provide information about the depositor.



#### Smart contract interactions

The ethValidator address has conducted 31 smart contract interactions with the Beacon deposit contract:

https://etherscan.io/address/0x0000000219ab540356cbb839cbe05303d7705fa

An example tx can be found here:

https://etherscan.io/tx/0xc41778d6ccd5b38aaeecc7fbe50077f81174cda39455ad53e 817a792d0c59a9a

All transactions were staking transactions where the address has staked 32 ETH.

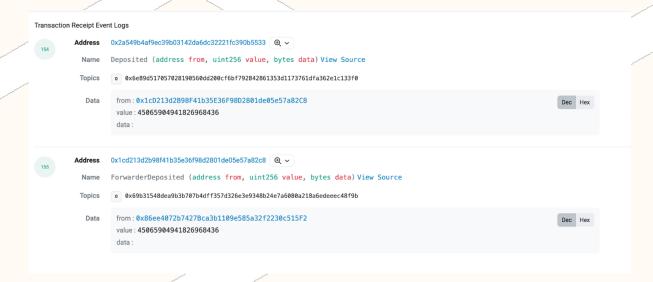
# **Outgoing transfers**

Besides the address seeding, these sort of transactions promise the highest probability of tracing funds since one can easily identify to which contracts/EOAs the address has sent ETH/ERC20 tokens.

The ethValidator address has only one outgoing ETH transfer to the following address: 0x1cd213d2b98f41b35e36f98d2801de05e57a82c8 ("ethValidatorOutgoing"), with the following transaction hash: <a href="https://etherscan.io/tx/0x4709ae3f7038788eca6a8c483e49959c4981fd6449fe012a04424a91b7a0adb9">https://etherscan.io/tx/0x4709ae3f7038788eca6a8c483e49959c4981fd6449fe012a04424a91b7a0adb9</a>

The aforementioned address seems to be a **BlockFi smart contract wallet**, as one can see in the transaction, a simple ETH transfer was made to this contract, which then triggers the contracts fallback function and sends the ETH directly to the **BlockFi hot wallet**:





with the address 0x2a549b4af9ec39b03142da6dc32221fc390b5533 ("BlockFi Hot Outgoing").

Interestingly, there are two other transactions to the ethValidatorOutgoing address:

-1)

https://etherscan.io/tx/0xld5f8270732b89la7e8f5l98564dbb2bf5678b9e55454a8c8b2fb63fd7la49f2 , a transfer incoming from **Gemini** over 100 ETH

2)

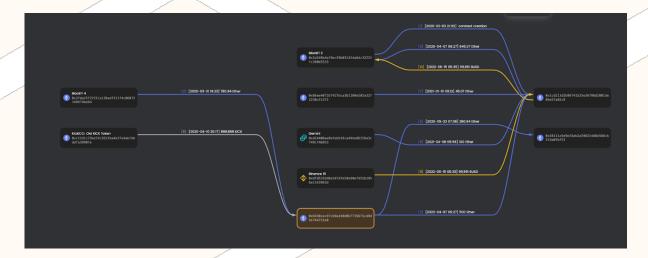
https://etherscan.io/tx/0xb726273eea54b7f81e86bfdcb375fec2fec79f142a875b2020c659f8fee34734, a transfer incoming from **Binance** over 99,991 BUSD

3)

https://etherscan.io/tx/0x9c83116602e5ece33422ec524fdf4c6e47515727901da4a0 59fd61f7d6dda279, a transfer incoming from 0x6930cec97cb9ad10d8b7735675cd945b744721e0 ("LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing")

The aforementioned address is the only real possibility to trace further steps since all other transactions, including the seeding are done **by/from exchange wallets** where a tracing is almost impossible without a law enforcement enquiry.





The analysis of the "LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing" address has shown that the address was seeded by BlockFi

Parent Txn Hash	Block	Age	From	То	Value
0xae843fbd73fbdedd8	9645568	1225 days 20 hrs ago	☐ BlockFi 4 □  ☐	0x6930cE744721e0 🗅	780.9403345 ETH

and executed an ether transfer to address:

Ox58111e5e9e35eb2a59631486b588cb514aOfbf53

("LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing2") with the following transaction hash:

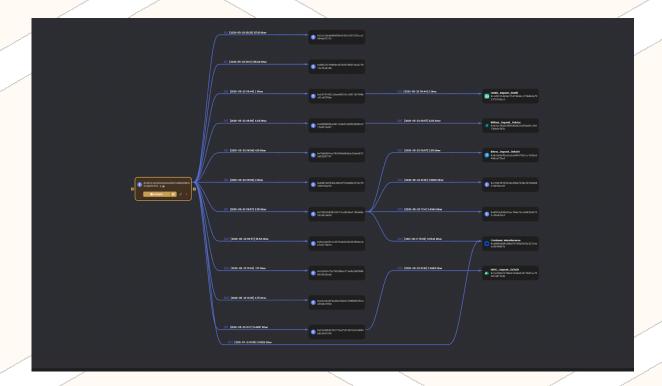
https://etherscan.io/tx/0x286a1224c3d6bd479d5370035ecf7cf2682fe89ba39f2a53b35ce35db6f22d96

Moreover, the **KickToken** was minted:

https://etherscan.io/tx/0x9300b14bfaec55870d3178d520c47bbea3d079eb7f5ccc6b4c6d1d27aec6bb03

The only tracing possibility is now the **LinkToEthValidatorOutGoing2** address which has the following transactions



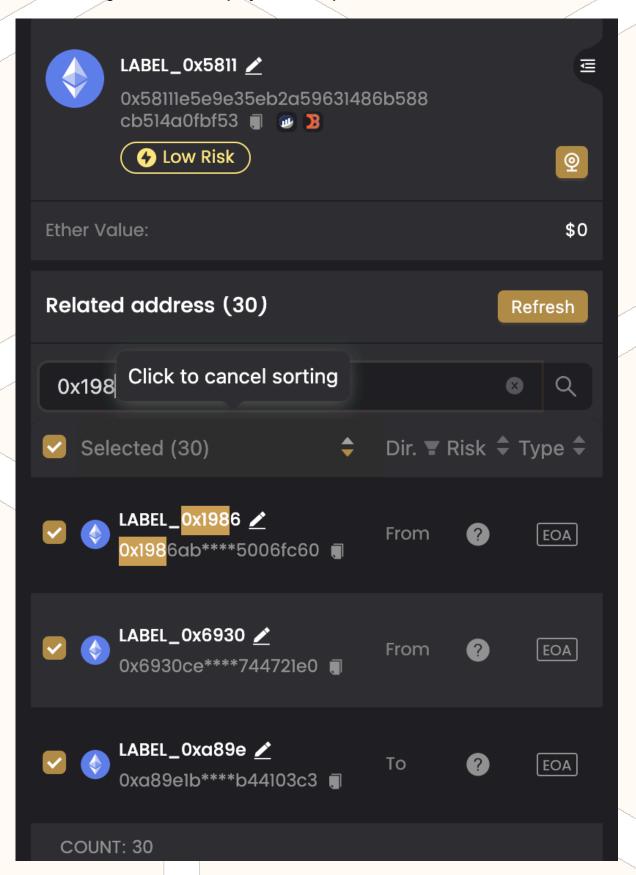


A further **detailed** analysis is at this point not possible since too many addresses are involved in this scheme, therefore, we will conduct our further analysis with **metasleuth.io** in an effort to gain potential information of any linkage from these addresses to C1, C2, C3.

As one can see from the above screenshot the LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing2 has executed several transfers to other addresses, the next step is to identify possible connections to the above mentioned **C1**, **C2**, **C3** addresses.



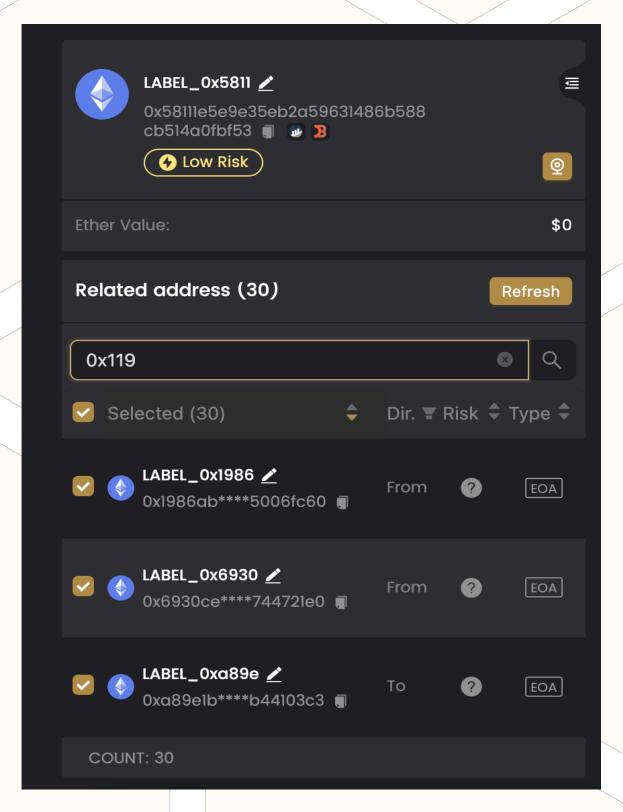
The following screenshot displays an example of a linked address:





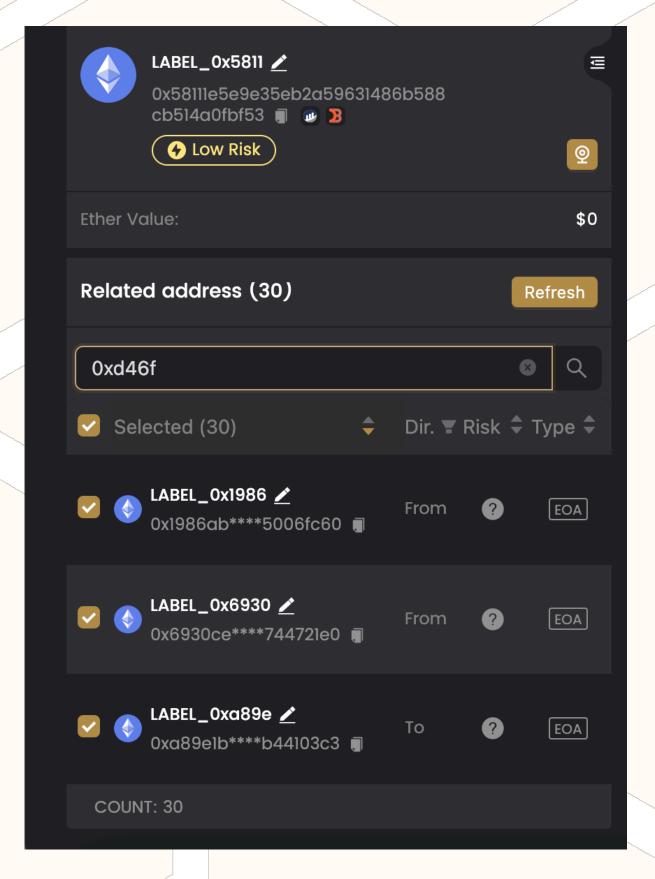
In the next steps, we display the attempt to link

C1: 0x11923d873e2030d45ace9cfc63b12257205ee609



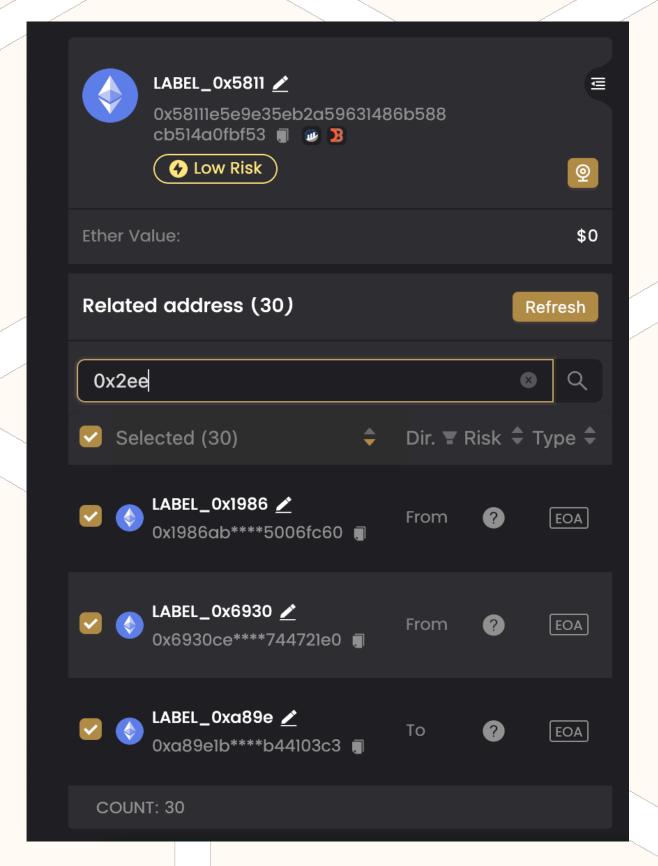


#### **C2**: 0xd46f7e32050f9b9a2416c9bb4e5b4296b890a911





#### **C3**: 0x2eecbbe4fa4b67b127f50ef8640b30f6c7209d5c





to the LinkToEthValidatorOutgoing2 address.

As one can see from the screenshots attached - no linkage has been identified.

# Result of the investigation

While the ethValidator address has several shows several ties to Gemini, BlockFi and Binance, it is not possible to conclude any results from this information without a valid law enforcement report.

Moreover, forensic investigation has not shown any direct linkage from ethValidator to C1, C2 or C3.

While this report shows that **no linkage has been found**, due to the nature of the blockchain technology, it is **not 100% proven that this address has no linkage**. An experienced blockchain user can blur tracement between wallets without leaving an indication that the tracement has been maliciously blurred (e.g. tornadocash).