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Top Stories of The Week

SEC And Gary Gensler Believed Ether Was A Security For At Least A Year, New Court Docs Reveal

CryptoNews

The United States SEC and its Chair Gary Gensler appear to have believed Ether (ETH) was a security for at least a year-long period, according to recent court filings. According to a complaint made by Ethereum development firm Consensys, the SEC Director of Enforcement Gurbir Grewal launched an investigation into “Ethereum 2.0” on March 28, 2023, over “possible offers and sales, since at least 2018, of certain securities, including, but not limited to ETH, as to which no registration statement was or is in effect ... and for which no exemption was or is available.” Consensys formally filed litigation against the SEC last week for its attempt to regulate ETH as a security, while Consensys received a Wells notice from the SEC on April 10 warning the company of a potential impending action.

Breaking: EigenLayer Floats EIGEN Token Whitepaper On GitHub

Coingape

EigenLayer, an Ethereum-based security-as-a-service protocol, released the whitepaper for its EIGEN token on GitHub. The token looks to extend EigenLayer security by using EIGEN staking and a new token forking mechanism to mediate debates that are more subjective in nature and unable to be done onchain (EigenLayer is calling these "intersubjective faults"). Aside from the novel token use case, EigenLayer's token release plans caused controversy as airdropped tokens will be non-transferable and are not claimable by residents from 30 countries.

Spot bitcoin ETFs record largest daily net outflows ever

The Block Crypto News

The US spot Bitcoin ETFs saw over \$525m of outflows on Wednesday, May 1, which included BlackRock's first ever daily outflow of \$37m from IBIT. The spot Bitcoin ETFs have now experienced net outflows seven trading days in a row, losing \$1.2b over this time.

Hong Kong Bitcoin and Ether ETFs have tough debut on first-day trading

Cointelegraph

The launch of Bitcoin and Ethereum ETFs in Hong Kong saw a disappointing first day trading volume of \$12m, significantly lower than the \$4.6b trading volume of the US Bitcoin ETFs. Despite this, the China AMC Bitcoin ETF took in \$123m on its first day, which ranks sixth of the 82 ETFs launched in the past three years in Hong Kong.

Binance Founder Changpeng Zhao Gets 4-Month Prison Sentence

The Defiant

Binance founder Changpeng Zhao (CZ) was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$50m for violating the Bank Secrecy Act by a Seattle court. The four-month sentence is well below the 36 months requested by the Department of Justice and the 18 months laid out in Zhao's previous plea agreement.

Bitcoin

[Bitcoin surges above \\$60,000 following jobs report](#)

[Logos publishes privacy manifesto on largest-ever Bitcoin block from 2009](#)

[Bitcoin Transactions Plummet Following Absurd Runes and Halving Surge](#)

[Binance Wallet announces support for Bitcoin Atomical ARC-20 assets](#)

[VanEck says about \\$175 billion in bitcoin held by ETFs, nations and companies](#)

[Build on Bitcoin Launches Mainnet With Over 40 Apps](#)

[Bitcoin Breaks Through 1.6M Confirmed Transactions in a Single Day](#)

[Less than 0.5% of Runes tokens were successful, highlights analyst](#)

[Someone 'shit in the jacuzzi' — Bitcoiners furious after testnet grieving](#)

[Blockchain gaming firm Animoca Brands 'comes to Bitcoin'](#)

[Bitcoin Layer 2 Stacks Prepares for Nakamoto Upgrade, its Largest Hard-Fork Ever](#)

[Bitcoin core dev criticizes Runes, claims the protocol exploits Bitcoin's design flaws](#)

Ethereum

[Ethereum has burnt \\$12.7bn since the London hard fork. But that may be slowing down](#)

[ENS Takes Legal Action Over Unstoppable Domains' Blockchain Naming Patent](#)

[Vitalik Buterin breaks down 'Binius' as a way to speed up zero-knowledge proofs](#)

[Ethereum transaction fees overtake Bitcoin as Runes speculation subsides](#)

[Scroll slashes fees by 75%, but will that be enough to draw new users?](#)

[Liquid Restaking Protocol Renzo Airdrops REZ Token, Debuts at \\$289M Market Cap](#)

[Ethereum Gas Fees Hit Six-Month Low, Indicating Potential Altcoin Surge: Santiment](#)

[Renzo Updates Airdrop Terms After Explosive ezETH Depeg](#)

Altcoins

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[Jito Price Jumps After Topping Solana DeFi Protocols With \\$1 Billion Locked](#)

[FriendTech's token launches for trading alongside airdrop claims and version 2 rollout](#)

[Biggest Friend.tech whale dumps tokens as users struggle to claim airdrop](#)

[AltLayer introduces reALT token in second phase of staking program](#)

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[DeFi lending giant Aave unveils V4 protocol overhaul](#)

[Kamino Finance Debuts Token With 70% Drop In Price](#)

[Worldcoin Operator Announces Mexico Expansion – Despite Potential Probe](#)

[Fantom bets on 'safer memecoins' with launch of \\$6.5M dev fund](#)

[Aevo and Pyth lead May's \\$3 billion crypto token unlock wave](#)

[Curve Finance awards dev \\$250K for finding reentrancy vulnerability](#)

[Sui partners with Google Cloud to accelerate Web3 and AI integration](#)

[Monero hits eight-year low against Bitcoin as regulatory pressures mount](#)

[FTX estate wraps up second tranche of locked Solana sales with bids around \\$100](#)

[Dogwifhat surpasses \\$41 after Bybit listing](#)

[Bitcoin Token Runecoin Hits All-Time High Price Ahead of OKX Listing](#)

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[Ripple Partners with HashKey DX to Introduce XRPL-Based Solutions in Japan through SBI Group](#)

[OpenAI hit with privacy complaint in Austria, potential EU law breach](#)

[Lido Finance hits 1M validators, fueling the growth of DeFi](#)

[The Week in Polkadot: Web3 Foundation Backs Decentralized Storage](#)

Stablecoins

[Tether CEO Paolo Ardoino teases potential Pear Phone powered by P2P apps](#)

[Tether Partners With Chainalysis to Monitor Transactions and Combat Illicit Activity](#)

[Stablecoin volumes stay strong as FDUSD hits record high, while USDT declines](#)

[Coinbase Plans To Offer Stablecoin Pegged To Canadian Dollar](#)

[Tether nets record \\$4.5B profit in Q1 2024 majority from Bitcoin and gold](#)

[Stablecoin Bill Unlikely to Get Pinned to FAA Reauthorization, Putting Effort On Hold Again](#)

[Tether Invests \\$200 Million in Blackrock Neurotech's Neurological Disorder Solutions](#)

[Stablecoin legislation could prove bigger than US spot bitcoin ETFs, Bitwise CIO says](#)

[Circle's USDC pulls ahead of Tether's USDT in transaction volume — Visa](#)

[How EU's 'complete mess' on stablecoin regulation risks delistings with MiCA deadline approaching](#)

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[Vested crypto tokens worth over \\$3B to be unlocked in May](#)

[LayerZero airdrop timing just got clearer](#)

[TradFi Veterans Pitch Tokenized Asset Marketplace With Eyes on U.S. Regulatory Approval](#)

[Ex-Starknet and Yuga Labs Execs Join Kraken-backed \\$100M L1 Nibiru Chain](#)

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[Trezor to end privacy-enhancing coinjoin feature as Wasabi Wallet steps back](#)

[EigenLayer to cough up around 28M more EIGEN after airdrop backlash](#)

[SynFutures v3 Overtakes Uniswap and dYdX By Daily Volume](#)

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[Witness Chain Soars Past \\$5B In Delegated ETH Amid Polygon DePIN Push](#)

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[Broadridge to Bolster Prometheus's Digital Asset Securities Infrastructure](#)

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[Lawyers for Terraform and Do Kwon say fines should be closer to \\$1 million, not the SEC's proposed \\$5.3 billion](#)

[Samourai Wallet Co-Founder Pleads Not Guilty to Money Laundering Charges, Released on Bail](#)

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[Moonbirds Soar as Yuga Labs Looks to Restore NFT Holders' IP Rights](#)

[Grant Yun's debut NFT collection on Solana sells out in 9 minutes](#)

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[Ethereum Game 'MetalCore' Adding MON Token Rewards From 'Pixelmon'](#)

['Heroes of Mavia' Delays Ethereum Token Unlocks as Price Falls 65% Since February](#)

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[China AMC's Bitcoin ETF to Open Door for Chinese RMB Investors](#)

[Spot bitcoin ETFs saw \\$344 million net withdrawals in April as flow reversal continued](#)

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