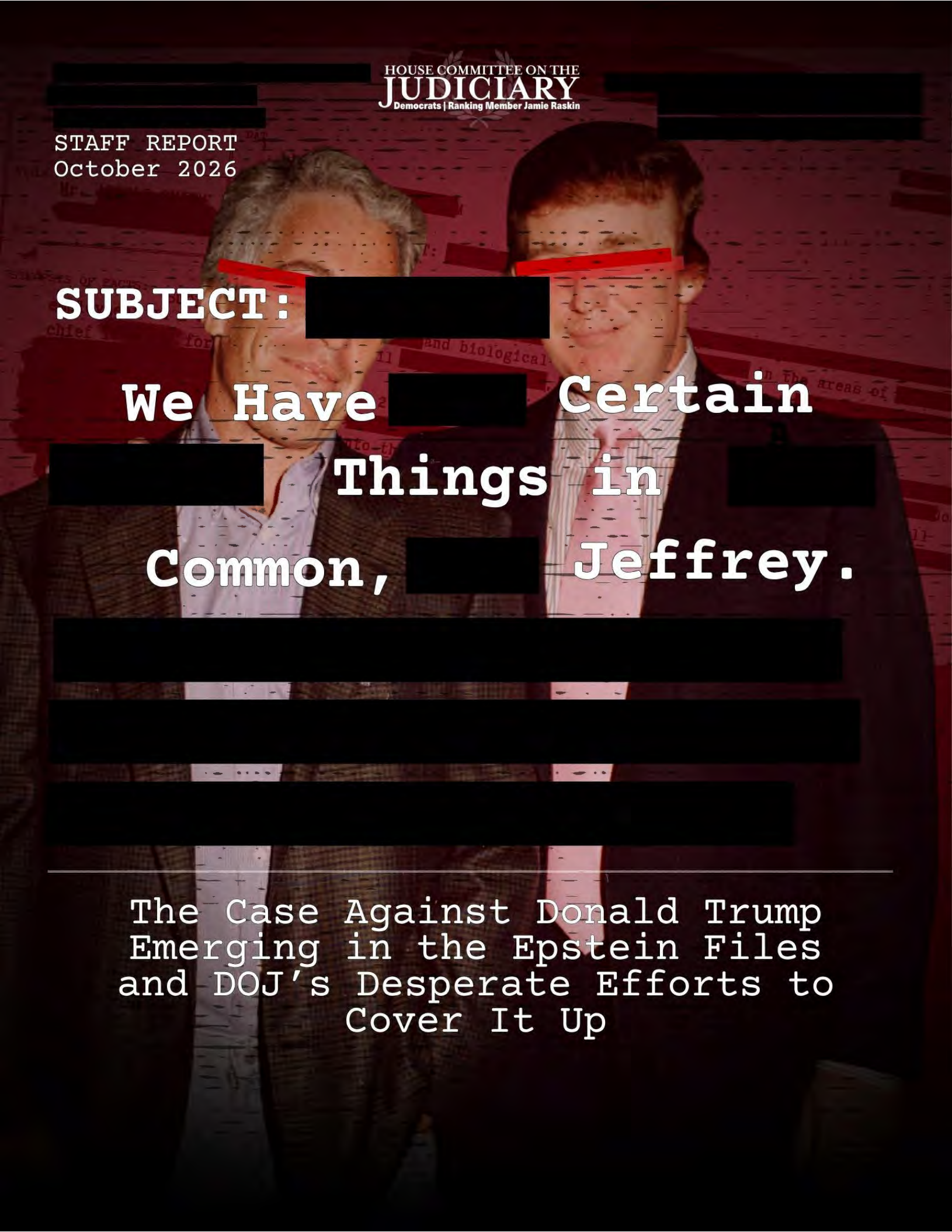

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A growing body of evidence demonstrates that Donald Trump was an active participant in Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse of young women during the mid-to-late 1990s. The Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are doing everything they can to keep the American people in the dark about it.

From the very first weeks of the Trump Administration, DOJ shut down ongoing criminal investigations into Epstein's enablers and co-conspirators, lied about clear evidence of crimes in its possession, and sought to silence survivors. In July 2025, then-Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche and one of his senior deputies, Emil Bove—both former criminal defense lawyers for Donald Trump—released a memorandum stating that DOJ and FBI had determined that "no further disclosure" of the Epstein files would be "appropriate or warranted."

Trump has claimed that the Epstein files "totally exonerate" him, but the evidence, as detailed in this Staff Report, could not be less exonerating. The historical record shows that Trump was a close friend and confidant of Epstein. Trump flew on his jet with Epstein's victims and made shared references to lusting after young women. The record shows that Epstein and Trump, working with other predators like Paolo Zampolli and John Casablancas, exploited the thin veneer of professionalism offered by the 1990s modeling industry to lure victims into their orbit. The evidence, much of it still hiding behind redactions in DOJ vaults, shows that Trump lied about kicking Epstein out of his Mar-a-Lago club and strongly suggests that Epstein introduced Trump to his wife Melania. The evidence demonstrates that Trump has lied about the nature and extent of his relationship with Epstein dozens of times—incriminating behavior for someone who supposedly has nothing to hide.

Above all, the actual evidence we have seen—*as shared in the accounts and stories of 11 women, each described below*—indicates that Trump abused, assaulted, and even raped numerous women alongside, and in coordination with, the most infamous sex trafficker in history.

These stories are united by time, place, and the distinct factual similarities in how Trump and Epstein pursued, manipulated, and abused these women. With one exception, these accounts of sexual assault and conspiracy involve episodes that took place between 1992 and 1997 in New York City and Palm Beach, at a time when Trump and Epstein were "close friends" and participated in a shadowy subculture organized around young female modeling. Witnesses speak consistently of modeling pageants and parties where young women and girls were forced into predatory situations and routinely taken advantage of, abused, and raped. They give similar accounts of the competitive and sinister relationship between Epstein and Trump and how it was channeled into their shared pursuit of young women. Taken together, the evidence provided by the stories of these 11 women, and the documentary evidence that supports and corroborates their stories, indisputably meets and surpasses FBI's standard for opening a full investigation: that "activity constituting a federal crime … may have occurred."[1]

[1] *The Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic FBI Operations*, at 21-22, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE (2008), https://www.justice.gov/archive/opa/docs/guidelines.pdf.

Of the 11 women who tie Donald Trump to Epstein's sex trafficking operation, five of them—Beatrice Keul, Stacey Williams, Jill Harth, Katie Johnson, and a Jane Doe—have directly accused Trump of raping or sexually assaulting them in Epstein's company or direct physical presence:

- **Beatrice Keul**, whose account is comprehensively set forth for the first time in this report, credibly alleges that Trump violently raped her at a November 1993 pageant at the Plaza Hotel in New York City and that Epstein, Trump, and others used this pageant as a "hunting ground" to prey on vulnerable young women and girls;

- **Stacey Williams**, who offered a detailed and corroborated account of Trump sexually assaulting her in the early 1990s while she was alone with him and Epstein in an office at Trump Tower;

- **Jill Harth**, who has also publicly detailed Trump aggressively pursuing and violently sexually assaulting her and another woman in 1994 at a Mar-a-Lago party where Epstein and Trump were the only men present;

- **Katie Johnson**, who gave FBI a detailed account of her repeated rape at the hands of Trump and Epstein in 1994 in New York City when she was a minor; and

- A **Jane Doe**, who offered FBI a graphic account of Trump assaulting her when she was a minor in the mid-1980s in New York by forcibly pushing her head down to his exposed penis.

Beyond these direct allegations of physical assault, three survivors speak of encounters with Trump whose circumstances indicate that he was a participant in Epstein's crimes, as shown by how Epstein and his accomplice, Ghislaine Maxwell, tried to make (or made) these women available for sex.

- Two Epstein survivors—"**Jane**" and "**Kate**"—told FBI that either Epstein or Maxwell seemingly offered them up to Trump for the purposes of sex or indicated their availability. Jane and Kate were deemed so credible that federal prosecutors called them to testify as government witnesses—subject to probing cross-examination—against Ghislaine Maxwell at her criminal trial.

- Another survivor, **Maria Farmer**, described how Epstein had to actively prevent Trump from preying on her late at night after Trump confused her with a teenage girl potentially victimized by Epstein.

Kate's story is particularly suggestive of Trump's active involvement in Epstein's sex trafficking ring. Her FBI witness interview, released in the Epstein files, details how Ghislaine Maxwell took her to a party in New York where Maxwell "presented" Kate to Trump.[2] Kate, a

[2] EFTA00158676.

young model, remarked that this was the same way Maxwell "introduced [Kate] to Epstein."[3] Another document in the file confirms that Maxwell set Kate up on a date with Trump, and other sources show Maxwell, Trump, and Kate then traveled together on Trump's private jet to Florida. Maxwell's role of introducing young women to Trump was so well known that a tabloid covered it in 1997, remarking how Trump was friends with "*Robert Maxwell's daughter Ghislaine, who has introduced several of her attractive friends to the property developer*."[4]

Beyond direct victim accounts of rape and assault, three additional women appeared to have shared a possibly sexual relationship with Epstein and Trump. In one case, Epstein joked perversely that he *sold* "a fully depreciated woman" to Trump: the woman in question was a young, foreign, recent college graduate who dated both men. Other accounts describe Trump's assault of a young model, Lauren Petrella, at a party where Epstein was present. And Trump paid for yet another young model to live at one of his buildings in New York, around the time when she was flying on Epstein's jet with Maxwell and Prince Andrew.

These reports do not stand alone, and they are not aberrations. They are remarkably consistent with the extensive public reports of Trump's sexual misconduct at the time. Other women have accused Trump of a range of sexual misconduct at similar modeling events and parties in New York and Palm Beach—including Trump arranging for pageant contestants as young as 14 to dance for him and his frequent practice of walking into changing rooms while young girls were in a state of undress. Indeed, Trump has acknowledged this lecherous behavior, boasting he could "get away with it" because he owned the pageants in question. In 2005, in the now notorious *Access Hollywood* recording, Trump bragged that "when you're a star, [beautiful women] let you do it. You can do anything. Grab 'em by the pussy. You can do anything."[5] When asked about this video in a civil deposition, Trump defended this statement, stating that he was one such "star."[6]

In total, more than 25 different women—some connected to Epstein and many not—have independently accused Donald Trump of rape, sexual assault, or other sexual misconduct.[7] His ex-wife Ivana Trump stated in a sworn deposition during their divorce proceedings that Trump had physically and sexually assaulted her in 1989, pulling out clumps of her hair and raping her after an argument.[8] As part of E. Jean Carroll's civil cases against Trump, a federal jury unanimously found that Trump forcibly penetrated Carroll after cornering her in a department store changing room in 1996 in New York.[9] The sheer number of these reports and these demonstrated crimes

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[3] *Id.*

[4] *How Suite! Trump's Brit of All Right*, SUNDAY MIRROR (Nov. 23, 1997), https://www.newspapers.com/article/sunday-mirror/138828430/ (emphasis added).

[5] NBC News, *Donald Trump Makes Lewd Remarks About Women on Video*, YOUTUBE (Oct. 7, 2016), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYqKx1GuZGg.

[6] Olivia Rubin & Aaron Katersky, *Trump, in Deposition, Doubles Down on 'Access Hollywood' Remarks About Grabbing Women*, ABC NEWS (May 5, 2023), https://abcnews.com/US/trump-deposition-doubles-access-hollywood-remarks-grabbing-women/story?id=99107636.

[7] Lisa Desjardins, *All the Assault Allegations Against Donald Trump, Recapped*, PBS NEWS (updated June 21, 2019), https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/assault-allegations-donald-trump-recapped.

[8] *Id*.

[9] Aaron Blake, *Judge Clarifies: Yes, Trump Was Found to Have Raped E. Jean Carroll*, WASH. POST (July 19, 2023), https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/07/19/trump-carroll-judge-rape/.

suggest that most, if not all, of these dozens of women are telling the truth. Even Vice President JD Vance repeatedly stated in 2016 that he believed Donald Trump had committed sexual assault and that he credited the accounts of Trump's accusers over Trump's self-serving denials.[10]

In the face of this wave of evidence, the only recourse for the President has been to spread lies and obfuscation. In July 2019, after Epstein was arrested on charges of conspiracy to traffic minors, Donald Trump claimed that he knew Epstein "just like everybody in Palm Beach knew him" and insisted that he "had no idea" about Epstein's crimes.[11]

This evasion and this denial are contradicted by almost all of the available evidence, including Trump and Epstein's own words and the documents contained in the Epstein files. Epstein bragged he was Trump's "closest friend for 10 years."[12] In 2002, Trump said of Epstein: "I've known Jeff for 15 years. Terrific guy. He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side."[13] Since these statements, and the world's discovery of Epstein's crimes, Trump has unleashed a string of easily refutable lies about their relationship. He has falsely claimed that he never rode on Epstein's private jet (*he did, repeatedly*), that he kicked Epstein out of his Mar-a-Lago Club (*he did not*), and that he did not write Epstein a lewd birthday note (*he most certainly did, as the whole world can see*). This Staff Report, relying on redacted passages in the Epstein files and new, never-before-released whistleblower testimony, further reveals the full scope and brazenness of Trump's lies.

Despite the specific and credible allegations made against Trump and a decades-long pattern of predatory practices, DOJ keeps repeating the absurd claim it first advanced last summer: that DOJ and FBI lack *any* evidence to investigate or prosecute *any* of Epstein's enablers, accomplices, or co-conspirators. While many individuals benefit from this continued cover-up and refusal to undertake investigative activity, DOJ and FBI's abject dereliction of duty appears aimed at protecting one individual in particular: the Attorney General's previous client and now direct boss, President Donald Trump.

As revealed by this Staff Report, documents in the Epstein files show that then-Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche likely knew about certain survivors' claims against the President when he traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, to interview Epstein co-conspirator Maxwell in federal prison. The transcript of that meeting shows that on at least three separate occasions, Blanche directed Maxwell *not* to discuss one individual, Jane, whose report to FBI implicated Donald Trump in Epstein's sex trafficking ring, but whose claims were not yet known to the public. In

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[10] Em Steck & Andrew Kaczynski, *JD Vance Repeatedly Indicated in 2016 that He Believed Donald Trump Had Committed Sexual Assault*, CNN (July 23, 2024), www.cnn.com/2024/07/23/politics/kfile-jd-vance-believed-donald-trump-sexual-assault-allegations-2016.

[11] Brooke Singman, *Trump Says He Was 'Not a Fan' of Jeffrey Epstein, Despite Past Comments*, FOX NEWS (July 9, 2019), https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-says-he-was-not-a-fan-of-jeffrey-epstein-despite-past-comments; Rebecca Schneid, *Trump Reportedly Told Police 20 Years Ago That 'Everyone' Knew About Epstein, Called Maxwell 'Evil'*, TIME (Feb. 10, 2026), https://time.com/7377403/trump-epstein-maxwell-files/.

[12] Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded over the Pursuit of Women*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html.

[13] Landon Thomas Jr., *Jeffrey Epstein: International Moneyman of Mystery*, N.Y. MAGAZINE (Oct. 28, 2002), https://nymag.com/nymetro/news/people/n_7912/#print.

other words, Attorney General Blanche may have engaged in criminal obstruction of justice while acting on a mission to protect Trump.[14]

This pattern of obstruction is, of course, not limited to the Maxwell interview and her subsequent favorable treatment in a minimum-security camp. The public has rightfully questioned why DOJ has engaged in such a puzzling mix of denials, dubious assertions, and secrecy with respect to the Epstein files, particularly after so many Administration officials promised to release the files during the campaign. The explosive Trump-Epstein connection helps provide an answer to these perplexing questions:

- Why, after publicly and vehemently demanding for years release of the Epstein files and then promising to release them, would Donald Trump and his handpicked lawyers refuse to release them and actively work to thwart their disclosure?

- Why were senior prosecutors working on the Epstein case in the Southern District of New York ordered to send their investigative files to DOJ headquarters in Washington, D.C., in January 2025?

- Why did DOJ and FBI then abruptly close the case in July 2025 and declare, without offering any explanation or supporting details, that DOJ and FBI "did not uncover evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties" despite having the names of over 20 alleged co-conspirators from nearly 50 survivors?[15]

- If the investigation was closed, why did then-Deputy Attorney General (and former Trump personal attorney) Blanche suddenly fly to Florida and interview Maxwell in prison, immediately after she was called to testify before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform? What information was he seeking to find—or suppress—that would spur him to make such an abrupt, extraordinary, and unprecedented trip?

- Why was Maxwell transferred to a minimum-security camp after the interview and showered with deluxe treatment, all in apparent violation of the Bureau of Prisons' policy preventing sex offenders from being sent to that institution?[16]

- Why did DOJ's obstruction continue even after Congress passed the Epstein Files Transparency Act (EFTA)? Why were Trump and his lawyers so determined to

[14] 18 U.S.C. § 1512 – Tampering With Victims, Witnesses, Or Informants; 18 U.S.C. 1505 – Obstruction Of Pending Proceeding.

[15] Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to The Hon. Pamela J. Bondi, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Nov. 3, 2025), https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-11-03-raskin-to-bondi-doj-re-epstein-survivors-investigation_0.pdf.

[16] Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to The Hon. Donald J. Trump, President, The White House (Nov. 9, 2025), http://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025-11-09-raskin-to-trump-wh-re-maxwell.pdf.

cover up the contents in their possession that they refused to release a huge portion of the documents and heavily redacted the ones that were released even after Congress had passed EFTA?

- Why do journalists, survivors, and members of the public keep identifying additional records that DOJ—under Attorney General Blanche's direction—has unlawfully redacted or withheld?

These questions have a straightforward answer: the Trump Administration took these actions because Donald Trump is personally implicated in Epstein's sex trafficking operation. And these questions lead inescapably to this one: are Attorney General Blanche and DOJ deliberately covering up *further* evidence that directly implicates Trump in Epstein's crimes of sex trafficking and abuse of female minors?

It appears that they are. Instead of pursuing justice for Epstein's survivors, former Attorney General Pam Bondi and Attorney General Blanche have been running DOJ like a private legal defense firm for their former client. Determined to protect the President at any cost, DOJ itself now leads the cover-up of Epstein's sex trafficking operation. Todd Blanche has gone from being Donald Trump's personal attorney to his personal Attorney General.

A cover-up for one has now become a cover-up for all. By shutting down the Epstein investigation and insisting there is no evidence to predicate any further investigation, DOJ has given a pass to likely co-conspirators like Paolo Zampolli, Leon Black, Jes Staley, Les Wexner, Leon Botstein, Lesley Groff, and Larry Visoki, among many others, because investigating these men would be to acknowledge that other participants may still be at large and subject to arrest, prosecution, and punishment for their crimes. DOJ will "support" the survivors only insofar as they do not produce a single inconvenient truth about the men and women who actually abused them. This refusal to investigate even the most damning facts in the Epstein files has been a critical component of DOJ's lawless mission to protect the President. In this case, the collateral damage is catastrophic.

House Judiciary Committee Democrats stand on the side of the rule of law and for the transparency necessary for criminal accountability to occur. The stakes of the Epstein-Maxwell conspiracy are monumental. Human trafficking, child abuse, and rape are among the most serious offenses that our law recognizes. Government complicity in a cover-up to protect traffickers and rapists is criminal obstruction of justice and an intolerable offense against a free society. Moreover, a President implicated in a sex trafficking operation is a President exposed, constantly vulnerable to blackmail by foreign governments and domestic criminals. The full extent of the President of the United States' involvement with a criminal sex trafficking ring is, inescapably, of the utmost concern to Congress and the American people.

THE BACKDROP: SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN THE GOTHAM CITY OF DONALD TRUMP, JEFFREY EPSTEIN, AND PAOLO ZAMPOLLI

Before turning to the specific accounts of women and survivors linking Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein, it is important to understand both men's relationship with the New York of the 1990s, where powerful men—like Trump and Epstein—recruited, manipulated, and abused young women in the fashion and modeling industries. By and large, the Epstein survivors' accounts center on the time period between 1992 and 1997 in New York City and, to a more limited extent, Palm Beach. A close review of this time period also directly implicates other men in this sex trafficking conspiracy, foremost among them Paolo Zampolli—until recently, a senior Trump Administration official and diplomat.

It is well known today that Jeffrey Epstein used the fashion and modeling industries as a pipeline to recruit, traffic and exploit young women and girls. One foreign model recruited by Epstein from overseas told reporters: "He said he'd make my dream come true, but he turned it into a f**king nightmare."[17] A series of interlocking relationships among prominent men who owned modeling agencies, including Donald Trump, John Casablancas, Jean Luc-Brunel, and Trump fixer Paolo Zampolli, bolstered and cemented Epstein's sinister criminal design, becoming a "f**king nightmare" for all the girls entrapped in it.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, certain unregulated "talent agencies," empowered by the absence of any labor protections and driven by extreme power imbalances based on gender, wealth, age, and class, turned the New York modeling industry into a system of organized sexual assault, exploitation, and human trafficking. Hundreds or perhaps thousands of girls, some as young as 14, were caught up in the tentacles of this criminal network. As Carrie Goldberg, a Brooklyn lawyer who represents victims of child sex abuse, observed, the problem for young models during this time was "they weren't seen as children, but legally they are, and they were."[18] This predatory culture—like other institutionalized systems of sexual assault in churches, schools, and universities—depended on silence. As one former model stated, "there are repercussions for speaking out. I look back at my career, and it's so sad, but I was a child who said, 'No, don't rape me anymore,'" and because of that "I didn't work. I was taken out of the game."[19] Another model who spoke out referenced the hopelessness of fighting back. "In reality, I had no chance against these powerful men that were 20 years older than me, plotting against me."[20]

Both of the models quoted above worked for Elite Model Management ("Elite"), a company owned by John Casablancas, Jeffrey Epstein's close associate and a longtime business

[17] Curt Devine, et al., *'She's a Gift': How Epstein Exploited His Fashion World Connections to Reach Young Women*, CNN (June 13, 2026), www.cnn.com/2026/06/13/us/epstein-victims-model-scouts-fashion-invs-vis.

[18] Ginia Bellafante, *Why an Ex-Supermodel Who Says She Was Raped at 17 Is Suing Now*, N.Y. TIMES (updated Sept. 7, 2021), https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/13/nyregion/carre-otis-sutton-sexual-assault-lawsuit.html.

[19] Diana Falzone, *These Models Spoke out About Their Sexual Assaults and Say They Were Blacklisted*, ROLLING STONE (Apr. 1, 2023), https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-features/four-models-come-forward-sexual-assaults-blacklisted-fashion-gerald-marie-paul-marciano-harvey-weinstein-1234705439/.

[20] David Mercer, *Models 'Raped, Groomed and Sold by Agents' in Fashion's 'Darkest Secret'*, SKY NEWS (June 20, 2022), https://news.sky.com/story/ex-models-tell-of-alleged-rapes-and-sexual-abuse-by-master-manipulators-in-fashion-industry-12622560?.

partner and friend of Donald Trump. Tragically, their allegations were not isolated. Over a dozen Elite models have accused Casablancas and his business partner, Elite President Gérald Marie, of raping them, and the two men were known to compete over having sex with young models.[21] Casablancas also directly provided the models to Epstein. According to one lawsuit, in 1990, Casablancas sent a teenage model for her first "casting call" at a residential address on New York's Upper East Side. The address was Epstein's, and he sexually assaulted her.[22]

The next year, in 1991, real estate mogul and businessman Donald Trump began hosting Elite's "Look of the Year" competition for young models between the ages of 14 and 19.[23] Trump's involvement in the "Look of the Year" pageant has long provoked skeptical questions. As *The Guardian* put it, "Why would a man in his 40s, whose main business was real-estate development, want to host a beauty contest for teenage girls?"[24] Donald Trump's business partner, John Casablancas, who was in his 50s at the time, was quite open about his own reasons: he expressed a "personal preference for girls of only just legal age—'child women.'" Casablancas had a public "affair" with a 15-year-old model in the 1980s and met his third wife, Brazilian model Aline Wermelinger, at the 1992 "Look of the Year" contest hosted by Donald Trump, when Aline was just 16.[25]

The "Look of the Year" pageants were plagued by accusations of sexual exploitation. Contestants as young as 14 recalled being forced to dance for Trump, Casablancas, and other men on a yacht. One model recalled that "Every time we changed, it was like Trump would find a reason to come backstage."[26] Another model recalled Trump entering the dressing rooms: "He'd come by and say, 'Hey girls, are we ready?'"[27] The "Look of the Year" contest led to multiple accusations of sexual assault and rape against Casablancas and other pageant judges, including the magician David Copperfield.

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[21] Antonio Planas & Diana Dasrath, *Former Model Claims in Lawsuit She Was Raped as a Teenager by Agency Executive*, NBC NEWS (Aug. 13, 2021), www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/former-model-claims-lawsuit-she-was-raped-teenager-agency-executive-n1276818.

[22] Lucy Osborne, et al., *Teen Models, Powerful Men and Private Dinners: When Trump Hosted Look of the Year*, THE GUARDIAN (Mar. 14, 2020), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/14/teen-models-powerful-men-when-donald-trump-hosted-look-of-the-year.

[23] Veronica Horwell, *John Casablancas Obituary*, THE GUARDIAN (July 24, 2013), https://www.theguardian.com/fashion/2013/jul/24/john-casablancas.

[24] Lucy Osborne, et al., *Teen Models, Powerful Men and Private Dinners: When Trump Hosted Look of the Year*, THE GUARDIAN (Mar. 14, 2020), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/14/teen-models-powerful-men-when-donald-trump-hosted-look-of-the-year.

[25] *Id.*; Eric Wilson, *John Casablancas, Modeling Visionary, Dies at 70*, N.Y. TIMES (July 20, 2013), https://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/21/nyregion/john-casablancas-modeling-visionary-dies-at-70.html.

[26] Lucy Osborne, et al., *Teen Models, Powerful Men and Private Dinners: When Trump Hosted Look of the Year*, THE GUARDIAN (Mar. 14, 2020), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/14/teen-models-powerful-men-when-donald-trump-hosted-look-of-the-year.

[27] *Id.*

Images: (Left) Trump with "Look of the Year" competition contestants in 1991. The winner of the competition that year was 14 years old. (Right) Trump and John Casablancas at the "Look of the Year" competition at the Plaza Hotel in 1991.

As documented by interviews conducted by the House Judiciary Committee, Epstein would attend pageants, parties, and other events that Casablancas and Trump would host, including at Mar-a-Lago, to prey on young women. Ron Rice, the founder of another beauty pageant, told reporters that "he would send models and pageant contestants to Mar-a-Lago for parties at" the request of both Trump and Casablancas. The first-hand accounts of these parties are chilling. Former teen model Tina Davis said in an interview that in 1994, when she was 14 years old, her booker instructed her to "dress sexy" and attend a Mar-a-Lago party, where young, underage girls were plied with alcohol. At that party, Marla Maples, then married to Donald Trump, cornered Davis's mother and reportedly told her: "Whatever you do, do not let her around any of these men, and especially my husband."[28]

Other reports of young models around Trump and Casablancas justify Marla Maples's concerns. Several years after that incident, in 1996, a young woman named Lisa Boyne attended a dinner with Trump, Casablancas, and six models on the Lower East Side. During the dinner, Boyne alleges that Trump and Casablancas made the women dance on the table, peeked under their skirts, and described their underwear. Boyne stated that both Trump and Casablancas refused to leave their seats at the end of the table, meaning the women were forced to climb over them or the table, in their skirts, to leave.[29]

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[28] Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded over the Pursuit of Women*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html; Lucy Osborne, et al., *Teen Models, Powerful Men and Private Dinners: When Trump Hosted Look of the Year*, THE GUARDIAN (Mar. 14, 2020), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/14/teen-models-powerful-men-when-donald-trump-hosted-look-of-the-year.

[29] Amber Jamieson, et al., *A Timeline of Donald Trump's Alleged Sexual Misconduct: Who, When and What*, THE GUARDIAN (Oct. 27, 2016), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/oct/13/list-of-donald-trump-sexual-misconduct-allegations.

Donald Trump also pursued modeling ventures of his own. In 1993, he hosted the American Dream Calendar Girls competition (also called the "Donald J. Trump American Dream Pageant") at his casino in Atlantic City and his Plaza Hotel in New York. He later bought the Miss Universe Pageant and then founded Trump Model Management (TMM), poaching numerous staff from Casablancas's agency. In some industry experts' view, this represented an attempt to gain access to a steady stream of women without the middlemen of model agents. One explained, "If you have your own agency and you're the owner, you can tell your bookers to make a party."[30] Three former Trump models, all noncitizens of the U.S., told reporters in 2016 that TMM profited by using foreign models who came to the country on tourist visas that did not allow them to work here."[31] Multiple models who worked for TMM described it as akin to "modern-day slavery."[32] Epstein later told a journalist how Trump used to offer other men the opportunity to "have a great time" with the models in his contests.[33] Jeffrey Epstein evidently appreciated Donald Trump's business model. When, years later, Jeffrey Epstein helped finance and set up the modeling agency MC2 Model Management, he explicitly remarked that he wanted it run and organized just like Donald Trump's modeling agency.[34]

Another key player in this world with close ties to Trump, Casablancas, and Epstein was Paolo Zampolli. An Italian-born modeling agent who until recently served as Trump's Special Envoy for Global Partnerships, Zampolli remains a close friend of the President and First Lady Melania Trump. In the 1990s, Zampolli worked as a modeling talent scout and eventually founded his own firm, ID Model Management. Zampolli has long claimed credit for hiring a young Slovenian model named Melania Knauss and sponsoring her immigration to the United States, arranging for her to receive an H-1B visa and setting her up in a New York apartment in 1996.[35] Both Trump and Knauss attended a party he hosted in 1998. This has become the basis for Zampolli saying he introduced Donald and Melania Trump. In 2004, Zampolli and Epstein briefly became business partners in a failed bid to buy the New York branch of Elite from Casablancas.[36] After that failed bid, Zampolli moved into the real estate business and spent time working for The Trump Organization.[37]

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[30] Lucy Osborne, et al., *Teen Models, Powerful Men and Private Dinners: When Trump Hosted Look of the Year*, THE GUARDIAN (Mar. 14, 2020), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/14/teen-models-powerful-men-when-donald-trump-hosted-look-of-the-year.

[31] Craig Unger, *"He's a Lot of Fun to Be with": Inside Jeffrey Epstein and Donald Trump's Epic Bromance*, VANITY FAIR (Jan. 21, 2021), https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/01/jeffrey-epstein-and-donald-trump-epic-bromance.

[32] James West, *Former Models for Donald Trump's Agency Say They Violated Immigration Rules and Worked Illegally*, MOTHER JONES (Aug. 30, 2016), www.motherjones.com/politics/2016/08/donald-trump-model-management-illegal-immigration/.

[33] The Daily Beast (@thedailybeast), X (Nov. 2, 2024), https://x.com/thedailybeast/status/1852853415472226804.

[34] Linda Robertson, et al., *Did a Miami-Based Modeling Agency Fuel Jeffrey Epstein's 'Machine of Abuse'?*, MIAMI HERALD (Feb. 19, 2022), www.miamiherald.com/news/local/article238351108.html.

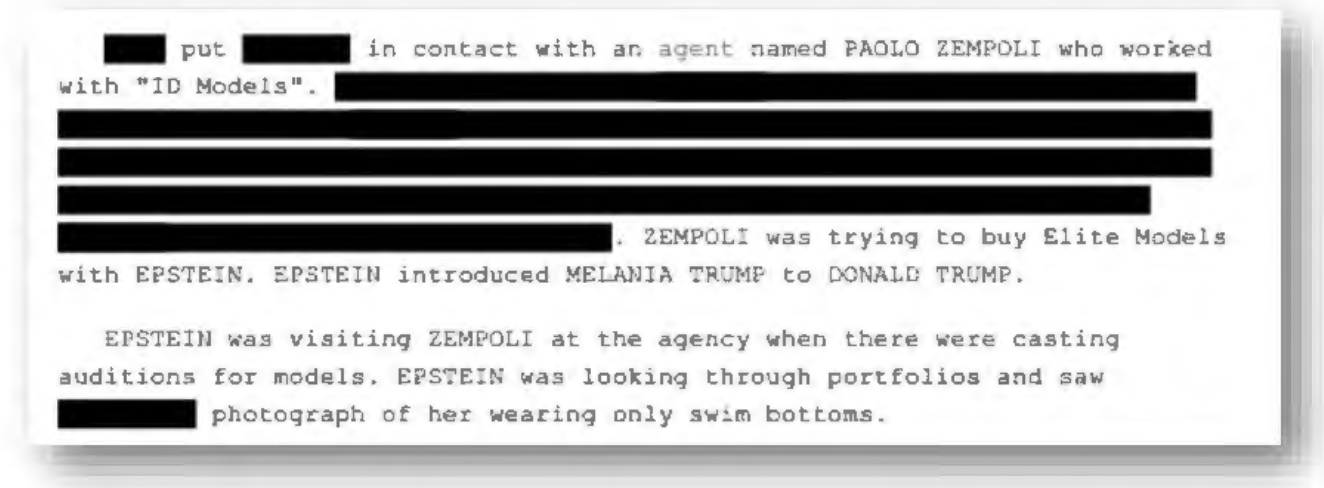
[35] Jason Horowitz, *When Donald Met Melania, Paolo Was There*, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 31, 2016), https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/01/fashion/donald-trump-melania-modeling-agent-paolo-zampolli-daily-mail.html.

[36] Sarah Marks, *Elite New York Branch Sold*, THIS IS MONEY (Aug. 24, 2004), https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/news/article-1507877/Elite-New-York-branch-sold.html.

[37] Patrícia Campos Mello, *Businessman Who Introduced Trump to Melania Wants to Bring Him Closer to Brazil*, FOLHA DE S. PAULO (Jan. 30, 2017), www1.folha.uol.com.br/internacional/en/world/2017/01/1854256-businessman-who-introduced-trump-to-melania-wants-to-bring-him-closer-to-brazil.shtml.

Summaries of witness interviews kept by FBI investigators, known as FD-302s, suggest that Zampolli helped Epstein prey on models working for him—and likely preyed on those same models himself. An FD-302 of an interview with Epstein's former assistant ("Epstein Assistant 1") provides significant background on Zampolli's relationship to this world and on Zampolli and Epstein's relationship to Donald Trump. Epstein Assistant 1 would have had access to significant inside information about Epstein's world: she was a young Polish model who served as Epstein's close associate for several years, recruited other women to give him nude massages, was reportedly abused by him, visited him in prison over 50 times, and was named as an Epstein co-conspirator in the 2007 indictment that was never filed.[38]

In her FD-302, Epstein Assistant 1 noted that when she first moved to the United States at age 19, she was introduced to Zampolli, who became her agent. Zampolli arranged for Epstein Assistant 1 to live at a model house on Varick Street in New York with 10 other women because "she did not have the funds to pay for her own apartment."[39] It was during this time that Epstein discovered her. Epstein visited Zampolli at his modeling agency "when there were casting auditions for models" and Epstein would look "through portfolios and saw photograph of [girls] wearing only swim bottom." In a portion covered by redactions, she also states that she had an affair with "the agent" who promoted her, meaning Zampolli.[40]



[redacted] put [redacted] in contact with an agent named PAOLO ZEMPOLI who worked with "ID Models". [redacted]. ZEMPOLI was trying to buy Elite Models with EPSTEIN. EPSTEIN introduced MELANIA TRUMP to DONALD TRUMP.

EPSTEIN was visiting ZEMPOLI at the agency when there were casting auditions for models. EPSTEIN was looking through portfolios and saw [redacted] photograph of her wearing only swim bottoms.

Image: Redacted section of FBI-FD-302 from Jeffrey Epstein's former assistant and victim explaining how Epstein introduced Melania to Donald Trump.

It is unclear why DOJ would redact information indicating that Paolo Zampolli, then a senior Trump official, preyed on a barely-of-age model before he trafficked her to Epstein. Notably, Zampolli, when questioned about this connection and perhaps recognizing that any relationship with an Epstein confidante would prove problematic, gave multiple contradictory answers in a single breath about his association with Epstein Assistant 1, stating: "I remember that girl, I don't even remember. She was one of them. If you say so, you know, we have so many models. People

[38] EFTA01703108.

[39] EFTA00159321.

[40] *Id.*

ask me this name, sometimes models go with a different name. You know, an owner of an agency does not need to know every single model of his agency."[41] Zampolli's blustering statement of not remembering, but also barely remembering, a young model he recruited, had an affair with, and trafficked to Epstein is most revealing.

Epstein Assistant 1 also credibly contradicted Zampolli's claim that he was responsible for introducing Donald Trump to Melania. The FD-302 states unequivocally, "**Epstein introduced Melania Trump to Donald Trump**."[42] Melania, of course, like Epstein Assistant 1, also lived in a Zampolli-arranged house on Varick Street when she first came to the United States in the late 1990s. Zampolli's former partner of 19 years, the Brazilian model Amanda Ungaro, likewise challenged Zampolli's account. Ungaro has asserted Zampolli was never "the one introducing [sic] Melania to Trump. It was Jeffrey Epstein… . That's how she met Donald Trump."[43] In other words, two women who had a sexual relationship with Zampolli around the time of the introduction both claim, definitively, that Epstein introduced Melania to Trump. Melania Trump has denied these accounts.[44]

Images: (Top Left) Donald and Melania Trump with Paolo Zampolli and Amanda Ungaro at a New Year's Eve party at Mar-a-Lago in Florida. (Top Right) Zampolli posing with Donald Trump's jet around 2000. (Bottom) Zampolli and Vice President JD Vance on an official visit to Hungary earlier this year.

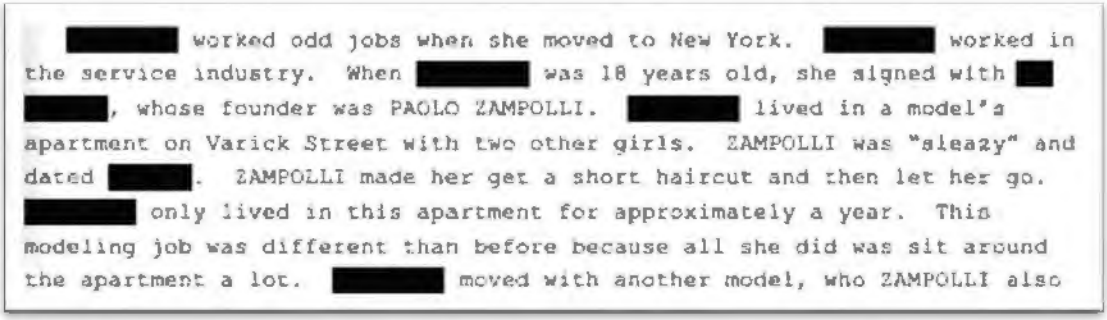
[41] Adam Robb, *The Diplomat, the Fashion Channel, and Jeffrey Epstein*, AMERICAN PROSPECT (Apr. 23, 2026), https://prospect.org/2026/04/23/diplomat-fashion-channel-jeffrey-epstein-paolo-zampolli/.

[42] EFTA00159321.

[43] Farrah Tomazin, *Melania Named in Bombshell New Epstein Claims*, THE DAILY BEAST (June 1, 2026), https://www.thedailybeast.com/melania-named-in-bombshell-new-epstein-claims/.

[44] Bernd Debusmann Jr., *Melania Trump Denies Ties to Jeffrey Epstein and Urges Hearing for Survivors*, BBC NEWS (Apr. 10, 2026), www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3ex07l1qvpo.

Zampolli appeared in many ways to be an active participant in Epstein's sex trafficking operation, bringing models into the United States for Epstein to recruit and abuse. Yet another FD-302, submitted by a different woman, relates how an 18-year-old model came to New York and worked for Zampolli. Like Melania and Epstein Associate 1, Zampolli arranged for her to receive a visa and put her up on Varick Street. Around this time, she was recruited to give a massage at Epstein's house, where Epstein raped her. Traumatized, she left New York shortly thereafter.[45]



[redacted] worked odd jobs when she moved to New York. [redacted] worked in the service industry. When [redacted] was 18 years old, she signed with [redacted], whose founder was PAOLO ZAMPOLLI. [redacted] lived in a model's apartment on Varick Street with two other girls. ZAMPOLLI was "sleazy" and dated [redacted]. ZAMPOLLI made her get a short haircut and then let her go. [redacted] only lived in this apartment for approximately a year. This modeling job was different than before because all she did was sit around the apartment a lot. [redacted] moved with another model, who ZAMPOLLI also

Image: Redacted section of FBI-FD-302 from Jeffrey Epstein victim, seemingly groomed by Zampolli.

The available evidence indicates Zampolli, Epstein, and Casablancas all worked to further a diffuse but interconnected sex trafficking operation. As set forth below, this sex trafficking operation directly implicates Donald Trump.

Casablancas died in 2013. Donald and Melania Trump have kept Zampolli close. Throughout Trump's first term, Zampolli and Ungaro repeatedly socialized with Donald and Melania. In the final months of that term, at Melania's urging, Trump appointed Zampolli to the board of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. In his second term, Trump appointed Zampolli to be the Global Envoy for Strategic Partnerships, a position he served in until he was fired recently.[46] He was also recently credibly accused of sexual assault by a young Republican model, who claims Zampolli drugged and raped her in 2023. Her complaint explains that from "his early career in the modeling industry to his current role as a U.S. Special Envoy," Zampolli "has leveraged his access to young models to cultivate and maintain relationships within high-profile networks." Her complaint also notes that Zampolli is "a fixture within President Trump's social and political circle."[47]

[45] EFTA01245554. Zampolli similarly employed another survivor and one of Epstein's most trusted assistants, Epstein Assistant 2, as a model to promote his real estate venture. Paolo Zampolli, *TG2 RAI Paolo Zampolli NY New York Real Estate Helicopter Boat Rolls Royce Super Models*, YOUTUBE (June 26, 2010), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcXlSDmMN-8.

[46] Julie K. Brown, *Ex-Brazilian Model with Ties to Melania Links Trump Envoy to Corruption Scheme*, MIAMI HERALD (Aug. 28, 2026), https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/article317033892.html.

[47] Complaint, *Drake v. Zampolli*, 1:26-cv-07582 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 30, 2026), https://assets.newsweek.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Victoria-Drake-against-PAOLO-ZAMPOLLI.pdf.

Image: Zampolli on a recent taxpayer funded trip to Serbia.

WITNESS ACCOUNTS: ELEVEN WOMEN WHO LINK DONALD TRUMP TO JEFFREY EPSTEIN

There is reason to believe that this Administration's cover-up of the Epstein files is driven, at least in part, by a desire to prevent Donald Trump's own misconduct from ever coming to light. **Donald Trump has been accused by at least eight women of engaging in assault or other improper behavior in connection with Jeffrey Epstein**. Epstein and Trump also each had a sexual relationship with at least three other young women, at the time when Epstein's criminal activity was at its height. Together, these accounts reveal a darkly competitive relationship between the two men centered on taking advantage of women, especially aspiring models eager to break into the realm of New York fashion.

BEATRICE KEUL – 24 YEARS OLD

In November 1993, Beatrice Keul, a young Swiss model and financial services professional, was recruited by a woman named Jill Harth to attend the Donald J. Trump American Dream Pageant for 16- to 22-year-olds in Atlantic City and New York.[48] According to an interview with Committee Staff,[49] at a press luncheon at the event in then-Trump-owned Plaza Hotel, Donald Trump approached Keul and introduced himself, saying "Finally we meet Ms. Keul," mispronouncing her last name as "cool." During their at least 15-minute introductory conversation, Trump promised Keul that he would arrange a visa for her, stating that "Paolo"—a reference to Paolo Zampolli—would "take care of that." Trump further stated that he personally would ensure her acceptance into New York University (NYU). And he repeatedly offered to take care of her and arrange her travel, insisting either "I will take care of you" or, when she said she could handle her own visa, "No no, my friend Paolo will take care of that."

According to Keul, after Trump stepped away from their conversation, Epstein immediately approached her saying "I'm Jeffrey, Don's best friend." Epstein then spent at least 10 minutes talking to Keul, all the time looking over and grinning at Trump, who had remained in the room and was watching their conversation from afar. Epstein also made similar promises as Trump and asked Keul to attend a party at Mar-a-Lago in the coming months, saying, "You know I can take care of you. We organize many parties with Don." Epstein, like Trump, stated that all of her needs would be met: "Flights, accommodations, you don't have to worry about anything."

[48] Some contestants were older than 22.

[49] Keul has publicly given statements regarding this episode but has not revealed the additional details of her assault contained within this report until now, instead previously choosing to state that she had talked "Trump down" when he attempted to rape her. This section relies solely on extensive discussions between Committee Staff and Keul over a period of several weeks.

Images: (Left) Beatrice Keul and Donald Trump at Plaza Hotel During American Dream World Finals in 1993. (Right) Keul, second row, third from left. Provided by Beatrice Keul.

Later that day, Donald Trump's representative invited Keul to go upstairs at the Plaza Hotel to meet with Trump. Believing this meeting to be a lucky break for the purpose of furthering her career and education, Keul accompanied Trump's representative upstairs. He ushered her into the suite, where upon entering, Trump reportedly grabbed Keul from behind and forcibly raped her; in the process, tearing her dress and causing bleeding and bruising on multiple parts of her body. Keul described the rape as "brutal." Following the assault, according to Keul's report, Trump sat her on the edge of the bed, repeated his promises to arrange for a visa and NYU admission, and made her promise she would keep quiet, saying, "[T]he show must go on."

Keul reports that she finished the pageant in a terrified "daze" as her passport had been taken from her on her arrival. She did not ask for her passport to be returned before the contest was over, lest she indicate to Trump that something was wrong. During the pageant, she was also summoned, along with four other models, to a private audition with John Casablancas, who made her walk for him and made similar promises about taking care of her. She returned to Switzerland, declining to participate in an additional Trump-sponsored pageant in Hawaii several weeks later. Several months after the assault, Trump called Keul in Switzerland and reiterated his offer to set her up with a visa and admission to NYU. She declined.

Several aspects of Keul's experience at the Donald J. Trump American Dream Pageant stand out and reinforce the credibility of her claims.

First, multiple witnesses, including Keul, have explained that she was not the only young woman Trump was interested in that evening. At the same pageant, Keul met an 18-year-old Czech contestant named Terezie who was staying with Ivana Trump and had grown up in the same village

as Ivana. Terezie informed Keul that Terezie would win the pageant due to her closeness with Donald Trump and stated that she intended to marry him. Similarly, in 1997, Jill Harth, the organizer of the contest, claimed in a sexual assault lawsuit against Trump that on or around November 20, 1993, Trump demanded she provide him "with access to a 17-year-old [sic] contestant from Czechoslovakia, who was a contestant in the 'Calendar Girl' competition, whom Trump referred to as a 'sex object.'"[50] This description of a young Czech model largely matches Keul's description of Terezie, who was brought to New York for the "Calendar Girl" competition, the last day of which was November 20, 1993. Furthermore, Harth's complaint detailed how Trump called "several" models for four years after the Calendar Girl competition to offer them "positions and/or career advancement help in return for sexual favors," much the same way he repeated his offer of a visa and NYU admission to Keul months after the competition.[51]

Second, the tactic of promising an NYU education to lure victims was remarkably similar to Epstein's own well-practiced modus operandi. Numerous women have come forward to the House Judiciary Committee to explain how Epstein used the promise of an NYU education to lure in and then control his victims.[52] Keul would have had little way of knowing this when she reported Trump's similarly manipulative promise to arrange for an NYU placement to the media in October 2024—months before any public report of the connection between NYU and Epstein survivors had surfaced.[53] Similarly, the follow-up call to Keul in Switzerland itself matched Epstein's usual practice. Epstein's assistant from the 1990s also reported that Epstein routinely called foreign models to invite them to the United States, stating "that on dozens of occasions in the mid-1990s, the financier instructed her to call a pageant winner from somewhere in the world and invite her to visit him in Florida."[54] Trump and Epstein seemed to share the same playbook for recruiting and abusing women, all the way down to the university they promised admission to and the timing of their follow-up phone calls.

Third and finally, the presence of John Casablancas and Epstein at the pageant match other accounts of Donald Trump's activities in and around the modeling world during this time and indicate that the purpose of the event was not actually to further any woman's modeling career, but to find beautiful and vulnerable young victims. Indeed, Donald Trump's statement that Paolo Zampolli would provide Keul with a visa and Trump would arrange acceptance to NYU conforms

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[50] Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded over the Pursuit of Women*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html; Terezie was 18 years old at the pageant, not 17; Complaint, *Harth v. Trump*, No. 97 Civ. 3135 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 25, 1997), https://www.scribd.com/doc/300193678/1997-Jill-Harth-Lawsuit.

[51] Complaint, *Harth v. Trump*, No. 97 Civ. 3135 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 25, 1997), https://www.scribd.com/doc/300193678/1997-Jill-Harth-Lawsuit.

[52] Press Release, *Epstein Survivors Reveal to Judiciary Democrats that Epstein Used Relationships with New York University, Columbia University to Lure and Silence Victims by Promising Them Admission, Tuition*, H. COMM. ON THE JUDICIARY DEMOCRATS (Jan. 14, 2026), https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/epstein-survivors-reveal-to-judiciary-democrats-that-epstein-used-relationships-with-new-york-university-columbia-university-to-lure-and-silence-victims-by-promising-them-admission-tuition.

[53] Oliver O'Connell, *Pageant Queen Claims Trump Groped Her in Plaza Hotel Suite in 1993*, THE INDEPENDENT (Oct. 31, 2024), https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-sexual-assault-1993-epstein-beatrice-keul-b2638620.html.

[54] Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded over the Pursuit of Women*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html.

to the standard practice in which Zampolli routinely provided these types of favors for other models, including Donald Trump's eventual wife. Furthermore, John Casablancas's private audience with Keul and other models not only indicates his and Trump's shared recruitment of women but the danger of these pageants, where serial sexual abusers like Trump, Epstein, and Casablancas lurked behind every corner.

STACEY WILLIAMS – ~25 YEARS OLD

A *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit model, Williams dated Epstein in the early 1990s after meeting him at a Christmas party Donald Trump hosted in 1992 at the Plaza Hotel.[55] During a visit to Trump Tower the following year, she reportedly accompanied Epstein to Trump's office, where Trump groped her. In her words, "his hands were all over me. They were on my breasts, they were on my butt, they were on, you know, my hips, up and down."[56] Williams said that Epstein and Trump continued talking while Trump's hands were on her, "smiling and grinning."[57]

Once they left Trump's office, according to Williams, Epstein berated her for letting Trump touch her.[58] CNN interviewed three women who confirmed that Williams informed them about the incident with Trump and Epstein in 2006, in 2015, and in 2018, respectively.[59] Williams later said about the incident and the Epstein-Trump friendship, "I just think it was trophy hunting … I think Jeffrey liked that he had this *Sports Illustrated* model who had this name, and that Trump was pursuing me."[60] As in the case of Keul, Donald Trump reached out to his victim after the assault. Not long after the assault, Donald Trump sent Williams a postcard of Palm Beach that highlighted the Mar-a-Lago Club in the foreground: "Stacey, your home away from home. Love, Donald."[61]

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[55] *Epstein's Ex-Girlfriend Describes His Relationship with Trump,* CNN (July 19, 2025), https://www.cnn.com/2025/07/19/politics/video/stacey-williams-trump-jeffrey-epstein-relationship-allegations-digvid.

[56] *Id.*

[57] *Id.*

[58] *Id.*

[59] Jeremy Herb & Sunlen Serfaty, *Former Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Model Says Trump Groped Her to Show Off for Jeffrey Epstein*, CNN (Oct. 24, 2024), https://www.cnn.com/2024/10/24/politics/stacey-williams-donald-trump-jeffrey-epstein.

[60] Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded Over the Pursuit of Women,* N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html.

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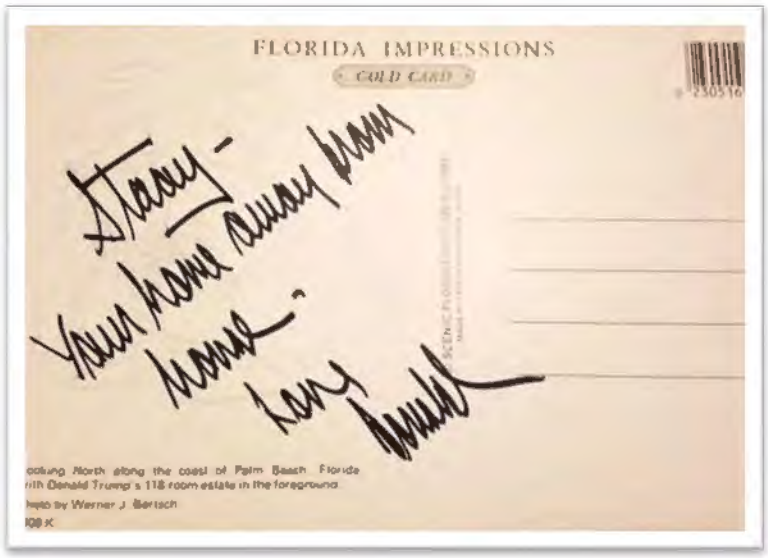


Images: (Left) Trump's Palm Beach Postcard to Stacey Williams. (Right) Stacey Williams in 1996.

JILL HARTH – 31 YEARS OLD

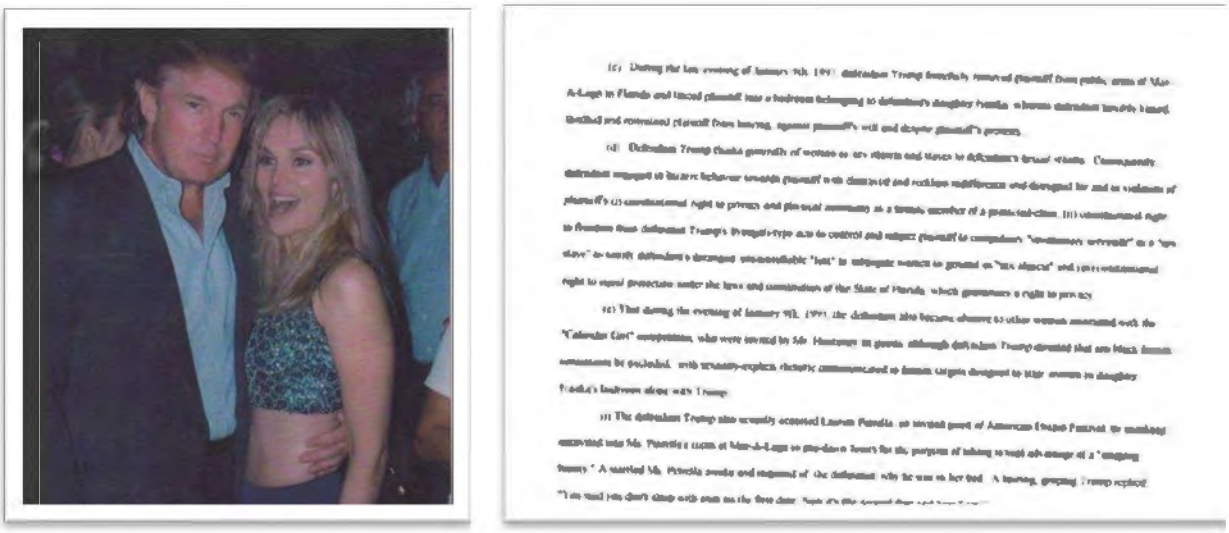
Jill Harth worked for Donald Trump's American Dream pageants; she also was one of the first women to accuse him of sexual assault.

In 1997, Harth filed a lawsuit against Donald Trump claiming that, in 1993, Trump had hosted a party where he allegedly "forcefully removed" Harth from the "public areas of Mar-a-Lago and forced [her] into a bedroom belonging to defendant's daughter Ivanka, wherein [Trump] forcibly kissed, fondled, and restrained [Harth] from leaving, against [Harth's] will and despite her protests."[62] Harth's former spouse later told the *New York Times* that, despite there being numerous models at the party, Trump and Epstein appeared to be the only two men in attendance.[63] Harth settled the lawsuit as a condition of Donald Trump settling and agreeing to a financial payment in relation to a separate, unrelated lawsuit brought by Harth's spouse.[64]

[62] Dylan Stableford, *The Women Who Have Accused Donald Trump*, YAHOO NEWS (Oct. 24, 2016), https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-accusers-sexual-assault-153559631.html.

[63] Alan Feuer & Matthew Goldstein, *Inside the Long Friendship Between Trump and Epstein*, N.Y. TIMES (July 19, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/19/us/politics/inside-trump-epstein-friendship.html.

[64] Nicholas Kristof, *Donald Trump, Groper in Chief*, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 7, 2016), www.nytimes.com/2016/10/09/opinion/sunday/donald-trump-groper-in-chief.html.



Images: (Left) Donald Trump with Jill Harth in 1998. (Right) Excerpt from Jill Harth's 1997 complaint.

Harth also reported several other instances of Donald Trump assaulting or seeking sexual access to other women. In addition to the incident with a Czech model described above, Harth also detailed Trump's sexual assault of a young model, Lauren Petrella, the same evening that Trump assaulted Harth in 1993. According to Harth, Donald Trump snuck uninvited into Petrella's bedroom in the "pre-dawn hours" of the party at Mar-a-Lago: "a startled Petrella awoke and inquired of [Trump] why he was in her bed. A learing [sic], groping Trump replied: 'You said you don't sleep with men on the first date. Now it's the second date and here I am!'"[65] An email released by the House Oversight Committee shows that in 2015, when a *New York Times* reporter emailed Epstein looking for "juicy info" on Epstein and Trump's years as close friends, Epstein responded with contact information for Petrella, saying he she was in a "photso [sic] of donald and girls in bikinis in my kitchen."[66]

JANE DOE 1 (A.K.A. JANE) – 14 YEARS OLD

DOJ documents released pursuant to EFTA include an allegation that in 1994 at Mar-a-Lago, Jeffrey Epstein "introduced [a victim] to Trump saying 'This is a good one, huh' and Trump responded 'Yes.'"[67] The victim was 14 years old at this time. As made apparent when viewed in the version made available to Members of Congress, but not to the public, Jane Doe 1 was viewed as a credible witness by DOJ investigators and prosecutors, and she was one of four women to testify against Ghislaine Maxwell during her criminal trial under the pseudonym "Jane."[68] Jane's testimony was devastating for Maxwell's defense. She described, in detail, abuse and sex acts that

[65] Complaint, *Harth v. Trump*, No. 97 Civ. 3135 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 25, 1997), https://www.scribd.com/doc/300193678/1997-Jill-Harth-Lawsuit.

[66] HOUSE_OVERSIGHT_031604.

[67] Epstein Files Transparency Act § 2, Pub. L. No. 119-38, 119th Cong. (2025); EFTA01660639.

[68] EFTA01660637.

occurred at Epstein's properties in Florida, New Mexico, and New York, sometimes involving Maxwell and groups of people.[69]

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PROMINENT NAMES

Trump :

1. [redacted]* stated Epstein introduced her to Trump who subsequently forced her head down to his exposed penis which she subsequently bit. In response, Trump punched her in the head and kicked her out. (date range 1983-1985, [redacted] would have been 13-15)
2. [redacted] remember Epstein introduced her to Trump saying "This is a good one, huh" and Trump responded "Yes". (date range roughly 1984, [redacted] would have been 14)

Weinstein :

1. [redacted] stated she gave Weinstein a massage, during which he fondled her, masturbated, and offered to pay her extra if he could ejaculate on her chest.
2. [redacted] stated Weinstein came to her apartment, offered her a job and then tried to follow her into the shower.
3. [redacted] stated Epstein told her to give Weinstein a massage, during which Weinstein tells her to take off her shirt, she refuses and then Weinstein threatens to get women to come force her too.

Glen Dubin :

1. [redacted] stated Maxwell instructed her to give Dubin a massage and do what she did for Epstein.

Prince Andrew :

1. [redacted] stated Maxwell told her to make Prince Andrew happy by doing the "exact same things to him that she did for Epstein because he is good friends with Maxwell."
2. Steve Scully** witnessed Prince Andrew on Epstein's laland grinding against a young girl.
3. [redacted] stated Prince Andrew and Epstein flew on Epstein's plane and had orgies.

Jes Staley :

1. [redacted] stated Epstein told her to give Staley a massage at Epstein's mansion. Staley forced her to put her hands on his crotch and had "rough sex" with her.

Leon Black :

1. [redacted] stated Epstein told her to give Black a massage while Black was naked. [redacted] stated another female gave Black a massage and he made her perform oral sex. Epstein made jokes about Black's penis size.
2. [redacted] stated Black raped her numerous times and sex trafficked her (including at Epstein's). Black threatened to destroy her life and stated he had connections with the police.

Les Wexner :

1. [redacted] stated Epstein earned his money from having homosexual sex with Wexner.

Alan Dershowitz :

1. [redacted] stated she gave Dershowitz a massage on Epstein's plane. (not a minor)

Bill Clinton :

1. [redacted] not a victim in the Epstein case, claimed she was invited to an orgy with Clinton but did not attend.

Howard Lutnick :

1. Simon Andriesz reported that Lutnick made his money through Ponzi schemes and money laundering. Lutnick and Epstein were neighbors and Epstein sold Lutnick a home for $10 which was then sold for millions.

William Barr/Leon Black:

1. NTOC filed by [redacted], stated Barr and Black were present during abuses. [redacted] stated she was at Epstein's for a model event and ran into Barr who stated he wanted to see her next time he came. At another point, Epstein asked if she had ever met Barr.

*Numerous anonymous NTOC's were received with allegations against prominent individuals.

** Criminal history

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Image: Slide 18 from FBI internal presentation on the Epstein investigations.

This slide deck of "Prominent Names" in the Epstein investigation, was created by DOJ and FBI personnel in the weeks leading up to Todd Blanche's interview of Maxwell and seemingly initiated in "Response to 07/10/2025 Director's call."[70] The slide deck includes a reference to Jane's account of Trump and Epstein's conversation. Yet, strikingly, when then-Deputy Attorney General Blanche interviewed Maxwell, ostensibly to "pursue justice wherever the facts may lead" in the Jeffrey Epstein case, he did not ask any questions at all about Jane's allegations.[71] In fact, when on several different occasions, Maxwell proactively referenced Jane, he quickly redirected Maxwell away from any further discussion of "Jane" or her claims.

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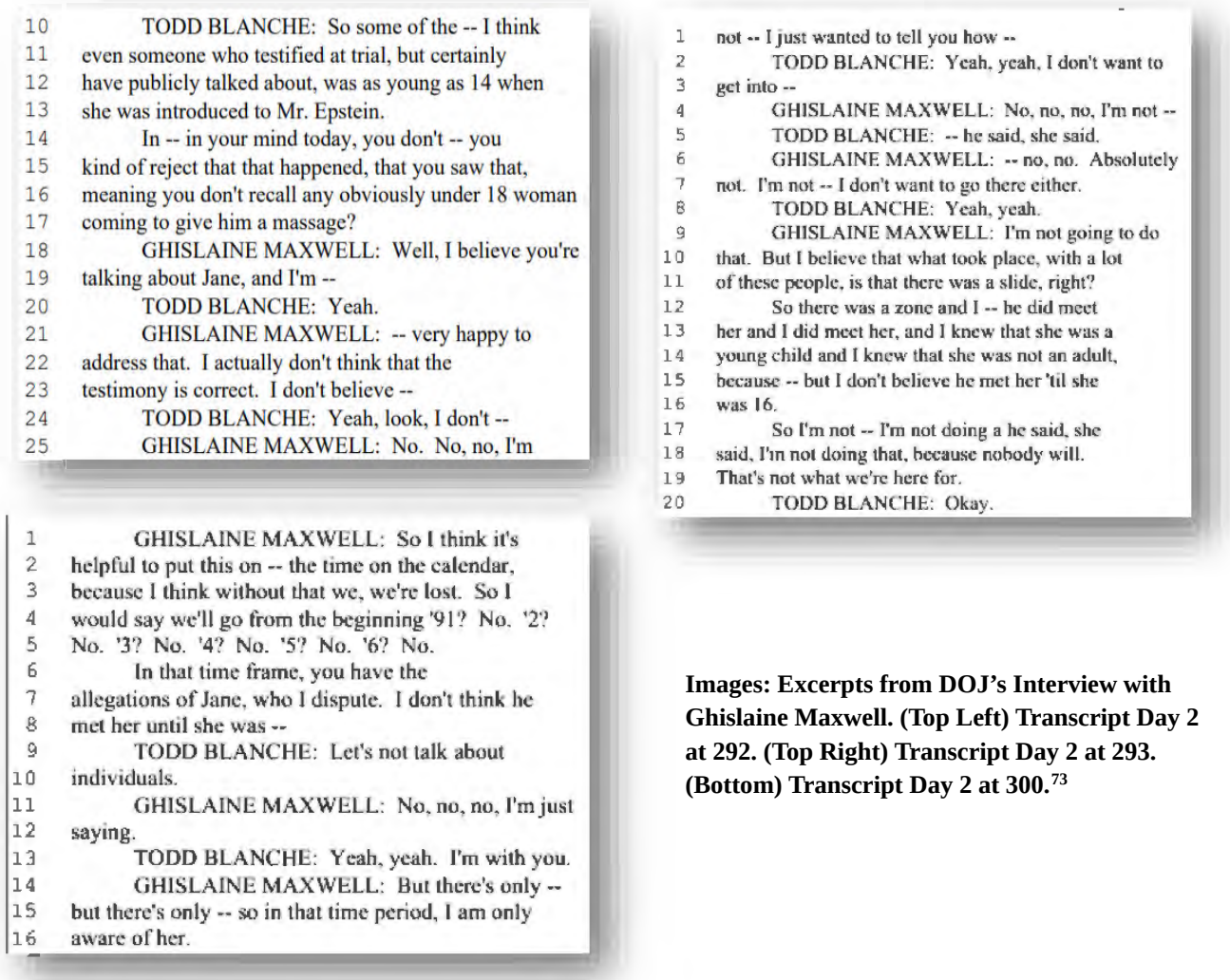
[69] Benjamin Weiser, et al., *Accuser Describes Maxwell and Epstein Ensnaring and Abusing Her at 14*, N.Y. TIMES (updated Dec. 2, 2021), https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/30/nyregion/ghislaine-maxwell-accuser-jane-testimony.html.

[70] EFTA00164897. It is unclear who this deck was shown to, when exactly it was created, or whether there were different versions. However, this email traffic, which references instructions from the "Director," makes clear that these agents were tasked with compiling claims regarding Epstein and prominent individuals by the highest levels of the Bureau in the days before Blanche's interview. Indeed, multiple such directives occurred. Yet another email sent May 21, 2025, sought material for another PowerPoint presentation at the request of the "DD"—likely meaning Deputy Director Dan Bongino. *Id*. Further, the attempts to gather this information hit their peak on the evening of July 23 and morning of July 24—the morning Blanche began interviewing Maxwell. EFTA01648955.

[71] U.S. Dep't of Justice (@TheJusticeDept), X (July 22, 2025), https://x.com/TheJusticeDept/status/1947670804122001581.

In one instance, Maxwell volunteered to Attorney General Blanche: "I believe you're talking about Jane," to which he responded "yeah"—indicating he was aware of her allegations. However, as soon as Maxwell began to "address that," meaning Jane's claims, Attorney General Blanche cut her off and instructed her not to share specifics. At various points during the interview, Attorney General Blanche interrupted Maxwell and instructed her not to discuss Jane's claims, for instance, saying "yeah, yeah, I don't want to get into … he said, she said." Maxwell responded "Absolutely, not. I'm not—I don't want to go there either" and even more explicitly, "I'm not going to do that." At another point, Maxwell again raises Jane on her own and Attorney General Blanche abruptly cuts in saying, pointedly, "Let's not talk about individuals."[72] The whole point of the conversation was not to uncover information but to create a conspiracy of silence and strategically deter Ghislaine Maxwell from sharing information that was not public at the time regarding the relationship between Trump and Epstein.



TODD BLANCHE: So some of the -- I think even someone who testified at trial, but certainly have publicly talked about, was as young as 14 when she was introduced to Mr. Epstein.

In -- in your mind today, you don't -- you kind of reject that that happened, that you saw that, meaning you don't recall any obviously under 18 woman coming to give him a massage?

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: Well, I believe you're talking about Jane, and I'm --

TODD BLANCHE: Yeah.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: -- very happy to address that. I actually don't think that the testimony is correct. I don't believe --

TODD BLANCHE: Yeah, look, I don't --

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: No. No, no, I'm not -- I just wanted to tell you how --

TODD BLANCHE: Yeah, yeah, I don't want to get into --

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: No, no, no, I'm not --

TODD BLANCHE: -- he said, she said.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: -- no, no. Absolutely not. I'm not -- I don't want to go there either.

TODD BLANCHE: Yeah, yeah.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: I'm not going to do that. But I believe that what took place, with a lot of these people, is that there was a slide, right?

So there was a zone and I -- he did meet her and I did meet her, and I knew that she was a young child and I knew that she was not an adult, because -- but I don't believe he met her 'til she was 16.

So I'm not -- I'm not doing a he said, she said, I'm not doing that, because nobody will. That's not what we're here for.

TODD BLANCHE: Okay.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: So I think it's helpful to put this on -- the time on the calendar, because I think without that we, we're lost. So I would say we'll go from the beginning '91? No. '2? No. '3? No. '4? No. '5? No. '6? No.

In that time frame, you have the allegations of Jane, who I dispute. I don't think he met her until she was --

TODD BLANCHE: Let's not talk about individuals.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: No, no, no, I'm just saying.

TODD BLANCHE: Yeah, yeah. I'm with you.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL: But there's only -- but there's only -- so in that time period, I am only aware of her.

Images: Excerpts from DOJ's Interview with Ghislaine Maxwell. (Top Left) Transcript Day 2 at 292. (Top Right) Transcript Day 2 at 293. (Bottom) Transcript Day 2 at 300.[73]

[72] *Interview Transcript of Ghislaine Maxwell*, Day 2, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE (July 24, 2025), https://www.justice.gov/maxwell-interview.

[73] *Maxwell Interview Transcripts*, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE (July 24, 2025), https://www.justice.gov/maxwell-interview.

Attorney General Blanche's actions, while perhaps not surprising given his former role as Donald Trump's defense attorney, potentially constituted witness tampering and obstruction of an official proceeding—serious felonies. At the time of this interview, the House Oversight Committee had scheduled an interview with Maxwell for August 11—less than two weeks later. Blanche's apparent instructions not to discuss a specific Epstein victim, and how that victim could implicate Donald Trump, could easily run afoul of 18 U.S.C. § 1512, which forbids hindering or delaying the communication of information relating to the potential commission of a federal offense to a law enforcement officer, as well as corruptly influencing the testimony of any person in an official proceeding—such as a congressional interview and investigation.[74] Similarly, 18 U.S.C. 1505 forbids corruptly influencing, obstructing, or impeding any pending proceeding before Congress—a crime which would almost certainly encompass indicating to a witness that they should not provide Congress with specific information that could implicate the President of the United States.[75]

JANE DOE 2 (A.K.A. KATIE JOHNSON) – 13 YEARS OLD

In April 2016, a woman identified by the pseudonym "Katie Johnson" filed a lawsuit accusing Donald Trump of raping and sexually abusing her on multiple occasions in 1994, when she was 13, at a Jeffrey Epstein party in New York.[76] She reported that, as a minor, she "was asked to strip down to her underwear and give a massage to Epstein" and "massage the penis of Epstein's guest, Trump, with her hands."[77] She also reported that Epstein and Trump argued over who would take her virginity, and Epstein became angry and violently raped her when he learned that Donald Trump had done so.[78] As shown by official FBI interview notes, Johnson, through her attorney, reported these alleged crimes in detail to FBI.

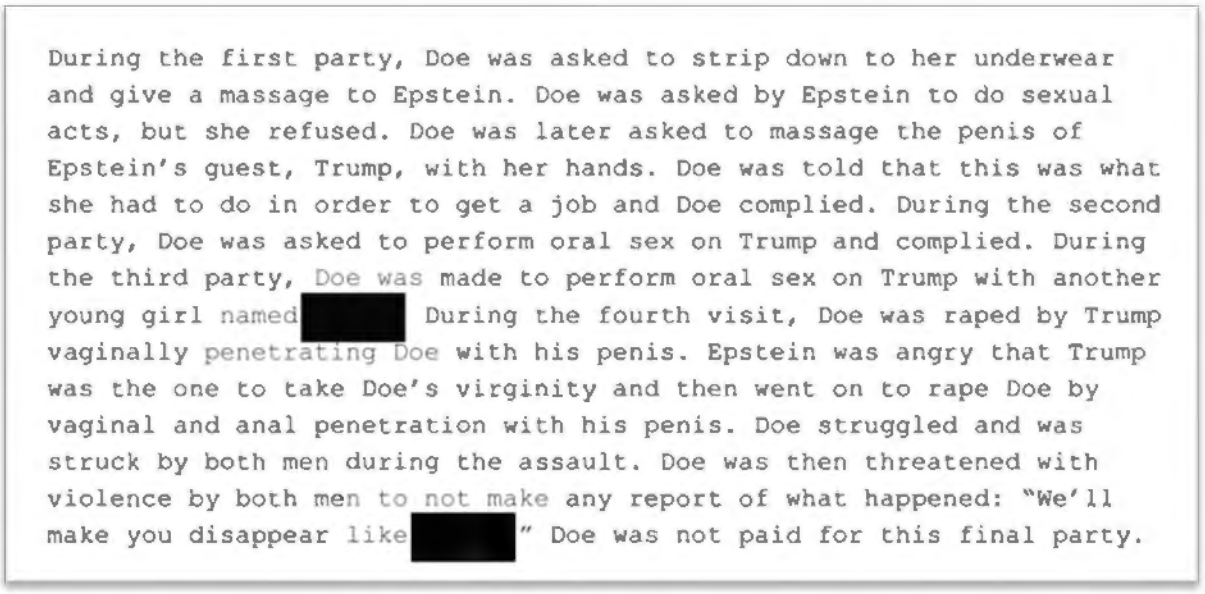
[74] 18 U.S.C. § 1512 – Tampering With Victims, Witnesses, Or Informants, https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1512.

[75] 18 U.S.C. 1505 – Obstruction Of Pending Proceeding, https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1505.

[76] Josh Gerstein, *Woman Suing Trump over Alleged Teen Rape Drops Suit, Again*, POLITICO (Nov. 4, 2016), https://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/donald-trump-rape-lawsuit-dropped-230770; Complaint, *Johnson v. Trump*, No. 5:16-cv-00797, (C.D. Cal. Apr. 26, 2016).

[77] EFTA01683592.

[78] *Id.*; Ryan Parry, *Exclusive: Trump's 13-Year-Old 'Rape Victim' Dramatically Drops Her Case. Woman Withdraws Legal Claim She Was Assaulted at Jeffrey Epstein Sex Party*, DAILY MAIL (updated Nov. 5, 2016), https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3894806/Woman-alleged-raped-Donald-Trump-13-Jeffrey-Epstein-sex-party-DROPS-case-casting-doubt-truth-claihtml.



During the first party, Doe was asked to strip down to her underwear and give a massage to Epstein. Doe was asked by Epstein to do sexual acts, but she refused. Doe was later asked to massage the penis of Epstein's guest, Trump, with her hands. Doe was told that this was what she had to do in order to get a job and Doe complied. During the second party, Doe was asked to perform oral sex on Trump and complied. During the third party, Doe was made to perform oral sex on Trump with another young girl named [redacted] During the fourth visit, Doe was raped by Trump vaginally penetrating Doe with his penis. Epstein was angry that Trump was the one to take Doe's virginity and then went on to rape Doe by vaginal and anal penetration with his penis. Doe struggled and was struck by both men during the assault. Doe was then threatened with violence by both men to not make any report of what happened: "We'll make you disappear like [redacted]" Doe was not paid for this final party.

Image: Excerpt from FBI complaint form regarding the sexual exploitation and rape of Katie Johnson.

Notably, the FBI case agent responsible for this interview ran an internal FBI search that indicated Trump and Epstein were linked by a common investigative case. According to this agent, a search for Trump and Epstein regarding "exploitation of minors" produced a specific case number that is one of several associated with Epstein's 2007 criminal federal investigation.[79] Sources within the Trump Administration confirm that a number of documents linked to this case number have been withheld from Congress and the public.[80]

Two facts reinforce the credibility of Johnson's claims. First, at the time of Johnson's statements to FBI, Jeffrey Epstein was not yet the infamous public figure he was to become. Thus, if Johnson had fabricated the incident in an attempt to embarrass Donald Trump politically—as President Trump's campaign claimed—it is unclear why she would have made Epstein the primary and slightly more violent perpetrator in her account. Second, Johnson's extensive account of how she was forced to give sexualized massages to Epstein matches accounts given by other survivors, including many that only became public information much later.

MARIA FARMER – 25 YEARS OLD

Maria Farmer and her sister Annie Farmer were abused by Jeffrey Epstein in the 1990s.[81] Maria Farmer, Epstein's former assistant, recounted an incident in which she went to meet Epstein at his New York office. There was no light on in the offices when she arrived, and while she was

[79] EFTA01683872; EFTA01246277; EFTA01703108. The case number was 31E-HQ-C1461253. It is unclear why Donald Trump would have been associated with this case number: only one other document besides this one has been produced by DOJ or FBI linked to the 31E-HQ-C1461253 case identification.

[80] Whistleblower Information obtained by the House Committee on the Judiciary.

[81] MJ Lee & Devan Cole, *Epstein Files Vindicate a Survivor Who Reported Him in the 1990s, but Others Are Still Seeking Answers*, CNN (Dec. 19, 2025), https://www.cnn.com/2025/12/19/politics/maria-farmer-epstein-survivor-complaint.

waiting for Epstein, a tall, imposing man in a business suit—Donald Trump—came into the room and approached her while she was seated against a wall. According to Farmer, Trump "stood over" her in a very imposing way, smirking at her like he was "in on some secret." Epstein then emerged from his office, laughing and saying "No, no. *She's* not here for you."[82] Epstein escorted Trump to another room, leading Farmer to suspect there was another girl in that office who was potentially there for a sexual purpose (causing Donald Trump to confuse her for that girl). As the two men left the room where Trump had ogled her, Farmer overheard Trump comment, "oh I thought she was 16," although she was in her 20s at the time.[83] Said Farmer: it "felt very predatory." Farmer's sister was 15 at the time.

Image: Annie Farmer holding a photo of herself and her sister Maria Farmer, both of whom were abused by Epstein.

Epstein later told Farmer that he had "inherited" Donald Trump in his divorce from Ivana, saying it was well-known amongst the staff that they were best friends.[84] Trump would often appear at Epstein's office during this time. Farmer's accusation led Donald Trump's communications director to falsely claim that Trump was never in Epstein's office—a statement definitively contradicted by the recollection of numerous individuals associated with Epstein.[85]

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[82] Mike Baker & Michael S. Schmidt, *An Accuser's Story Suggests How Trump Might Appear in the Epstein Files*, N.Y. TIMES (July 20, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/20/us/politics/epstein-employee-trump-investigation.html; CNN, *Epstein Accuser Recounts Trump's Late-Night Visit to Epstein's Office*, YOUTUBE (July 22, 2025), www.youtube.com/live/ZmagG6Odkow.

[83] CNN, *Epstein Accuser Recounts Trump's Late-Night Visit to Epstein's Office*, YOUTUBE (July 22, 2025), www.youtube.com/live/ZmagG6Odkow.

[84] *Id.*

[85] Mike Baker & Michael S. Schmidt, *An Accuser's Story Suggests How Trump Might Appear in the Epstein Files*, N.Y. TIMES (July 20, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/20/us/politics/epstein-employee-trump-investigation.html; Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded Over*

Farmer reported her abuse to FBI in 1996 and again in 2006, relaying concerns about Donald Trump in both instances.[86] Her reports to FBI appear to be unlawfully omitted from the files released by DOJ pursuant to EFTA. This is a recurring issue: independent researchers have identified missing FD-302s that are mentioned in evidence and discovery logs for Maxwell's trial but have not been produced to the public. For instance, CBS News determined that over 70% of the roughly 5,000 documents listed in one such index, including FD-302s, could not be located through searches of the released archive.[87]

JANE DOE 3 (A.K.A "KATE") – ~20 YEARS OLD

DOJ documents released pursuant to EFTA indicate that a young woman was a victim of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's crimes and was repeatedly introduced to older men by Maxwell. As made apparent by other documents, Jane Doe 3 was, like Jane Doe 1, viewed as a credible witness by DOJ investigators and prosecutors. She was one of four women to testify against Ghislaine Maxwell during her criminal trial under the pseudonym "Kate."

While her official FBI interview form is heavily redacted by DOJ, it shows that Kate was introduced by Maxwell to Donald Trump with the clear understanding that she was available for sex.[88] The FBI's notes state "Maxwell took [Kate] to a party in New York." Maxwell "seemed very excited that there would be a lot of great men for [Kate] to meet" including Donald Trump. Maxwell allegedly "presented [Kate] to Trump and they had a conversation for approximately 20 minutes" before she "was invited to Mar-a-Lago where she was given a tour by Trump with Epstein and Maxwell present." Although Kate does not explicitly claim any misconduct by Trump, Maxwell repeatedly made clear that Kate was available to Donald Trump, saying "things like, 'Oh I think he likes you. Aren't you lucky. This is great.'" Kate stated that this was just like how Maxwell "introduced [Kate] to Epstein." Kate has consistently held that Maxwell appeared to be attempting to traffic her to Trump in the same way she was trafficked to Epstein. In 2025, she stated Maxwell "did introduce me to [Trump] and she introduced me to him with a clear message of my being with him in the same way that she had trafficked me and brought me to Jeffrey Epstein."

Other documents in the Epstein files further establish and elaborate on the relationship between Maxwell, Kate, and Trump. In an email dated December 15, 2020, Maureen Comey, one of the lead DOJ prosecutors on the Epstein matter, summarized a call she had with Brad Edwards, Kate's attorney.[89] The purpose of the call appears to have been for Edwards to provide corroborating sources for individuals who could vouch for the connection between Kate and

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the Pursuit of Women, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html.

[86] Mike Baker & Michael S. Schmidt, *An Accuser's Story Suggests How Trump Might Appear in the Epstein Files*, N.Y. TIMES (July 20, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/20/us/politics/epstein-employee-trump-investigation.html.

[87] Daniel Ruetenik, *What's Missing from the Epstein Files? Questions Persist About Unexplained Redactions, Missing Documents, Email Gaps*, CBS NEWS (June 19, 2025), www.cbsnews.com/news/epstein-files-whats-missing/.

[88] EFTA00158676.

[89] EFTA00158675.

Maxwell. One was Alan Dershowitz. Another was Donald Trump, with the notes indicating that "GM set [Kate] up on a date with him." Other names, including those of men who knew about the relationship between Kate and Maxwell, are improperly redacted.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:55 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: 12/15/20 Call with [redacted] re [redacted]

[redacted] believes the following individuals knew that [redacted] interacted with GM:

- [redacted] best friend at the time, [redacted] knew about [redacted] going to GM house in [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] (another victim) knew about [redacted] in [redacted]
- Donald Trump (GM set [redacted] up on a date with him)
- Alan Dershowitz
- [redacted] (dated [redacted] and introduced to her by GM)
- [redacted] ([redacted], ex of [redacted], about 5 years ago GM called him when [redacted] dating him and asked to make sure that [redacted] ~~talk to him~~ kept quiet)

Re bail, [redacted] feels just as strong as she did in July 2020, and if anything feels even stronger that GM should detained. She stands by the statement she provided in July 2020.

Image: Excerpt from an email sent by a lawyer for Kate to DOJ officials. Numerous names are improperly redacted.

Troublingly, Kate's relationship with Donald Trump and their connection through Maxwell were covered extensively in 1997 as a matter of tabloid gossip by the *Daily Mirror,* which actually referred to Kate by her real name. An article at the time reported how "America's best known billionaire Donald Trump has fallen under the spell of a 20-year-old English girl." [90] The tabloid details how "several American millionaires already had their eyes on" Kate when she attended a party "with Robert Maxwell's daughter Ghislaine, who has *introduced several of her attractive friends* to the property developer."[91]

The use of the plural—Maxwell "has introduced several of her attractive friends to the property developer"—is significant and revealing given that this introduction occurred at the apparent height of the Epstein-Maxwell sex trafficking operation. So too is the account of what came next: "Trump flew Madam Maxwell and the model south to the sunshine state, where all

[90] *How Suite! Trump's Brit of All Right*, SUNDAY MIRROR (Nov. 23, 1997), https://www.newspapers.com/article/sunday-mirror/138828430/.

[91] *Id.*, emphasis added.

three enjoyed a happy weekend together. When they returned to New York, [Kate] was installed in one of Donald's many apartments there."[92]

Kate has publicly shared significant information about her relationship with Epstein, which spanned several years and locales. As related in interviews, "In addition to the estate on his private island, [Kate] said Epstein preyed on her at his homes in New York and Paris." [93] She shared: "And in every location there was this microcosm of acceptance, of yes people, who acted like this was normal." She stated that by the time Epstein began to rape her, "it was too late."

Kate has not spoken publicly about her relationship with Donald Trump. But this much is clear from her FBI interview and corroborating public sources: Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell abused Kate. Around this time, Maxwell then decided to introduce Kate, as well as several other young women, to Donald Trump. Immediately after this introduction, Trump flew both Maxwell and Kate to Florida and put Kate up in a Trump property. In short, Maxwell certainly appeared to be treating Donald Trump as if he were a participant in the sex trafficking operation.

[92] *Id*.

[93] Sarah Fitzpatrick, et al., *How a British Teen Model Was Lured into Jeffrey Epstein's Web*, NBC NEWS (Sept. 20, 2019), www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/how-british-teen-model-was-lured-jeffrey-epstein-s-web-n1056901.

SIX YEARS OF TRUMP, EPSTEIN, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

SEPTEMBER 1991

Donald Trump begins hosting the "Look of the Year" competition, where girls as young as 14 state they were forced to dance for him and known pedophile, John Casablancas.

JANUARY 1993

Trump allegedly attempts to rape Jill Harth at Mar-a-Lago. Jeffrey Epstein was the only other man present. Trump also allegedly assaults a woman named Lauren Petrella the same night.

1993

Trump allegedly assaults model Stacey Williams in his office while Epstein looks on. Williams described: "His hands were all over me. They were on my breasts, they were on my butt, they were on, you know, my hips, up and down."

OCTOBER 1993

Donald Trump hitches two airplane rides from Palm Beach to Teterboro on the "Lolita Express" alongside Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

NOVEMBER 1993

Trump allegedly rapes Beatrice Keul during a beauty pageant at the Plaza Hotel, tearing her dress and causing bleeding. According to Keul, Trump and Epstein used this pageant as a "hunting ground" to prey on vulnerable women and girls.

DECEMBER 20, 1993

Epstein attends Trump's wedding to Marla Maples at the Plaza Hotel.

SUMMER 1994

Trump and Epstein allegedly rape Katie Johnson at a party in New York. Johnson reported to the FBI that Epstein and Trump argued over who would take her virginity, and Epstein raped her when Trump won that competition.

DECEMBER 1994

Epstein allegedly introduces a 14-year-old "Jane" to Trump saying "This is a good one" and Trump agreed. Jane testified against Ghislaine Maxwell at trial.

1995

While visiting Epstein's office late at night, Trump allegedly stands over Epstein survivor Maria Farmer and leers at her. Epstein comes out of his office and says "she's not for you." As they walk away, Trump says "Oh, I thought she was 16."

1996

Trump sexually assaults E. Jean Carroll by cornering and forcibly penetrating her in a department store.

1996

Maria Farmer reports Epstein to the FBI and tells federal agents they should investigate Trump as well.

FEBRUARY 22, 1997

Trump hosts Jeffrey Epstein at a Mar-a-Lago party.

APRIL 9, 1997

Trump and Epstein attend a Victoria's Secret Angels party together at Club Duvet.

AUGUST 1997

Miss Teen USA contestants claim Trump walked into the dressing room while contestants, some as young as 14, were changing. Trump announced: "Don't worry, ladies, I've seen it all before."

FALL 1997

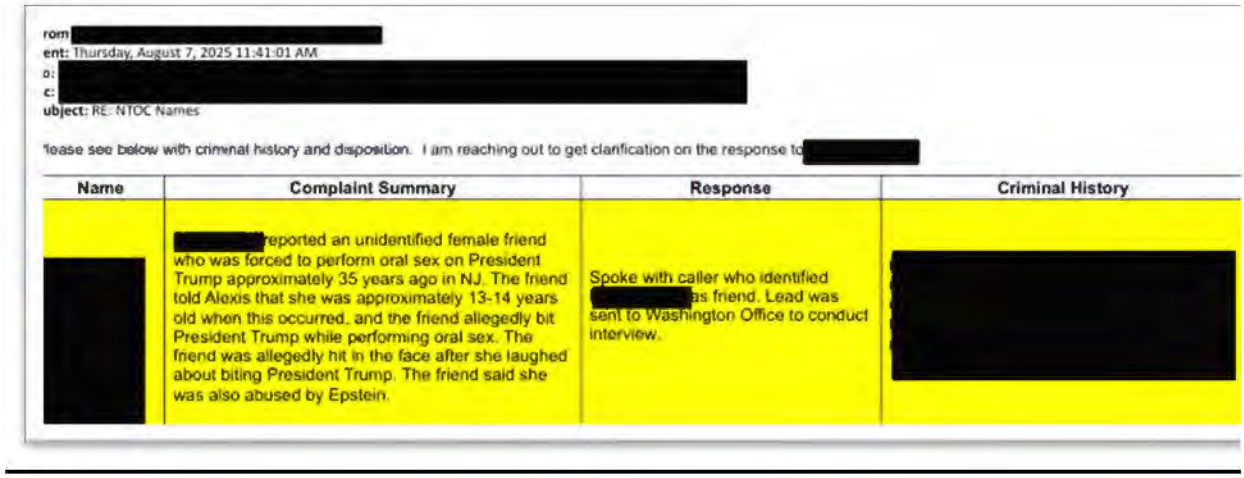
Maxwell attempts to traffic a 22-year-old survivor, Kate, to Trump. According to Kate, Maxwell introduced Kate to Trump in the same way Maxwell "introduced [Kate] to Epstein."

OCTOBER 1997

Trump and Maxwell attended Ford Modeling Agency and Pantene events together in New York.

JANE DOE 4 – 13 YEARS OLD

DOJ documents indicate that, in 2019, FBI interviewed a Jane Doe who came forward, shortly after Epstein's arrest, to allege abuse in South Carolina in 1983. Initially, a third-party contacted FBI to share that the Jane Doe, when 13–14 years old, allegedly "bit President Trump while performing oral sex" and then he "hit [her] in the face after she laughed about biting President Trump."[94] The biographical details of the witness for this tip match that of an Epstein survivor who joined a lawsuit against Jeffrey Epstein in 2019, and sometime thereafter, received a settlement from his estate.[95] That lawsuit claims that after Epstein initially molested Jane Doe, he flew her to New York on "three [or] four occasions," where he offered her up as "fresh meat" to "intimate gatherings with other prominent, wealthy men" where she was "brutally and forcibly battered, assaulted, and raped by these other men."[96]



rom [redacted]
ent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 11:41:01 AM
o: [redacted]
c:
ubject: RE: NTOC Names

lease see below with criminal history and disposition. I am reaching out to get clarification on the response to [redacted]

Name	Complaint Summary	Response	Criminal History
[redacted]	[redacted] reported an unidentified female friend who was forced to perform oral sex on President Trump approximately 35 years ago in NJ. The friend told Alexis that she was approximately 13-14 years old when this occurred, and the friend allegedly bit President Trump while performing oral sex. The friend was allegedly hit in the face after she laughed about biting President Trump. The friend said she was also abused by Epstein.	Spoke with caller who identified [redacted]as friend. Lead was sent to Washington Office to conduct interview.	[redacted]

Image: Jane Doe 4's Complaint Summary from FBI's National Threat Operations Center.

The House Judiciary Committee has not been able to independently verify Jane Doe 4's claims against Donald Trump: while elements of her story have been confirmed, there is no public record establishing Epstein visited South Carolina in the 1980s, and her assault by Donald Trump would predate any other survivor reports by nearly a decade. While caution is warranted in approaching this claim, part of the difficulty in confirming this account appears to be that DOJ is still withholding a huge number of documents related to the allegations. The Charleston-based *Post and Courier* reported that it reviewed handwritten notes by the FBI agents who conducted Jane Doe 4's witness interview, which revealed additional details about the abuse and the names of individuals who may be able to corroborate her story. These handwritten notes have been illegally withheld as "duplicative" by DOJ, despite the fact that new information is plainly

[94] EFTA01660679.

[95] Mitchell Black & Marilyn W. Thompson, *She Accused Jeffrey Epstein of Assaulting Her in SC. Decades Later, Women Like Her Live in Fear.*, POST AND COURIER (Jan. 11, 2026), www.postandcourier.com/news/jeffrey-epstein-estate-hilton-head-teen/article_a58fcca8-ba02-4303-91df-35665fd69a36.html.

[96] Second Amended Complaint, *Doe 1 v. Jeffrey Epstein*, No. 1:19-cv-07675 at 9 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 12, 2020).

contained within.[97] Indeed, a conservative journalist recently shared that DOJ had sent him, and not the public, these unredacted notes.[98] If true, this would represent a knowing and flagrant breach of the Epstein Files Transparency Act.

OTHER WOMEN

The House Judiciary Committee has also reviewed select public files that indicate Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein may have had sexual relationships with multiple other women—including **Lauren Petrella, Jane Doe 5, and Jane Doe 6**. These women have not come forward as survivors. Accordingly, there is no definitive account of their relationship with either Epstein or Trump.[99] The circumstances are, however, similar to those described in stories shared by the women above who fell into the orbits of both Trump and Epstein. While we do not have the first-hand accounts of these women, their stories further illuminate the pervasive ties among Donald Trump, Jeffrey Epstein, and young women in their orbit.

JANE DOE 5 – 20 YEARS OLD

Public reports indicate that in 1995 and 1997, Jane Doe 5, a Scandinavian college student at NYU, was photographed with Jeffrey Epstein at Mar-a-Lago—in one picture, kissing Jeffrey Epstein. The Epstein flight logs show Jane Doe 5 and Epstein traveled on Epstein's jet more than a dozen times during this period: a number of those flights list only her and Epstein as passengers. Following this relationship, Jane Doe 5 seemingly entered into a relationship with Donald Trump. In 1998, she is pictured in photos with Donald Trump and his family at Mar-a-Lago and appears to have rented an apartment in a Trump property. It was reported that Donald Trump was "dating" Jane Doe 5 when he met Melania Knauss, then a model working for Paolo Zampolli. While there is no evidence available that Jane Doe 5 ever experienced misconduct at either Epstein or Trump's hands, her relationship with both men is significant. Epstein apparently dated her while she was at NYU, a school attended by many Epstein survivors, and Donald Trump dated her immediately thereafter.

The more sinister and telling detail is that Jane Doe 5 is the woman identified in Epstein's birthday book as the one that he "sold" to Donald Trump. One page of the birthday book depicts Epstein holding a check, with the caption: "Jeffrey showing early talents with money + women sells 'fully depreciated' [woman's redacted name] to Donald Trump for $22,500."[100] Jane Doe 5's real name lies under the redactions. People familiar with Donald Trump's relationship stated that she "became a point of tension in Epstein and Trump's friendship" and Epstein reportedly complained "that he believed the woman enjoyed spending time with him over Trump, and that he

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[97] Marilyn W. Thompson & Mitchell Black, *FBI Records Detail Potential Witnesses of SC Epstein Victim. They Aren't Public*., POST AND COURIER (Apr. 3, 2026), https://www.postandcourier.com/news/fbi-witness-jeffrey-epstein-sc/article_5a467072-e68c-44fa-91a5-7b509ff6949c.html.

[98] Rye, *Conservative Journalist Shared Unredacted Trump Accuser FBI Notes That DOJ Hasn't Released*, DOCUMENT ZERO (Aug. 22, 2026), https://rhowardstone.substack.com/p/conservative-journalist-shared-unredacted.

[99] The reports regarding these women have been shared extensively online, and their names appear unredacted several times in the Epstein files. However, the Committee has not identified them by name here.

[100] Rebecca Schneid, *Epstein's Full 'Birthday Book' Has Been Released. Here's What's Inside*, TIME (Sept. 9, 2025), https://time.com/7315609/epsteins-birthday-book-trump-clinton/.

was bitter when she ended up choosing to go out with Trump."[101] It is unclear why the check was for $22,500. It is possible that the number is a reference to Jane Doe 5's age, as she was roughly 23 years old when her relationship with Epstein ended and her relationship with Donald Trump began. In that case, it would indicate that the potential joke is Donald Trump paying $1,000 for every year of her age when she started dating Epstein at approximately 22.5 years old. This reference to Jane Doe 5 is buttressed by the birthday picture and note Trump drew for Epstein, indicating a shared interest in young women. **In other words, multiple documents *in the same scrap book* reference Epstein and Trump sharing a sexual interest in younger women at a time when Epstein was engaged in serial acts of sexual molestation.**

Epstein himself recognized that this connection was of interest to reporters: in an email on December 8, 2015, he sent a *New York Times* reporter an email describing Jane Doe 5 as "my 20-year-old girlfriend in 1993, that after two years I gave to Donald."[102] Epstein also gave the reporter Jane Doe 5's name to "pass on" to another journalist, seemingly so she could discuss the shared relationship with him and Donald Trump.[103]

JANE DOE 6 – 21 YEARS OLD

In some instances, it appeared some women first intersected with Donald Trump before associating publicly with Epstein. A Russian model, Jane Doe 6, moved to Florida in 1995 at age 21, and shortly after meeting Donald Trump, moved into an apartment in Trump's 5th Avenue building—"[n]otwithstanding the fact that Trump was still married to his second wife, Marla Maples."[104] The *New York Post*, which wrote a contemporaneous article, stated that her lavish accommodations were taken care of "courtesy of an unidentified sugar daddy."[105] In October 1996, Trump purchased the Miss Universe pageant and, two years, later, Jane Doe 6 competed in the pageant despite not having qualified through the proper channels, a sleight-of-hand supporting the claim made by Keul that Trump may have manipulated his pageants to promote and provide benefits to his own sexual targets and conquests.[106] Around this time, Jane Doe 6 spent time with Epstein and other co-conspirators. Flight records show that, not long thereafter, Jane Doe 6 flew on Epstein's jet with Maxwell and Prince Andrew.[107]

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[101] Khadeeja Safdar & Joe Palazzolo, *Epstein Birthday Letter with Trump's Signature Revealed*, WALL ST. J. (Sept. 8, 2025), https://www.wsj.com/us-news/law/epstein-birthday-book-congress-9d79ab34.

[102] EFTA00839258.

[103] HOUSE_OVERSIGHT_031457.

[104] Craig Unger, *"He's a Lot of Fun to Be with": Inside Jeffrey Epstein and Donald Trump's Epic Bromance*, VANITY FAIR (Jan. 21, 2021), https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/01/jeffrey-epstein-and-donald-trump-epic-bromance.

[105] *Id.*

[106] *Id.*

[107] *Id.*

Donald Trump has described these claims against him as political hit jobs.[108] But the full extent of all this reported misconduct, and the repeated crossover liaisons between Epstein and Trump involving at least 11 different women, are impossible to explain away with that clichéd deflection.

Consider the probative nature of the evidence:

- **Chronology**: The time period is remarkably consistent. With one exception, each of these incidents reportedly occurred between 1992 and 1997 when Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein were close friends, during the time when Trump repeatedly flew on Epstein's jet, and the pair were videotaped partying together at Mar-a-Lago.

- **Multiple Witnesses**: *Eight separate women* have shared significant detail about sexual misconduct by Donald Trump, undertaken in coordination with, or in the company, of Jeffrey Epstein.

- **Common Accounts and Facts Reported:** *At least five of these women* (Beatrice Keul, Stacey Williams, Katie Johnson, Maria Farmer, and Jane Doe 4) related extremely similar facts regarding how Trump and Epstein were fiercely competitive in their pursuits of women and girls, and several related similar instances where Epstein showed off 'his women' to Trump but then reprimanded and punished them when Trump initiated or attempted to have sexual contact with them.

- **Credibility of Witnesses**: *At least two of these women* (Kate and Jane) were called as star government witnesses at Ghislaine Maxwell's trial, indicating DOJ prosecutors and FBI case agents believed they were credible.

- **Common Pattern and Practice**: Even beyond these first-hand reports, there are significant second-hand reports about *three additional young women* (Lauren Petrella, Jane Doe 5, and Jane Doe 6) who had a shared sexual relationship with both Epstein and Trump, including one who Donald Trump reportedly sexually assaulted (Lauren Petrella) and another Epstein "sold" to Trump.

Paired with Trump's repeated and false statements about his relationship with Epstein, detailed below, these women's stories provide significant evidence that Trump was aware of, and may have participated in, Epstein's crimes. If expanded to include other reports about Epstein and Trump's conduct, the available evidence becomes overwhelming.

These women's reports also help crystalize our understanding of how Donald Trump fit into Epstein's world. In the beginning to mid-1990s, evidence indicates that Donald Trump and Epstein partied together, engaged in an aggressive rivalry over women, and, at times, sexually assaulted them together. To facilitate this sex trafficking operation, Trump and Epstein, working

[108] Michael Sisak & Eric Tucker, *WATCH: White House Holds Briefing as Newly Released Epstein Emails Reference Trump*, PBS NEWS (Nov. 12, 2025), https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-white-house-holds-briefing-as-newly-released-epstein-emails-reference-trump.

together with known pedophile John Casablancas, and in conjunction with Paolo Zampolli, recruited young foreign models and women to come to the United States under a thin veneer of legitimacy provided by beauty pageants, all to ensure a steady supply of fresh targets and victims.

THE COVER-UP: DONALD TRUMP'S MANY BRAZEN LIES ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP TO JEFFREY EPSTEIN AND DOJ'S RELENTLESS COVER-UP FOR TRUMP AND OTHER PROBABLE ACCOMPLICES AND CO-CONSPIRATORS

The evidence that Donald Trump knew about Jeffrey Epstein's crimes and even participated in them is further bolstered by the fact that, when questions about his relationship with Epstein have come up, Donald Trump has unequivocally and repeatedly lied in response.

In 2019, after Epstein's alleged suicide, Donald Trump minimized his relationship with the notorious child sex trafficker, falsely claiming, "Well, I knew him like everybody in Palm Beach knew him …. I had a falling out with him a long time ago. I don't think I've spoken to him for 15 years. I wasn't a fan. I was not a fan of his."[109] That same year, Trump further denied knowledge of Epstein's crimes, stating "No, I had no idea. I had no idea. I haven't spoken to him in many, many years."[110]

Nearly every one of these claims is demonstrably false or misleading.

Lie: "I know him, just like everybody in Palm Beach knew him."
Donald Trump, July 2019

Donald Trump was no casual acquaintance of Jeffrey Epstein's who knew him by reputation or happenstance "just like everybody" in Palm Beach knew him.[111] By all accounts, Trump and Epstein were inseparable for much of the 1990s. They called each other several times a week; they partied together constantly, either at Mar-a-Lago or at Epstein's New York townhouse; Epstein attended beauty pageants hosted by Trump and attended Donald Trump's 1993 wedding to Marla Maples. In 1997 and 1999, Epstein and Trump were photographed together at Victoria's Secret events (run by alleged Epstein co-conspirator Les Wexner). Epstein's leaked address books contained 14 phone numbers for Donald Trump, including Trump's direct line as well as Melania's;[112] there are also many pictures of Donald Trump, Melania, Epstein, and Ghislaine Maxwell socializing together.

Trump himself has described their close friendship in exuberant and suggestive terms. In a 2002 *New York Magazine* profile, Trump said "I've known Jeff for 15 years. Terrific guy. He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side." Just a year later, in 2003, Donald Trump signed a

[109] Annie Karni & Maggie Haberman, *Jeffrey Epstein Was a 'Terrific Guy,' Donald Trump Once Said. Now He's 'Not a Fan.'*, N.Y. TIMES (July 9, 2019), https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/09/us/politics/trump-epstein.html.

[110] Rebecca Schneid, *Trump Reportedly Told Police 20 Years Ago That 'Everyone' Knew About Epstein, Called Maxwell 'Evil'*, TIME (Feb. 10, 2026), https://time.com/7377403/trump-epstein-maxwell-files/.

[111] Brooke Singman, *Trump Says He Was 'Not a Fan' of Jeffrey Epstein, Despite Past Comments*, FOX NEWS (July 19, 2019), https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-says-he-was-not-a-fan-of-jeffrey-epstein-despite-past-comments.

[112] *Jeffrey Epstein: What Are His Famous Friends Saying?*, BBC NEWS (July 10, 2019), www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-48927942.

birthday book for Epstein with a note that not only celebrated their friendship but again alluded to their common interests. Donald Trump's note, contained within an image of a nude young woman, is included in the "friends" section of the book. In it, Trump wrote that "a pal is a wonderful thing," "we have certain things in common, Jeffrey," "enigmas never age," and finally, "and may every day be another wonderful secret."[113]

Images: (Top Left) Trump and Maxwell at the 50th Anniversary Party for the Ford Modeling Agency in 1997. (Top Right) Trump and Epstein at Mar-a-Lago in 1992. (Bottom Left) Trump, Ingrid Seynhaeve, and Epstein at the Victoria's Secret Angels Party in 1997. (Bottom Right) Melania Trump, Prince Andrew, Gwendolyn Beck, and Epstein at Mar-a-Lago, February 12, 2000.

While Epstein and Trump had a falling out over a real estate deal, it appears possible that Epstein resumed contact with Trump, or at least his close advisors, after Donald Trump won the presidency in 2016. On or around November 13, 2016, immediately after Donald Trump's election, Epstein wrote to tell multiple acquaintances that he was attending meetings at Trump Tower and "seeing trump people" despite it being a Sunday—the same Sunday when Donald

[113] Michelle L. Price, *Trump Note to Epstein That He Denies Writing Is Released by Congress*, ASSOC. PRESS (Sept. 8, 2025), https://apnews.com/article/trump-epstein-letter-democrats-12c17f4c94cf14727062331526680ade.

Trump was at Trump Tower conducting cabinet interviews and was "holed up … with his transition team."[114]

For his part, Epstein told author Michael Wolff in 2017 that he had been Trump's "closest friend for 10 years" before their falling out.[115] One woman who socialized with the pair in New York described the darkly competitive nature of their friendship: "[i]t was like a pissing contest—who had the most women."[116] Even before Donald Trump's rise to political power, their relationship came under intense suspicion. In a 2010 deposition, Epstein was asked if he had ever socialized with Donald Trump with girls under 18 years of age. Epstein invoked his constitutional right not to answer, stating "Though I'd like to answer that question, at least today I'm going to have to assert my Fifth, Sixth, and 14th Amendment rights."[117]

Lie: "And what President Trump has always said is that he was from Palm Beach and so was Jeffrey Epstein. Jeffrey Epstein was a member at Mar-a-Lago until President Trump kicked him out because Jeffrey Epstein was a pedophile and he was a creep."
Karoline Leavitt, White House Press Secretary, November 2025

Lie: "'Listen, we don't want you [Epstein] taking our people, whether it was spa or not spa, I don't want them taking people.' And he was fine. And then not too long after that, he did it again. And I said, 'Out of here.'"
Donald Trump, June 2025

Trump is fond of repeating the assertion that he kicked Jeffrey Epstein out of his Mar-a-Lago Club for being a "creep." [118] **This claim, plainly intended to distance Trump from Epstein, is demonstrably false and contradicted by an authoritative source: Donald Trump himself.** Members of the House Judiciary Committee, including Ranking Member Raskin who first found this evidence, and the House Oversight Committee reviewed a heavily redacted 2009 document in DOJ's possession summarizing a conversation that Donald Trump, his Mar-a-Lago manager, and his lawyers had with an attorney for survivors suing Jeffrey Epstein in 2009. This

[114] EFTA0162202474; EFTA01744330; David Caplan & Tara Fowler, *Anti-Donald Trump Protests Sweep US for 4th Day, Arrests and Violence in Some Cities*, ABC NEWS (Nov. 13, 2016), https://abcnews.com/US/thousands-march-trump-tower-fourth-day-protests/story?id=43494086.

[115] The Daily Beast (@thedailybeast), X (Nov. 2, 2024), https://x.com/thedailybeast/status/1852853415472226804.

[116] Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded over the Pursuit of Women*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html.

[117] Katie Hawkinson, *Resurfaced Clip Shows Epstein Pleading the Fifth When Asked If He Was with Trump Around Underage Girls*, THE INDEPENDENT (July 24, 2025), https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/us-politics/epstein-trump-video-plead-the-fifth-b2795557.html.

[118] Luke Broadwater, *Former Police Chief Said Trump Told Him 'Everyone' Knew of Epstein's Actions*, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 10, 2026), https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/10/us/politics/trump-epstein.html; Nadine Yousif, *Trump Says Epstein 'Stole' Young Women from His Mar-a-Lago Spa*, BBC NEWS (July 29, 2025), https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cyvn7ee3539o.

conversation apparently substituted for Donald Trump being subpoenaed for a civil deposition relating to Epstein's sex trafficking operation.[119]

The unredacted conversation shows that **Donald Trump stated unequivocally that Epstein "was never asked to leave" Mar-a-Lago**. In the same document, Epstein's lawyers also reported that **Burt Lemke, the manager of Mar-a-Lago at the time in question, also "confirmed" that Epstein was "never asked to leave Mar-a-Lago**."[120] This document remains under redaction in the DOJ database, in clear violation of federal law.[121] It is recreated in an unredacted form below.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Jack Goldberger** <[redacted]>
Date: Wed, Oct 14, 2009 at 2:16 PM
Subject: Trump
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>, "Robert D. Critton Jr." <[redacted]>

Spoke to Alan Garten, Trumps attorney [redacted] Garten arranged a 20 minute phone conference with Trump and Brad in lieu of a depo. Following was discussed:

[redacted]

Image: Improperly redacted email from Jack Goldberger to Jeffrey Epstein and Attorney Robert D. Critton from October 14, 2009.

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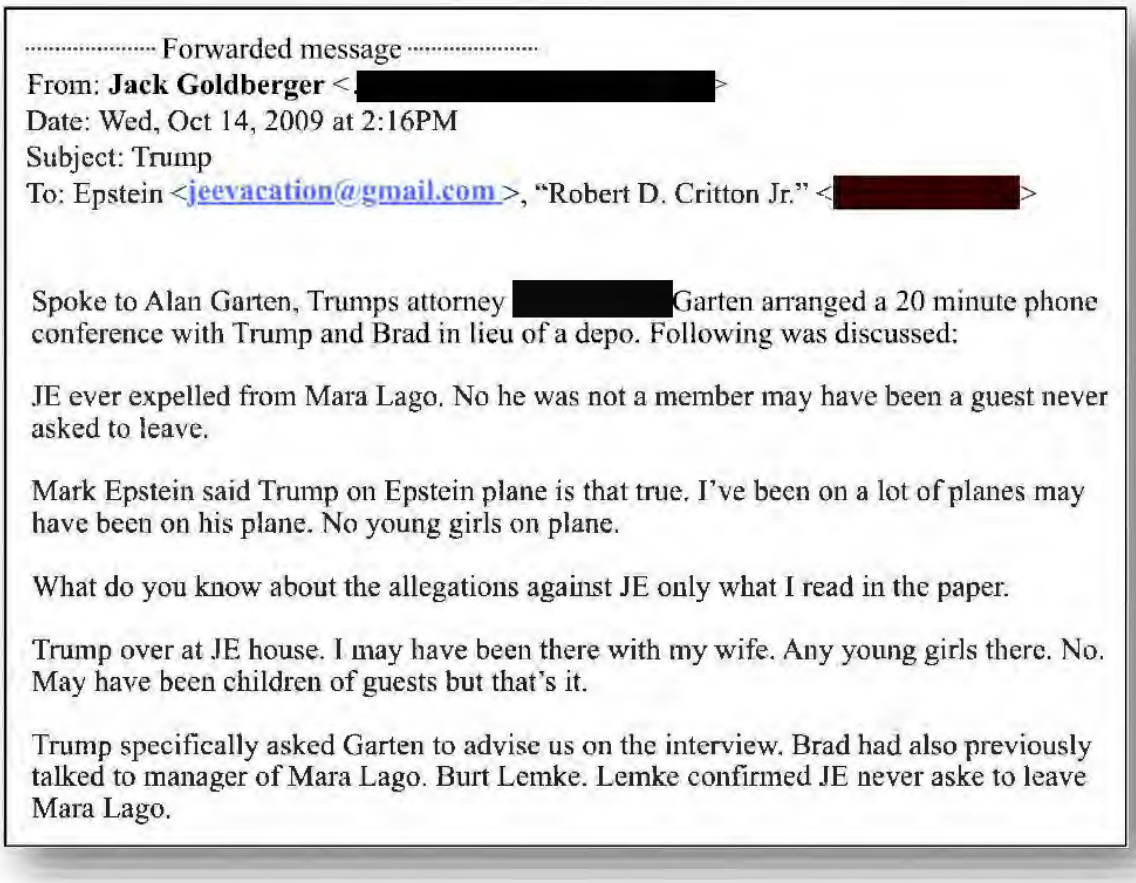
[119] EFTA00740636; EFTA00740637.

[120] *Id.*; Andrew Solender, *What Jamie Raskin Saw in the Unredacted Epstein Files*, AXIOS (Feb. 10, 2026), www.axios.com/2026/02/10/trump-epstein-files-jamie-raskin-unredacted.

[121] In a public hearing, in response to questioning from Rep. Madeleine Dean (PA-04), Attorney General Todd Blanche suggested that this document was redacted because it was "a privileged communication between counsel." This, however, does not withstand the slightest scrutiny: there is no such thing as a general privilege for communications between counsel. There is only the attorney-client privilege, and this communication does not qualify for protection under that privilege because it reflected conversations between Trump and Epstein's attorneys. The only exception that might protect these communications would be if there existed a joint-defense agreement between Trump and Epstein, but there is no evidence such an agreement existed. If it had, it would be damning for Trump and Epstein and essentially a confession that Trump was involved in Epstein's crimes. Finally, Epstein forwarded the entire communication to Ghislaine Maxwell, further breaking any possible privilege by sharing the substance of the communication with a third party. *See* Lisa Rubin, *Blanche's Defense of Epstein Files Redaction Raises More Questions Than It Answers*, MS NOW (June 4, 2026), www.ms.now/news/news-analysis/todd-blanche-jeffrey-epstein-files-redactions-donald-trump.



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JE ever expelled from Mara Lago. No he was not a member may have been a guest never asked to leave.

Mark Epstein said Trump on Epstein plane is that true. I've been on a lot of planes may have been on his plane. No young girls on plane.

What do you know about the allegations against JE only what I read in the paper.

Trump over at JE house. I may have been there with my wife. Any young girls there. No. May have been children of guests but that's it.

Trump specifically asked Garten to advise us on the interview. Brad had also previously talked to manager of Mara Lago. Burt Lemke. Lemke confirmed JE never aske to leave Mara Lago.

Image: Recreation of email from Jack Goldberger to Jeffrey Epstein and Attorney Robert D. Critton from October 14, 2009. Only emails and phone numbers are redacted.

One item in the redacted document fairly jumps off the page. The email, sent by Epstein's lawyer, states that **"Trump specifically asked Garten [Trump's lawyer] to advise us [Epstein's team] of the interview."** In other words, Donald Trump asked that his account of his relationship with Jeffrey Epstein, which Epstein's lawyers were not initially privy to, be passed on to Epstein. That request, and its phrasing, raises significant red flags that Donald Trump wanted to make sure Epstein was matching his false narrative.

There are two possibilities here, and both are deeply incriminating. Perhaps Trump was telling the truth and that Epstein was never asked to leave. In that case, Trump had been lying for years about kicking Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago. But perhaps Trump did in fact kick Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago. In that case, he lied to survivors' counsel to protect Epstein.[122]

[122] A third option exists: that Trump's lawyers lied to Epstein's lawyers about their client's conversation with counsel. While possible, there is reason to doubt this explanation. By doing so, Trump's lawyers—experienced attorneys—would have indicated that Trump had told two different stories to different sides of a lawsuit, thus increasing his value as a material fact witness that could be called to give an official deposition and testify at trial. There is significant reason to believe that is exactly the scenario Trump was trying to avoid. And even in this scenario, Trump and his lawyers were lying to both parties: inexplicable behavior if Trump had no involvement or knowledge of Epstein's crimes.

Perhaps because of this admission that he never kicked Epstein out of Mar-a-Lago, over the next decade and a half, Donald Trump has been unable to maintain any kind of consistent story about how and why his relationship with Epstein soured. In 2025, he stated that he kicked Epstein out of his club because he "took people that worked for me" and that late-survivor Virginia Guiffre was one of those people. [123] According to Trump, Epstein "stole her, and by the way, she had no complaints about us, as you know, none whatsoever." Yet, Trump and Epstein remained close friends for several years *after* Epstein purportedly "stole" Guiffre in 2000.[124] Not only did Trump and Epstein's friendship remain strong in 2000, but roughly two years later Donald Trump was still praising Epstein as a "Terrific guy" and "a lot of fun to be with."[125] The year after that interview, in 2003, Donald Trump penned his now infamous birthday note to Epstein in the "friends" section of the book, in which Trump wrote that "a pal is a wonderful thing."[126] In short, Epstein and Trump remained close friends for at least three years *after* Epstein recruited Guiffre from Mar-a-Lago.

Lie: "No, I had no idea. I had no idea. I haven't spoken to him in many years."
Donald Trump, July 2019, when asked whether he knew about Epstein's crimes

Donald Trump has emphatically stated that he knew nothing of Epstein's criminal activities related to minors. Recently released files, however, show that Trump indeed knew about Epstein's crimes and lied when he denied it. In 2019, Epstein sent an email to reporter Michael Wolff that said, "Of course [Trump] knew about the girls as he asked ghislaine [sic] to stop."[127] The Palm Beach Chief of Police also informed FBI that Donald Trump called him in 2006, saying, "[T]hank goodness you're stopping him, everyone has known he's been doing this."[128] These statements demonstrate that Donald Trump clearly knew about Epstein's crimes in 2006 and then lied about it, more than a decade later in 2019, when public scrutiny of Epstein's operation intensified.

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[123] Minyvonne Burke, *Trump Says Jeffrey Epstein 'Stole' Virginia Giuffre from Him When She Worked at Mar-a-Lago*, NBC NEWS (July 29, 2025), https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/trump-says-jeffrey-epstein-stole-virginia-giuffre-worked-mar-lago-spa-rcna221810.

[124] Multiple evidentiary sources, including depositions of survivors and Guiffre's book, indicate that Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell recruited Guiffre from the Mar-a-Lago spa in 2000. Josh Gerstein, *Unsealed Documents Detail Alleged Epstein Victim's Recruitment at Mar-a-Lago*, POLITICO (updated Aug. 10, 2019), www.politico.com/story/2019/08/09/epstein-mar-a-lago-trump-1456221.

[125] Adam Gabbatt, *'He's a Lot of Fun to Be with': Trump and Epstein Were Close Friends for 15 Years*, THE GUARDIAN (July 18, 2025), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jul/18/trump-epstein-friendship.

[126] Michelle L. Price, *Trump Note to Epstein That He Denies Writing Is Released by Congress*, ASSOC. PRESS (Sept. 8, 2025), https://apnews.com/article/trump-epstein-letter-democrats-12c17f4c94cf14727062331526680ade.

[127] Melissa Quinn & Kaia Hubbard, *Jeffrey Epstein Said Trump 'Knew About the Girls,' in 2019 Email to Author Michael Wolff, House Democrats Allege*, CBS NEWS (Nov. 13, 2025), https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump-emails-house-oversight/.

[128] James Hill, *Ex-Police Chief Says Trump Told Him 'Thank Goodness You're Stopping' Epstein in 2000s*, ABC NEWS (Feb. 10, 2026), https://abcnews.com/US/police-chief-trump-told-goodness-stopping-epstein-2006/story?id=130010254.

The President's defenders have used the 2006 phone call to claim that Trump, far from being a co-conspirator, attempted to alert law enforcement to Epstein's crimes. Redacted passages in the 2009 document summarizing a meeting between Donald Trump, his Mar-a-Lago manager, his lawyers, and an attorney for survivors (referenced above) disprove this theory. During that call, Donald Trump, when asked what he knew about the "**allegations against JE**," replied, "**only what I've read in the paper**."[129] At this time, Epstein, who had received a sweetheart plea deal roughly two years earlier, was facing civil lawsuits brought by four different survivors who had been harmed by his conduct. Trump could have shared his professed knowledge of Epstein's crimes and revealed the facts "everyone has known" about Epstein's child trafficking. But Trump chose not to. In other words, Donald Trump professed to know about and detest Epstein's crimes when talking to a law enforcement official who might be inclined to investigate Trump, but then three years later backtracked when presented with an actual opportunity to ensure that Epstein would face accountability in the legal system.

Lie: "I was never on Epstein's plane."
Donald Trump, January 2024

In January 2024, Trump took to social media to say that he "was never on Epstein's plane"—now widely known as the "Lolita Express."[130] This denial was completely false. The Epstein files reveal that Donald Trump is listed on the jet's flight logs and that he flew on the jet at least eight different times during the 1990s.[131] On at least one flight, Trump, Epstein, and a 20-year-old woman were the only passengers.[132] An Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York commented that, on at least two occasions, Trump and Epstein traveled with potential witnesses in Ghislaine Maxwell's trial.[133]

[129] EFTA00740636; EFTA00740637.

[130] Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), TRUTH SOCIAL (Jan. 9, 2024), https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/111727606183781019.

[131] Brad Heath, et al., *Trump Flew on Epstein Jet Eight Times in the '90s, According to Prosecutor Email*, REUTERS (Dec. 23, 2025), https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-justice-department-releases-new-tranche-epstein-files-2025-12-23/.

[132] Jamie Grierson & Anna Betts, *Newly Released Epstein Files Include References to Donald Trump*, THE GUARDIAN (Dec. 23, 2025), https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/23/trump-flew-alone-on-jet-with-epstein-and-unnamed-20-year-old-files-suggests; EFTA00028716.

[133] EFTA00028716.

Images: (Top) Donald Trump claiming he had never been on Jeffrey Epstein's plane. (Bottom) Flight log records listing Trump as a passenger on Epstein's plane.

Notably, Donald Trump was far less definitive about "never" having been on Epstein's plane when questioned by lawyers in 2009. In that account, redacted in the Epstein files, the lawyer asks, "Mark Epstein said Trump on Epstein plane is that true." Donald Trump replied: "I've been on a lot of planes may have been on his plane. No young girls on plane." This, of course, was also misleading or an outright lie. Donald Trump could not reasonably have forgotten traveling on the plane multiple times. And there were certainly at least young *women* on the plane with him.

Lie: "The President did not write this letter. He did not sign this letter."
Karoline Leavitt, White House Press Secretary, July 2025

Lie: "It's not my signature. And it's not the way I speak … that's not my language."
Donald Trump, July 2025

In the realm of the absurd, Donald Trump repeatedly claimed that he never authored the lewd birthday note to Jeffrey Epstein in 2003, even suing the *Wall Street Journal* for $10 billion for alleged defamation when it first reported on its existence.[134] When this lawsuit was dismissed by a federal judge in Florida, Trump amended his complaint and refiled it to try to maintain the ridiculous pretense that he was seriously contesting the fact that he wrote the note.

When the letter was revealed, Trump claimed that he simply did not draw things. "**I never wrote a picture in my life**," Trump said at one point, continuing: "This is not me. This is a fake thing. It's a fake Wall Street Journal story."[135]

However, Trump did, quite famously, draw pictures and doodles just like the one in the birthday note. In fact, Donald Trump wrote in a 2008 letter that he donated an autographed doodle **every year** to a different charity. For instance, the picture depicted below was drawn by Trump in 2005, just two years after the date of this birthday note, and then sold for several thousand dollars.[136] And despite the White House's claims to the contrary, the signature at the bottom of the birthday note also matches his signature on this drawing, as well as his signature on other letters around that time.[137]

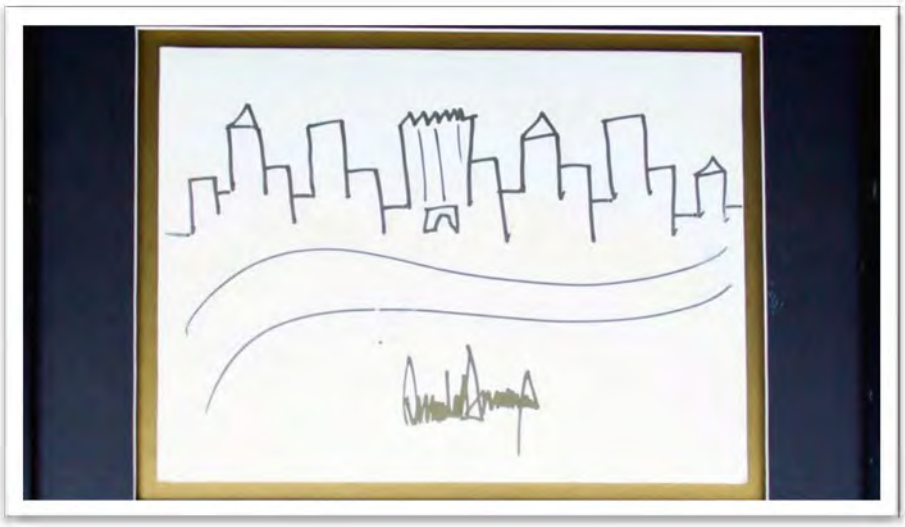


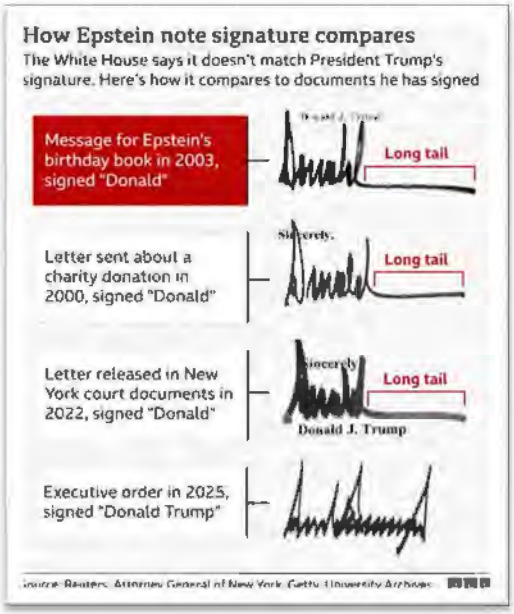
Image: Signed drawing by Donald Trump that sold for nearly $30,000 in 2017.

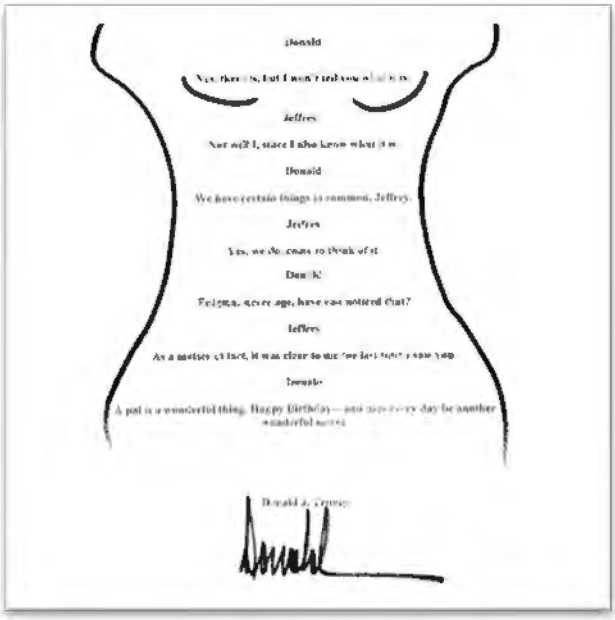
[134] Michelle Stoddart & Alexandra Hutzler, *'It's Not My Signature': Trump Says About Alleged Epstein 'Birthday Book' Letter*, ABC 7 (Sept. 10, 2025), https://abc7.com/post/president-trump-declines-comment-alleged-jeffrey-epstein-birthday-book-letter-dead-issue/17779866/.

[135] Khadeeja Safdar & Joe Palazzolo, *Jeffrey Epstein's Friends Sent Him Bawdy Letters for a 50th Birthday Album. One Was from Donald Trump*, WALL ST. J. (July 17, 2025), https://www.wsj.com/politics/trump-jeffrey-epstein-birthday-letter-we-have-certain-things-in-common-f918d796.

[136] *Drawing by President Trump Sells for Nearly $30,000*, BBC NEWS (July 28, 2017), https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-40760000.

[137] Russ Buettner & Lazaro Gamio, *Trump Says It's Not His Signature. But Personal Letters Look Similar.*, N.Y. TIMES (Sept. 8, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/08/us/politics/trump-signature-epstein-letter.html.





Images: (Left) Comparison of Trump signatures from Epstein birthday letter to signatures on other contemporaneous letters. (Right) Birthday letter sent by Donald Trump to Epstein from 2003.

Lie: "I don't know Prince Andrew. I don't know him, no." Donald Trump, December 2019

Trump has also repeatedly claimed that he does not have a relationship with Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, the former British Prince who has been stripped of his royal titles due to his own involvement in Epstein's sex trafficking scheme. In December 2019, Trump said, "I don't know Prince Andrew," adding, "I don't know him, no."[138] This was false. Trump had not only had breakfast with Prince Andrew a few months earlier, but he also had been photographed with Prince Andrew at Mar-a-Lago, with his then-girlfriend, Melania, in 2000.[139] That same year, Trump and Prince Andrew both attended a "Hookers and Pimps" Halloween party in New York City, where Prince Andrew was accompanied by his close friend Ghislaine Maxwell.[140] At that time, Trump told *People Magazine* that Prince Andrew was "a lot of fun to be with."[141]

[138] Iliana Magra, *'I Don't Know Prince Andrew,' Trump Says. Photos Say Otherwise.*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 3, 2019), https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/03/world/europe/donald-trump-prince-andrew.html.

[139] Bianca Britton, *Trump Says He Doesn't Know Prince Andrew. Photos Tell a Different Story.*, CNN (Dec. 3, 2019), https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/03/politics/donald-trump-prince-andrew-photos.

[140] *Prince Andrew's Links to Jeffrey Epstein*, BBC NEWS (Nov. 16, 2019), https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-49411215.

[141] Lauren Egan, *Trump Claims He Doesn't Know Prince Andrew, but Once Called Him 'A Lot of Fun'*, NBC NEWS (Dec. 4, 2019), https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-claims-he-doesn-t-know-prince-andrew-once-called-n1096081.

Images: (Left) Donald Trump, Melania Knauss (now Trump), and Prince Andrew at Mar-a-Lago on February 12, 2000. (Right) Trump and Prince Andrew at Westminster Abbey on June 3, 2019. (Bottom) Donald Trump, Melania Knauss, and Ghislaine Maxwell at a "Hookers and Pimps" party, also attended by Prince Andrew, in October 2000.

After King Charles stripped Prince Andrew of his royal titles, Trump expressed great sympathy—not for Prince Andrew's teen victims and their families—but for the Royal Family: "It's a terrible thing that's happened to the family."[142] He continued: "That's been a tragic situation, and it's too bad. I mean, I feel badly for the family."

Lie: "The president was never in [Jeffrey Epstein's] office."
Steven Cheung, White House Communications Director, July 2025

When public scrutiny of the relationship between Trump and Epstein increased—including due to Maria Farmer's account—Steven Cheung, the White House Communications Director, responded to reports of Trump ogling Farmer at Epstein's office by alleging, "The

[142] *Trump Says UK Royals Suffered 'Terrible Thing' with Pressure over Epstein Scandal*, REUTERS (Nov. 2, 2025), https://www.reuters.com/world/uk/trump-says-uk-royals-suffered-terrible-thing-with-pressure-over-epstein-scandal-2025-11-03/.

president was never in his office."[143] This denial is overwhelmingly contradicted by a wide range of individuals, including several women who gave personal accounts of being present in Epstein's office with Trump in the room, Epstein's former assistant who witnessed the visits, and Epstein's brother Mark, "who said that Jeffrey had told him that Trump visited him frequently."[144]

Lie: "I've been fully exonerated" (referring to the Epstein file release). **Donald Trump, February 2026**

Donald Trump claims that he has been "100% exonerated" by the Epstein files release.[145] This too, as shown by the evidence below, is a flat-out lie and perhaps the most disprovable one he has uttered about his relationship with Jeffrey Epstein. The documents made available to the public strongly indicate that Donald Trump may have been involved in some of these crimes and that Epstein possessed leverage over Trump due to his involvement.

The Epstein files released by DOJ do not include any communications directly with Donald Trump, which is unsurprising for several reasons. First, Trump's own DOJ has unilaterally decided to withhold millions of pages of the Epstein files, with the likely dominant motive, among others, being the protection of Donald Trump. Second, Trump famously avoids email and text messages in general. Third, most reports, including most recently former President Bill Clinton's testimony before the House Oversight Committee, indicate that Epstein and Trump had a falling out over their rival bids for a Palm Beach mansion in 2004, meaning Epstein's emails, which almost entirely date from after that time, reflect a time-period after he and Donald Trump were close friends.[146] Despite all this, the available records include evidence which directly suggests that Donald Trump knew about and was complicit in Jeffrey Epstein's crimes.

- **"I am the one able to take him down":** In a text message sent on December 3, 2018, Epstein messaged former girlfriend Eva Dubin about how individuals were trying to attack Trump by focusing on his relationship with Epstein. Epstein responded, "yes thx. its wild. because i [sic] am the one able to take him down." Dubin responded with a laughing emoji.[147]

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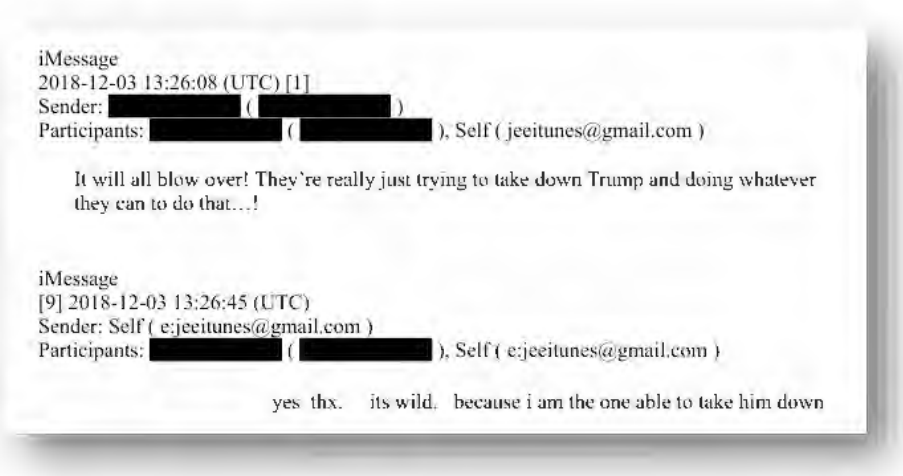
[143] Mike Baker & Michael S. Schmidt, *An Accuser's Story Suggests How Trump Might Appear in the Epstein Files*, N.Y. TIMES (July 20, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/20/us/politics/epstein-employee-trump-investigation.html.

[144] *Id.*; Nicholas Confessore & Julie Tate, *'Don's Best Friend': How Epstein and Trump Bonded over the Pursuit of Women*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 18, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/18/us/jeffrey-epstein-donald-trump.html.

[145] Steve Benen, *Despite Reality, Trump Claims He Has Been '100% Exonerated' in Epstein Scandal*, MS NOW (Feb. 13, 2026), www.ms.now/rachel-maddow-show/maddowblog/despite-reality-trump-claims-he-has-been-100-exonerated-in-the-epstein-scandal.

[146] Craig Unger, *"He's a Lot of Fun to Be with": Inside Jeffrey Epstein and Donald Trump's Epic Bromance*, VANITY FAIR (Jan. 21, 2021), https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/01/jeffrey-epstein-and-donald-trump-epic-bromance; GOP Oversight, *The Deposition of President Bill Clinton on the Epstein Probe*, at 1:58:08, YOUTUBE (Mar. 2, 2026), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgJrYKAl6T0.

[147] EFTA01211045. Eva Dubin was Jeffrey Epstein's girlfriend throughout the 1980s who later made Epstein her child's godfather; at one point, she sent Epstein an email stating, "Come and visit next week. [My daughter] will have 5 friends over." EFTA02423721. Virginia Guiffre testified that she was trafficked to Dubin's husband, financier


iMessage
2018-12-03 13:26:08 (UTC) [1]
Sender: [redacted] ([redacted])
Participants: [redacted] ([redacted]), Self (jeeitunes@gmail.com)

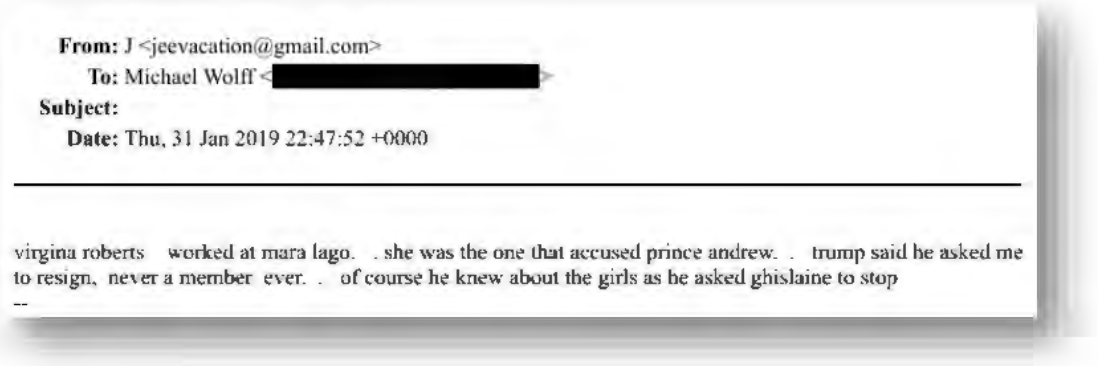
It will all blow over! They're really just trying to take down Trump and doing whatever they can to do that…!

iMessage
[9] 2018-12-03 13:26:45 (UTC)
Sender: Self (e:jeeitunes@gmail.com)
Participants: [redacted] ([redacted]), Self (e:jeeitunes@gmail.com)

yes thx. its wild. because i am the one able to take him down

Image: Text message from Jeffrey Epstein to former girlfriend Eva Dubin implying that he had incriminating information about Trump.

- **"Knew about the girls":** In a 2019 email to journalist Michael Wolff, Epstein stated that Trump "***knew about the girls***" and had asked Ghislaine Maxwell to "stop," potentially referencing his request to Maxwell to stop her known practice of recruiting young women from the Mar-a-Lago staff to go work in the Epstein network.[148]


From: J <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Michael Wolff <[redacted]>
Subject:
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2019 22:47:52 +0000

virgina roberts worked at mara lago. . she was the one that accused prince andrew. . trump said he asked me to resign, never a member ever. . of course he knew about the girls as he asked ghislaine to stop
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Image: Email from Jeffrey Epstein to journalist Michael Wolff saying Donald Trump "knew about the girls."

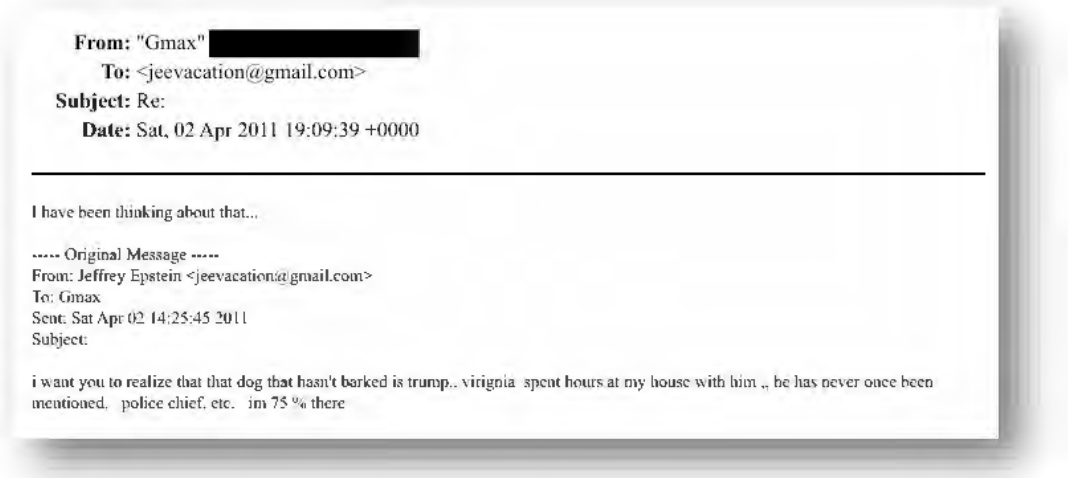
- **"The dog that hasn't barked":** In a 2011 email to Maxwell, Epstein noted that Trump had "spent hours" at his house with Virginia Guiffre, the soon-to-be famous trafficking victim and survivor, and called Donald Trump "*the dog that hasn't barked*."[149] Borrowed from a classic Sherlock Holmes story, "the dog that

Glen Dubin. Koh Ewe & Solcyré Burga, *The Biggest Names from Jeffrey Epstein's Unsealed Court Documents*, TIME (Jan. 19, 2026), https://time.com/6552063/jeffrey-epsteins-unsealed-court-documents/. In other words, if anyone was to know about Jeffrey Epstein's sex trafficking operation and how it could implicate Donald Trump, it was the Dubins.

[148] EFTA01028620.

[149] EFTA00654425.

hasn't barked" trope refers to a significant clue found in a noticeable or unusual silence. The phrase as used here is cryptic but may suggest Epstein's belief that Trump had not yet spoken about Epstein to law enforcement. Whatever precisely he was saying, this email clearly indicates that Epstein strongly believed Trump possessed relevant information about Epstein's criminal activities.



From: "Gmax" [redacted]
To: <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: Re:
Date: Sat, 02 Apr 2011 19:09:39 +0000

I have been thinking about that...

----- Original Message -----
From: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Gmax
Sent: Sat Apr 02 14:25:45 2011
Subject:

i want you to realize that that dog that hasn't barked is trump.. virignia spent hours at my house with him ,, he has never once been mentioned. police chief, etc. im 75 % there

Image: Email from Epstein to Maxwell stating that Trump spent hours with Virginia Giuffre.

These represent only a subset of all the incriminating evidence implicating Donald Trump in the portion of the Epstein files released by DOJ. As discussed above, multiple witness interviews with FBI—released as part of the drop—refer to Trump's involvement, including several credible allegations that he sexually assaulted women, that Ghislaine Maxwell introduced survivors to him for the purpose of establishing a sexual relationship, and that Jeffrey Epstein introduced Donald Trump to Melania Trump.

These files are seriously incriminating, which, to state the obvious, is the *opposite* of exonerating.

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Donald Trump has lied time again about his relationship with Jeffrey Epstein. These lies are clearly relevant and go directly to Trump's guilt and state of mind. In federal court, false exculpatory statements may "be considered as evidence of consciousness of guilt." *United States v. Perkins*, 937 F.2d 1397 (9th Cir. 1991); *United States v. Inserra*, 34 F.3d 83, 89 (2d Cir. 1994) (evidence of misrepresentation admissible to demonstrate knowledge or intent to engage in criminal activity); *United States v. Johnson*, 46 F.3d 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1995) (untruthful statement made to law enforcement was probative of consciousness of guilt). If Trump were not potentially implicated in Epstein's crimes, he would have no obvious reason to lie about his knowledge of them. While Trump is admittedly no stranger to reflexive falsehoods and exaggerations, these repeated lies have served a specific tactical purpose: they distanced Trump from Jeffrey Epstein and his crimes in spite of the fact that he partied with Epstein, flew on his private plane by

multiple accounts, considered him one of his best friends, and joked about Epstein's special fondness for women on "the younger side."

THE BOTTOM LINE: THERE IS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO LAUNCH A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Attorney General Blanche claims that neither DOJ nor FBI possesses sufficient evidence to support further investigations of Epstein's accomplices, enablers, and co-conspirators. That is an absurd statement.

The DOJ and FBI standard for initiating a formal investigation is whether there is existence of evidence that a crime "may have occurred."[150] There is more than enough evidence that many individuals other than Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell may have committed a crime. This includes Donald Trump. To cover up this inconvenient truth, DOJ has actively obstructed the Epstein investigation into any co-conspirators, attempted to prevent the release of the Epstein files, and then released an incomplete and heavily redacted set to the public—all while withholding key information about Trump in the process. As a result, this investigation has given a pass to all the individuals who took part in this decades-long, multibillion-dollar international sex trafficking ring that victimized over 1,000 women and girls.

Those responsible for these crimes must be investigated and prosecuted. In 2003, Congress amended 18 U.S.C. § 3283 to provide: "No statute of limitations that would otherwise preclude prosecution for an offense involving the sexual or physical abuse, or kidnapping, of a child under the age of 18 years shall preclude such prosecution during the life of the child …."[151] As Maxwell was prosecuted under this statute, so too others could be.

There are structural barriers to investigating Trump, not the least being DOJ's guidance forbidding bringing criminal charges against a sitting President. However, under this Administration, DOJ has shut down ongoing investigations into all potential Epstein accomplices and co-conspirators and has obstructed efforts by state and foreign prosecutors to conduct their own investigations and hold these individuals accountable. DOJ has stonewalled an investigation in New Mexico, refusing to provide state prosecutors with access to key evidence relating to Zorro Ranch. Similarly, when British law enforcement lodged a request for mutual assistance for evidence of Epstein's ties to a senior British politician, DOJ refused to hand over relevant evidence—putting the U.K.'s investigation "at risk of collapse."[152]

Given the Administration's clear pattern of protecting Trump rather than seeking justice for Epstein's survivors, it is clear that Trump's partisan appointees cannot be trusted to investigate and prosecute any of Epstein's co-conspirators or share evidence with other jurisdictions working to do so.

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[150] *The Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic FBI Operations*, at 21, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE (2008), https://www.justice.gov/archive/opa/docs/guidelines.pdf.

[151] 18 U.S.C. § 3283 (Offenses against children).

[152] Letter from The Hon. Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to The Hon. Todd W. Blanche, Attorney General, U.S. Dep't of Justice, and Major General Vaughn A. Ary, USMC (Ret.), Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Dep't of Justice (Oct. 21, 2026), https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-10-21-raskin-to-blanche-ary-doj-re-epstein-mlat-obstruction.pdf.

At a minimum, DOJ and FBI's efforts to protect Trump rather than pursue justice require the appointment of an independent special counsel under 28 CFR § 600.1, which requires the Attorney General to do so in matters where DOJ has a "conflict of interest" or presents "other extraordinary circumstances."[153] This special counsel should be tasked with investigating not only the President—as previous independent counsels from Archibald Cox to Robert Hur have impartially done when the President's conduct comes under criminal suspicion—but all of Epstein's potential accomplices and co-conspirators. DOJ's decision to shield the President at all costs has shielded all of those who perpetrated or enabled this sex trafficking ring. This special counsel must also be tasked with ensuring all relevant evidence is shared with other jurisdictions, like New Mexico and the United Kingdom, that are pursuing justice, conducting criminal investigations of Epstein's potential accomplices and co-conspirators, and holding these individuals to account in criminal proceedings.

Given DOJ and FBI's abdication of their law enforcement duties and prosecutorial ethics, there is little reason to believe this Administration will take even this minimal step. Accordingly, Congress must continue to use its legislative and oversight powers to pursue justice for survivors and bring an end to the Trump Administration's shameful, bureaucratic, and political cover-up.

[153] 28 C.F.R. § 600.1 (Grounds for appointing a Special Counsel). Crimes committed by a one-day President in his private capacity are not protected by the Supreme Court's overbroad grant of immunity in 2024. See *Trump v. United States* 603 US 593 (2024). Moreover, where the President is acting outside the bounds of his "conclusive and preclusive authority," he is also not immune. *Id.* at 609.