

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED]. Present for this interview was Detective [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED]. Prior to beginning this interview, [REDACTED] was served with a subpoena requesting his participation in this interview and that he turn over materials in his possession pertaining to this investigation. [REDACTED] then turned over to agents two (2) boxes containing case related materials that [REDACTED] states he recovered from deceased case detective [REDACTED] home. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that in one of the boxes was an imaged copy of JEFFREY EPSTEIN's kitchen counter laptop that had phone messages that [REDACTED] hadn't seen before.

An employee was stealing from EPSTEIN and EPSTEIN called the Palm Beach Police Department (PBPD). This was how [REDACTED] met EPSTEIN.

EPSTEIN donated \$40,000 to PBPD to help purchase a machine to help PBPD review security footage. He also wrote a check for \$90,000 to help them purchase a finger print machine (AFIS terminal). This was around the same time that EPSTEIN's first victim had come forward to the PBPD. [REDACTED] did not cash this check. It was very common for PBPD to receive donations from the wealthy like this.

EPSTEIN donated to the police scholarship fund for children. He donated more than others. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] who EPSTEIN is. [REDACTED] said that EPSTEIN supports law enforcement and is an important guy. PBPD checked him out and saw a New Yorker article about him.

[REDACTED] became the police chief in 2001. In the early 2000's, maybe 2003, a call came into the tip line that attractive women were coming in and out

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Investigation on 10/18/2019 at [REDACTED] (In Person)

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by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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of EPSTEIN's house. PBPD did surveillance on EPSTEIN's house and 2 separate women were stopped. They were both students of [REDACTED] both adults, and said that they were working for him.

The stepmother of the first victim, whose name [REDACTED] thought was [REDACTED] was the one who made her come forward. [Agent note: [REDACTED] last name was [REDACTED]. The stepmother called and said her daughter was having sex with a man in Palm Beach. They were brought in to the precinct and she said, "I'm not the only one, there are other girls doing it". This case was assigned to [REDACTED] who interviewed [REDACTED] a few days later. The case started to grow rapidly. [REDACTED] experience inside the house was then corroborated. More surveillance was done on EPSTEIN's house. Some kids were observed, prepubescent with braces and backpacks coming from school. Aviation personnel spoke with PBPD about who was coming and going. One employee said there were dozens of girls in one day. The PBPD then put together a case and brought it to the State's Attorney's office. At this point, [REDACTED] believed they were already in communications with the defense.

[REDACTED] spoke with the states attorney whom he had a good relationship with. [REDACTED] was to get a detective and speak with the sex crimes unit on who to use. When the states attorney asked who the case was about [REDACTED] said it was about EPSTEIN. The states attorney told [REDACTED] that he had never heard of him. Then after he spoke with the defense, the states attorney told [REDACTED] to write EPSTEIN a notice to appear for a misdemeanor (lewd and lascivious behavior). [REDACTED] debated on whether to arrest EPSTEIN on probable cause but said it would be problematic with the state's attorney.

PBPD tried to keep the case very tight. They would type up their reports and put them on a hard drive which they would put in a safe. They would not input these reports into the computer. They had sexual battery cases against the co-conspirators. When PBPD presented it they wouldn't approve it. The state's attorneys said the victims were not credible and would show their MYSPACE pages and such. They would refute minute details in the probable cause affidavit. [REDACTED] thought it was leaked by the attorney's office. [REDACTED] thought the defense attorneys thought they weren't doing enough to talk them out of it. This case died at the state level. [REDACTED] then wrote a letter to the State Attorney asking him to recuse himself.

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After this, private investigators began harassing and playing games with [REDACTED]. EPSTEIN had [REDACTED] go to [REDACTED] and tell him "these girls are just prostitutes, these are just happy endings, these are minor cases". Private investigators began pulling the police officers' trash.

About 6 months after [REDACTED] retired, he was contacted by a private investigator who was represented by attorney [REDACTED]. He told [REDACTED] that he had some safety concerns for him. [REDACTED] was told that IGOR (EPSTEIN's trainer) recently purchased a townhouse [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] received a call about a target letter that he had received. This individual told [REDACTED] that he doesn't have to worry because EPSTEIN is not in Palm Beach anymore and that he sold his house. [REDACTED] stated this was not true and it was a weird call.

PBPD referred this case to the FBI and introduced the victims to the FBI. Everyone was very motivated. Eventually there was a lack of communication. [REDACTED] heard there was a discussion of a plea deal or a non-prosecution. [REDACTED] asked to speak to the United States Attorney, ALEXANDER ACOSTA. [REDACTED] asked him if he was going to own up to what he promised when he was sworn in. ACOSTA said the defense had him very frustrated with the case. He said that there was a lot of interest from higher up. The state did not want to take it back. It took months to convince them to take it back. It was very disappointing that the system failed in this case. [REDACTED] was told that the non-prosecution would include a fund for counseling and medical. There was a hurry to make this case go away.

After giving the \$90,000 check, EPSTEIN came back to [REDACTED] office. He talked about Harvard donations. EPSTEIN just wanted to know about [REDACTED]; it was like he was sizing [REDACTED] up. Afterwards, [REDACTED] walked with EPSTEIN to the lobby and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was there. She was like a statue.

Palm Beach Country Club is a Jewish country club. A lot of wealthy people are there and they flock together. Mar-A-Lago is a mixture of everyone. DONALD TRUMP told [REDACTED] that he threw EPSTEIN out of his club. TRUMP called the PBPD to tell him "thank goodness you're stopping him, everyone has known he's been doing this". TRUMP told him people in New York

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knew EPSTEIN was disgusting. TRUMP said MAXWELL was EPSTEIN's operative, "she is evil and to focus on her". TRUMP told [REDACTED] that he was around EPSTEIN once when teenagers were present and TRUMP "got the hell out of there". TRUMP was one of the very first people to call when people found out that they were investigating EPSTEIN.

No one could explain how EPSTEIN made his money. They knew he worked for BEAR STEARNS. [REDACTED] was told that EPSTEIN was kind of a technical guy that would make it happen but you didn't want to know how.

None of the victims that PBPD spoke with said they had sexual contact with men other than EPSTEIN while in EPSTEIN's orbit. [REDACTED] had one time went out screaming.

PRINCE ANDREW was a fixture in Palm Beach and he had no protection while there.

[REDACTED] has done interviews in the past with [REDACTED]. People/victims thought that PBPD was paid off by EPSTEIN which was why [REDACTED] went and did these interviews. He felt he needed to defend PBPD.

An interior designer told the PBPD that rooms in the Virgin Islands had been decorated for teenage girls. [REDACTED] contacted the Virgin Island Police Department, but they were not helpful.

In the end when EPSTEIN had turned himself in to plea to the misdemeanor, [REDACTED] was not notified and found out from the newspaper.

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