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"Net als Carlo in de auto in The Godfather" - Epsteins broer vertelt Tucker, Pathologen Zei: "Lijkt niet op zelfmoord"



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Eerder deze week zagen we [Jeffrey Epsteins broer Mark aan Tucker Carlson](#) uitleggen hoe hij moeite heeft gehad om basisdocumenten te verkrijgen met betrekking tot de dood van zijn broer in federale hechtenis.

Nu de identiteit van Jeffrey's verschillende 'medewerkers' deze week wordt vrijgegeven, blijkt uit de 'elite' van deze lijst van vermeende engerds dat veel mensen zouden kunnen profiteren van Epstein's voortdurende stilte en Tucker Carlson uitte zijn scepsis over de officiële doodsoorzaak. oordeelde over zelfmoord en schreef:

De Amerikaanse regering beweert dat Jeffrey Epstein vier en een half jaar geleden zelfmoord heeft gepleegd in een federaal detentiecentrum in Manhattan, vlak voor zijn proces.

Als dat waar is, waarom zijn er dan zo weinig platen beschikbaar van die avond?

Carlson benadrukt het feit dat de reguliere media grote vragen grotendeels negeren, zoals – voor wie Epstein werkte, de oorsprong van zijn rijkdom en de ware oorzaak van zijn dood, vooral of het zelfmoord of moord was.

"De eerste is voor wie werkte Jeffrey Epstein? Wat deed Jeffrey Epstein voor de kost en namens wie? Dat weten we niet.

De tweede vraag is: waar komt al het geld vandaan? Honderden miljoenen dollars die gedurende vele jaren door zijn handen gingen. En waar is het nu? Dat weten wij ook niet.

En de derde vraag, misschien wel de meest prangende van allemaal, is wat er met Jeffrey Epstein is gebeurd."

Specifiek voor de derde vraag ([omdat we naar de andere twee kunnen raden](#)): Mark Epstein herhaalt zijn [mislukte pogingen om andere gevangenen te identificeren of gegevens te verkrijgen van de nacht van het overlijden](#).



Mark **bekritiseert de omgang met het lichaam van zijn broer**, de onbeschikbaarheid van belangrijke documenten en het schijnbare gebrek aan grondig onderzoek door de politie. Ministerie van Justitie

"Uit de autopsie bleek dat hij minstens twee uur dood was voordat hij werd gevonden. Dus op dat moment moeten ze het lichaam verlaten en het kantoor van de medische onderzoeker bellen, zodat ze foto's kunnen komen maken, de eerste tests kunnen doen, wat ze ook willen doen. doen als ze een lijk vinden. Maar dat is niet gebeurd."

Epstein beschrijft vervolgens de bijzondere omstandigheden die in het autopsierapport worden aangetroffen en die niet overeenkomen met een typische hangende zelfmoord.

'Nou, na de autopsie kwamen de beide pathologen, de stadspatholoog en dr. Baden, uit de autopsie en ze zeiden dat dit niet op zelfmoord lijkt. Het lijkt meer op moord.'

In het bijzonder benadrukt hij de **gebroken nekbeenderen die meer overeenkomen met wurging of een fysieke aanval dan met ophanging**.

Mark wijst ook op de afwezigheid van verwachte fysieke tekenen op het lichaam als het gedurende een langere periode had gehangen, waardoor het zelfmoordverhaal verder in twijfel werd getrokken.

"Uit de autopsiefoto's blijkt dat de ligatuurvlek op Jeffs nek zich in het midden van zijn nek bevindt en recht naar achteren gaat, alsof iemand een touw om zijn nek heeft gedaan en hem heeft gewurgd zoals Carlo in The Godfather in de auto."

Deze details, gecombineerd met het gebrek aan transparantie van de autoriteiten, voeden zijn overtuiging dat zijn broer is vermoord.



Tucker verduidelijkte:

"De gebroken botten in zijn nek zijn niet zichtbaar ophangingen, maar worden gezien in wurging."

Epstein bevestigde en antwoordde: ***"Het is een beangstigende gedachte dat je door de overheid in de gevangenis kunt worden vermoord. Want nogmaals, mijn leven zou een stuk gemakkelijker zijn geweest als hij zelfmoord had gepleegd."***

'Ik had het achter me kunnen laten. Maar het is op dit moment duidelijk dat het geen zelfmoord was.

En dat betekent dat iemand ze heeft vermoord. Dus wie heeft hem vermoord en waarom?"

Een goede vraag... die we waarschijnlijk nooit zullen weten, zoals Mark concludeert:

"Nou, toen ik de verklaring van Barr hoorde dat hij zei dat hij de videoband persoonlijk had gezien en concludeerde dat het een..."

zelfmoord omdat niemand naar binnen of naar buiten ging, toen drong het tot me door dat hij dit verdoezelde."

Carlson eindigt door erop te wijzen dat het erop lijkt dat ambtenaren op het hoogste niveau liegen over de omstandigheden rond de dood van Epstein.

Zijn broer is het daarmee eens en wil de waarheid:

"...mensen moeten zich daarvan bewust zijn. Of we er ooit achter komen wat er precies is gebeurd, weet ik niet. Maar ja, ik wil niet dat mensen denken dat hij zelfmoord heeft gepleegd. Want dat is niet het geval."

Bekijk hieronder het verkorte interview...

Tucker Carlson



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Afl. 59 De meeste mensen begrijpen dat Jeffrey Epstein geen zelfmoord heeft gepleegd. Maar de procureur-generaal van de Verenigde Staten hielp zijn moord te verdoezelen? Dat is iets heel anders. Epsteins broer Mark legt het uit.

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Bijvoorbeeld:

De medische onderzoeker (de stadspatholoog en een andere arts) die de autopsie uitvoerde, oordeelde niet dat het zelfmoord was; ze zeiden dat het niet op zelfmoord leek. Op de overlijdensakte stond 'doodsoorzaak: in afwachting van onderzoek'. De zelfmoorduitspraak werd gedaan door de hoofdpatholoog (Barbara Sampson), die niet aanwezig was bij de autopsie.

Op het moment dat de vaststelling werd gedaan, werd al het verdere onderzoek stopgezet. Barbara Sampson wil niet met Mark Epstein of Tucker praten. De uitspraak van Sampson overruled die van de feitelijke patholoog die de autopsie uitvoerde. Ze rechtvaardigde dit door te zeggen dat er een eerdere zelfmoordpoging was geweest.

Echter...

Er was geen zelfmoordpoging voorafgaand aan de dood van Epstein. Mark Epstein verwijst naar een interview met Jeffrey's advocaat, David Shoen, waarin de [advocaat verklaarde dat Jeffrey daadwerkelijk was aangevallen door zijn celgenoot, maar dat niet wilde.](#)

meld het als zodanig*. De media meldden het als een zelfmoordpoging.

**** Shoen beschrijft dit als een incident dat begon als een 'experiment' tussen Jeffrey en de celgenoot, een voormalige agent, waarbij Jeffrey zich onder druk gezet voelde om de celgenoot iets om zijn nek te laten doen. De celgenoot trok eraan en verwondde Jeffrey. Wat dit ook was, het klinkt niet als een zelfmoordpoging.***

Jeffrey Epstein stierf een paar dagen voor een hoorzitting over een beroep op zijn borgstelling. Met andere woorden: er was nog steeds een kans dat hij in afwachting van zijn proces uit de gevangenis had kunnen ontsnappen.

Procureur-generaal Bill Barr beweerde dat hij "de banden had bekeken" van de enige ingang/uitgang van het cellenblok waar Epstein werd vastgehouden, zag niemand binnenkomen of vertrekken, dus hij dacht dat het zelfmoord was. Er waren echter verschillende (7-14) andere mensen die zich al in dat cellenblok bevonden. Mark heeft niet kunnen vaststellen wie de andere gevangenen waren, behalve iemand die Jeffrey's celgenoot was. Mark heeft te horen gekregen dat de banden niet bestaan.

De ligatuursporen lijken meer op die van een elektrisch snoer (mogelijk van zijn CPAP-machine) dan op een stof zoals een beddengoed.

Een lichaam dat twee uur blijft hangen, zou blauwe plekken moeten vertonen door de bloedophoping in de benen en billen als gevolg van de zwaartekracht. Uit autopsie blijkt niets van dit alles.

Is het een wonder dat Mark Epstein vragen heeft...



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"Like Carlo In The Car In The Godfather" - Epstein's Brother Tells Tucker, Pathologists Said "Doesn't Look Like Suicide"



BY TYLER DURDEN

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Earlier in the week, we saw [Jeffrey Epstein's brother Mark explain to Tucker Carlson](#) how he has **struggled to obtain basic documents related to his brother's death in federal custody.**

As the identities of Jeffrey's various 'associates' is released this week, it is clear from the 'eliteness' of this list of alleged creeps that many people stood to benefit from Epstein's perpetual silence and Tucker Carlson expressed skepticism about the official cause of death being ruled suicide, writing:

The U.S. government claims Jeffrey Epstein killed himself in a federal detention facility in Manhattan four and a half years ago, just before his trial.

If that's true, why are there so few records available from that night?

Carlson highlights the fact that the mainstream media largely ignores big questions such as - who Epstein worked for, the origin of his wealth, and the true cause of his death, particularly whether it was suicide or murder.

*"The first is who did Jeffrey Epstein work for? **What did Jeffrey Epstein do for a living and on whose behalf? We don't know.***

*The second question is where did all the money come from? **Hundreds of millions of dollars that passed through his hands over many years. And where is it now? We don't know that either.***

*And the third question, maybe the most pressing of all, which is, **what happened to Jeffrey Epstein.**"*

Specific to the third question ([because we can guess at the other two](#)), Mark Epstein reiterates his [unsuccessful attempts to identify other inmates or obtain records from the night of the death](#).



Mark **criticizes the handling of his brother's body**, the unavailability of key records, and the apparent lack of a thorough investigation by the Department of Justice

*"The autopsy showed he was dead for at least 2 hours before he was found. So at that point, **they're supposed to leave the body and call the medical examiner's office so they can come take photographs, do the initial testing, whatever they do when they find a dead body. But that wasn't done.**"*

Epstein then details the peculiar circumstances found in the autopsy report, which don't align with a typical hanging suicide.

*"Well, after the autopsy and the both pathologists, the city pathologist and Dr. Baden, came out of the autopsy and they **said this doesn't look like a suicide. It looks more like a homicide.**"*

Specifically, he highlights the **broken neck bones more consistent with strangulation or a physical attack rather than a hanging.**

Mark also points out the absence of expected physical signs on the body if it had been hanging for an extended period, further casting doubt on the suicide narrative.

"The autopsy photographs show that the ligature mark on Jeff's neck is in the middle of his neck and goes straight back **as if someone put a rope around his neck and strangled him like Carlo in The Godfather in the car.**"

These details, combined with the lack of transparency from authorities, fuel his belief that his brother was murdered.



Tucker clarified:

*"The bones in his neck that were broken are **not seen in hangings, but are seen in strangulation.**"*

Epstein confirmed and responded, *"**that's a scary thought that you can be killed in prison by the government. Because again, my life would have been a lot easier if he committed suicide.**"*

"I could have put it behind me. But it's obvious at this point in time that he was it was not a suicide.

*And so means somebody killed them. **So who killed him and why?"***

A good question... to which we will likely never know as Mark concludes:

"Well, when I heard Barr's statement that he said he personally saw the videotape and he concluded it was a

suicide because nobody went in or out, that's when it hit me that he's covering this up."

Carlson finishes by pointing out that it appears officials at the highest levels are lying about the circumstances surrounding Epstein's death. His brother agrees, and wants the truth:

"...people should be aware of that. Whether we ever figure out exactly what happened, I don't know. But yeah, I don't want people to think he committed suicide. Because that's not the case."

Watch the abbreviated interview below...

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Ep. 59 Most people understand that Jeffrey Epstein didn't kill himself. But the attorney general of the United States helped cover up his murder? That's a different thing entirely. Epstein's brother Mark explains.



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For example:

The medical examiner (the city pathologist and another doctor) who performed the autopsy did not rule it a suicide-- they said it did not look like suicide. The death certificate said "cause of death: pending investigation." The suicide ruling was made by the Chief Pathologist (Barbara Sampson) who was not present at the autopsy. At the point that determination was made, all further investigation was halted. Barbara Sampson won't talk to Mark Epstein or Tucker. Sampson's ruling overruled that of the actual pathologist who performed the autopsy. She justified this by saying there had been a previous suicide attempt.

However...

There was no suicide attempt prior to Epstein's death. Mark Epstein references an interview with Jeffrey's attorney, David Shoen, in which the [attorney stated that Jeffrey had actually been attacked by his cellmate](#), but did not want to

report it as such. The media reported it as a suicide attempt.*

** Shoen describes this as an incident that began as an "experiment" between Jeffrey and the cellmate, a former cop, in which Jeffrey felt pressured to allow the cellmate to place something around his neck. The cellmate then pulled on it and injured Jeffrey. Whatever this was, it doesn't sound like a suicide attempt.*

Jeffrey Epstein died a few days before a hearing on an appeal for his bond. In other words, there was still a chance he could have bailed out of jail awaiting trial.

*Attorney General Bill Barr claimed he had "reviewed the tapes" of the only entrance / exit to the cell block where Epstein was being held, saw no one enter or exit, so he believed it was a suicide. **However, there were several (7-14) other people who were already in that cell block.** Mark has been unable to determine who the other prisoners were, other than one who was Jeffrey's cellmate. Mark has been told the tapes do not exist.*

The ligature marks look more like those left from an electrical cord (possibly from his CPAP machine) rather than a fabric such as a bedsheet.

A body left hanging for two hours should show bruising from the blood pooling in the legs and buttocks due to gravity. Autopsy indicates none of this.

Is it any wonder that Mark Epstein has questions...

Harde schijven en video's van Jeffrey Epstein 'per ongeluk zoek geraakt', zeggen autoriteiten

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Meerdere harde schijven en video's van Jeffrey Epstein die in 2019 in beslag werden genomen door rechercheurs tijdens een inval in de woning van de veroordeelde pedofiel in Manhattan werden "niet als bewijs ingevoerd" en zijn sindsdien verloren gegaan, aldus de autoriteiten, bericht [Baxter Dmitry](#).

FBI-onderzoekers namen foto's van het bewijsmateriaal dat in beslag werd genomen in Epsteins huis, terwijl afbeeldingen van de harde schijven en video's

[publiekelijk beschikbaar bleven.](#)



De harde schijven, video's, cd's en andere voorwerpen werden echter nooit als bewijsmateriaal ingevoerd en zijn sindsdien op mysterieuze wijze verdwenen.

In december 2021 getuigde een speciale FBI-agent tijdens het proces tegen Ghislaine Maxwell over sekshandel in New York dat er belangrijk bewijsmateriaal was "verdwenen" na de inval bij Epstein.

Special Agent Kelly Maguire vertelde de rechtbank dat harde schijven en andere voorwerpen door de FBI in beslag waren genomen uit een afgesloten kluis tijdens een eerste huiszoeking in Manhattan op 6 en 7 juli 2019.

De agent zei dat onderzoekers met een zaag inbraken in de kluis en juwelen, diamanten, "grote hoeveelheden" Amerikaans geld, harde schijven en een buitenlands paspoort voor Epstein onder een andere naam vonden.

Het zorgvuldig georganiseerde bewijsmateriaal, waaronder CD's, harde schijven en video's die in beslag zijn genomen in Epsteins herenhuis in Manhattan, is niet als bewijsmateriaal ingevoerd en is sindsdien verdwenen, aldus de autoriteiten. Agent Maguire, lid van de FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force, zei dat ze geen commentaar kon geven op de inhoud van de harde schijven, video's of CD's, maar bevestigde dat de inhoud sindsdien verdwenen is en niet als bewijsmateriaal is ingevoerd.



"Mediavrije zone' ingesteld rond rampgebied door bosbrand in Maui - Wat proberen ze te verbergen?"

Dozen met video's en harde schijven werden ook gevonden op andere locaties in Epsteins acht verdiepingen tellende huis aan de Upper East Side. Intrigerend genoeg waren sommige van deze dozen verzegeld met "bewijstape" waarvan Maguire getuigde dat deze er niet was aangebracht door de autoriteiten.

Dozen met harde schijven en video's die door Jeffrey Epstein waren verzegeld met "bewijstape" en later door de autoriteiten in beslag werden genomen, zijn

niet als bewijsmateriaal ingevoerd en worden nu niet meer nage trokken.



Agenten vonden ook een plank met zwarte ordners op de vijfde verdieping. De zorgvuldig geordende ordners bevatten meer CD's en thumbnails met foto's erop.

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Federale aanklagers [vermeldde het nu vermiste bewijsmateriaal](#) ook in de rechtbank in 2019 toen ze met succes in beroep gingen tegen Epsteins verzoek om borgtocht.

De ontbrekende harde schijven, video's en cd's zijn het topje van de ijsberg als het gaat om ontbrekende documenten en informatie van Epstein.

Jeffrey Epstein's broer Mark onthulde deze week dat Epstein's pre-hospitale zorgrapport, geschreven door het EMS-team dat zijn dode lichaam uit zijn gevangenis zou hebben gehaald, ook op mysterieuze wijze verdwenen is uit het systeem.

Volgens een ander rapport vonden onderzoekers een vernietigende schat aan nauwgezet georganiseerde foto's die VIP-pedofielen in verband brachten met minderjarige seksslaven.



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Rechtbankdocumenten onthulden dat de foto's vergezeld gingen van CD's met handgeschreven labels zoals: "Young [naam] + [naam], 'Misc nudes 1' en 'Girl pics nude.'"

Maar ook deze schat aan vernietigende foto's lijkt verloren te zijn gegaan en is niet als bewijsmateriaal ingebracht.

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The Maxwells: Mossad's First Family of Spies

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Who was running whom in the Epstein espionage ring?



The story of the deceased pedophile and presumed Israeli spy Jeffrey Epstein continues to enthrall because so little of the truth regarding it has been revealed in spite of claims by the government that a thorough follow-up investigation has been initiated. The case is reportedly still open and it is to be presumed that Justice Department investigators have been able to examine certain aspects of what occurred more intensively. A major part of the investigation has been a review of actions taken by the four government prosecutors who were most directly involved with the negotiations with Epstein and his lawyers in 2007-8. The 22 month-long review, carried out by the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), finally produced a [350 page report](#) which was released on November 12th.

The DOJ has now picked out a [scapegoat](#) for what many now think was gross prosecutorial negligence, possibly including corruption of senior government officials. He is not surprisingly Alexander Acosta, who was the U.S. Attorney for Miami when the Epstein case came up. Relying substantially on internal government emails as well as communications between the prosecutors and Epstein's team of high-profile lawyers to reach its conclusion, the OPR review concluded that Acosta exhibited "poor judgment" in his handling of the Epstein deal. He did not inform the victims or their attorneys of developments in the case, as required by law, and overruled the lead prosecutor and FBI agents who argued that Epstein should face serious jail time. He even cut a deal with Epstein before the investigation into his crimes was completed. The OPR investigators also determined that many emails that would

have materially aided the plaintiffs were not made available to their attorneys, a shortcoming that the report attributed to a “technological error.”

The email gap covers the time span from May 2007, when the prosecutor’s office prepared a 53-page draft indictment of Epstein, to April 2008, shortly before Epstein’s guilty plea and slap-on-the-wrist sentence in state court ended the federal investigation. Epstein’s defense attorneys had during that time period been engaged in an aggressive lobbying campaign to persuade the federal prosecutors to rescind the indictment and shut down the federal case. Epstein’s “sweetheart deal” with the federal government negated a possible conviction of serious crimes against 19 alleged victims, most of whom were minors. Instead of a possible sentence of between 14 and 17 years in federal prison, Epstein was encouraged by federal prosecutors to plead guilty to two prostitution-related crimes in state court to resolve the case. He served 13 months of an 18-month sentence in a county jail on a liberal work release program, often sleeping in his own home, and the federal case was duly closed.

It is, of course, noticeable that neither Acosta, who has possibly now retired from public life, nor anyone else will be punished for what was clearly a gross miscarriage of justice. That is the way the government works these days. But there is also a much bigger problem with the report, which is that it essentially failed to follow up on an argument that Acosta made when the bungling of the Epstein case began to surface in the media last year.

There has, in fact, been a cover-up of a major element in the Epstein saga, namely his possible connection with Israel’s intelligence agency Mossad. Investigative reporter Whitney Webb has recently completed [an exhaustive review](#) of what we know about Epstein’s partner in crime, lover and accomplice Ghislaine Maxell, to include some consideration of the possible involvement of her sisters Isabel and Christine in activity initially directed by their father, known Mossad agent Robert Maxwell.

The evidence that Epstein was directly involved in intelligence work to include bribing or blackmailing prominent individuals to act on behalf of Israel, derives both from the statement made by Acosta in 2017 [that](#) “I was told Epstein ‘belonged to intelligence’ and to leave it alone,” a comment that the Justice Department and FBI have apparently never sought to investigate further. It also derives from other external evidence. Epstein was found to be making videos of his guests having sex with his young girls, which is a version of a classic intelligence entrapment technique employed by every major spy agency worldwide and in his Manhattan mansion he had a large supply of diamonds, cash and an Austrian passport on hand if he should have to make a quick escape.

That Epstein would be linked to Israel rather than to some other intelligence service is inevitably due to his relationship with Robert Maxwell, which eventually included his daughter Ghislaine. Robert, a Czech Jew who became a naturalized British citizen, was believed by C.I.A. and other intelligence services to be a long-time agent of Mossad. After he died under mysterious circumstances, he was given a state funeral in Israel that was attended by every current and former head of the Jewish state’s intelligence service as well as by the country’s prime minister Yitzhak Shamir who [eulogized](#): “He has done more for Israel than can today be said.” Ghislaine reportedly became the principal procurer of Epstein’s young girl victims.

Also corroborating the tale of espionage even if it appears to be of no interest to the FBI and Justice Department, is a book [Epstein: Dead Men Tell No Tales](#) written by a former Israeli intelligence officer who actually ran the “Robert Maxwell” operation, describing inter alia how Epstein and Maxwell were [blackmailing prominent politicians](#) on behalf of Mossad. According to Ari Ben-Menashe, the two had been working directly for the Israeli government since the 1980’s and their operation, which was funded by Mossad and also by prominent American Jews, was a classic “honey-trap” which used underage girls as bait to attract well-known politicians from around the world, a list that included Prince Andrew and Bill Clinton. The politicians would be photographed and video recorded when they were in bed with the girls.

But in spite of the evidence, the role of Ghislaine, currently in custody in a maximum-security Brooklyn prison, is less well known and is possibly being deliberately concealed by the Trump Administration, which is prone to do favors for Israel. Even less known is the possible roles of her two sisters. Webb details how Maxwell and his Israeli Mossad handlers compromised the top-secret information system then in use by the U.S. government. She [observes that](#) “While Ghislaine’s own ties to intelligence have...come to light in relation to her critical role in facilitating the Jeffrey Epstein sexual blackmail operation,...little, if any attention, has been paid to her siblings, particularly Christine and her twin sister Isabel, despite them having held senior roles at the Israeli intelligence front company that facilitated their father’s greatest act of espionage on Israel’s behalf, the sale of the bugged PROMIS software to the U.S. national laboratories at the heart of the country’s nuclear weapons system... Ghislaine herself also became involved in these [blackmail] affairs, as did Jeffrey Epstein following his first arrest, as they began courting the biggest names in the U.S. tech scene, from Silicon Valley’s most powerful venture capital firms to its most well-known titans. This also dovetailed with Epstein’s investments in Israeli intelligence-linked tech firms and his claims of having troves of blackmail on prominent tech company CEOs during this same period.”

Upon Robert Maxwell’s mysterious death in 1991, his sons Kevin and Ian took control of many of the interlocking companies that their father had used both to conceal assets and to obtain access and information while Ghislaine remained in the New York area and two other daughters Isabel and Christine opted to exploit the internet as an intelligence resource to build upon their father’s “legacy.”

Isabel, in particular, moved aggressively and eventually became recognized as the self-styled liaison between Israel’s government and Silicon Valley. Whitney Webb recounts [in considerable detail how she](#) “mov[ed] in ‘the same circles as her father’ and vow[ed] to ‘work only on things involving Israel’ ... [to become] a pivotal liaison for the entry of Israeli intelligence-linked tech firms into Silicon Valley with the help of Microsoft’s two co-founders, Paul Allen and Bill Gates.”

One has to suspect that a tale of Mossad running a major spy ring in the U.S. using a pedophile and young girls might just be too much for some folks in power to tolerate and they have made sure that the true story will never see the light of day. But the tale of how the prominent ostensibly British Maxwell family, acting for Mossad, may have systematically spied on the United States over a number of years, often pretty much out in the open, and the FBI and

Justice Department saw fit to look the other way, is bigger still. That is the real story. Israel yet again spies and Washington denies.



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FORMER ISRAELI INTEL OFFICIAL CLAIMS JEFFREY EPSTEIN, GHISLAINE MAXWELL WORKED FOR ISRAEL

Since the apparent death by suicide of Jeffrey Epstein in a Manhattan prison, much has come to light about his depraved activities and methods used to sexually abuse underage girls and entrap the rich and powerful for the purposes of blackmail.

Epstein's ties to intelligence, described in-depth in a recent *MintPress* investigative series, have continued to receive minimal mainstream media coverage, which has essentially moved on from the Epstein scandal despite the fact that his many co-conspirators remain on the loose.



For those who have examined Epstein's ties to intelligence, there are clear links to both U.S. intelligence and Israeli intelligence, leaving it somewhat open to debate as to which country's intelligence apparatus was closest to Epstein and most involved in his blackmail/sex-trafficking activities. A recent interview given by a former high-ranking official in Israeli military intelligence has claimed that Epstein's sexual blackmail enterprise was an Israel intelligence operation run for the purpose of entrapping powerful individuals and politicians in the United States and abroad.

In an interview with Zev Shalev, former *CBS News* executive producer and award-winning investigative journalist for *Narativ*, the former senior executive for Israel's Directorate of Military Intelligence, Ari Ben-Menashe, claimed not only to have met Jeffrey Epstein and his alleged madam, Ghislaine Maxwell, back in the 1980s, but that both Epstein and Maxwell were *already* working with Israeli intelligence during that time period.

“THEY FOUND A NICHE”

In an interview last week with the independent outlet *Narativ*, Ben-Menashe, who himself was involved in Iran-Contra arms deals, told his interviewer Zev Shalev that he had been introduced to Jeffrey Epstein by Robert Maxwell in the mid-1980s while Maxwell's and Ben-Menashe's involvement with Iran-Contra was ongoing. Ben-Menashe did not specify the year he met Epstein.

Ben-Menashe told Shalev that “he [Maxwell] wanted us to accept him [Epstein] as part of our group I'm not denying that we were at the time a group that it was Nick Davies [Foreign Editor of the Maxwell-Owned *Daily Mirror*], it was Maxwell, it was myself and our team from Israel, we were doing what we were doing.” Past reporting by Seymour Hersh and others revealed that Maxwell, Davies and Ben-Menashe were involved in the transfer and sale of military equipment and weapons from Israel to Iran on behalf of Israeli intelligence during this time period.

He then added that Maxwell had stated during the introduction that “your Israeli bosses have already approved” of Epstein. Shalev later noted that Maxwell “had an extensive network in Israel at the time, which included [the later Prime Minister] Ariel Sharon, according to Ben-Menashe.”

Ben-Menashe went on to say that he had “met him [Epstein] a few times in Maxwell's office, that was it.” He also said he was not aware of Epstein being involved in arms deals for anyone else he knew at the time, but that Maxwell wanted to involve Epstein in the arms transfer in which he, Davies and Ben-Menashe were engaged on Israel's behalf.



Ariel Sharon (right) meets with Robert Maxwell in Jerusalem on Feb. 20, 1990. Photo | AP

However, as *MintPress* reported in Part IV of the investigative series “Inside the Jeffrey Epstein Scandal: Too Big to Fail,” Epstein was involved with several arms dealers during this period of time, some of whom were directly involved in Iran-Contra arms deals between Israel and Iran. For instance, after leaving Bear Stearns in 1981, Epstein began working in the realms of shadow finance as a self-described “financial bounty hunter,” where he would both hunt down and hide money for powerful people. One of these powerful individuals was Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi arms dealer with close ties to both Israeli and U.S. intelligence and one of the main brokers of Iran-Contra arms deals between Israel and Iran. Epstein would later forge a business relationship with a CIA front company involved in another aspect of Iran-Contra, the airline Southern Air Transport, on behalf of Leslie Wexner’s company, The Limited.

During this period, it is also known that Epstein became well acquainted with the British arms dealer Sir Douglas Leese, who collaborated with Khashoggi on at least one British-Saudi arms deal in the 1980s. Leese would later introduce Epstein to Steven Hoffenberg, calling Epstein a “genius” and describing his lack of morals during that introduction. Thus, there are indications that Epstein was involved with Middle Eastern arms deals, including some related to Iran-Contra, during this period. In addition, Epstein would later claim (and then subsequently deny) having worked for the CIA during this period.

After having been introduced to Epstein, Ben-Menashe claimed that neither he nor Davies were impressed with Epstein and considered him “not very competent.” He added that Ghislaine Maxwell had “fallen for” Epstein and that he believed that the romantic relationship between his daughter and Epstein led Robert Maxwell to work to bring the latter into the “family business” — i.e., Maxwell’s dealings with Israeli intelligence. This information is very revealing, given that the narrative, until now at least, has been that Ghislaine Maxwell and Jeffrey Epstein did not meet and begin their relationship until after Robert Maxwell’s death in 1991, after which Ghislaine moved to New York.

Ben-Menashe says that well after the introduction, though again he does not specify what year, Ghislaine Maxwell and Jeffrey Epstein began a sexual blackmail operation with the purpose of extorting U.S. political and public figures on behalf of Israeli military intelligence. He stated:

“In this case what really happened, my take on it, in the later thing, is that these guys were seen as agents. They weren’t really competent to do very much. And so they found a niche for themselves — blackmailing American and other political figures.”

He then confirmed, when prompted, that they were blackmailing Americans on behalf of Israeli intelligence.

In response to his statement, Zev Shalev replied, “But, you know, for most people it’s hard for them to think of Israel as being ... blackmailing their leaders in the United States, it’s a very ...” at which point, Ben-Menashe interrupted and the following exchange took place:

Ari Ben-Menashe: You’re kidding? [laughs]... It was quite their M.O. Sleeping around is not a crime, it may be embarrassing, but it’s not a crime, but sleeping with underage girls is a crime.

Shalev: It was a crime in 2000 as well, but they let him off that...

Ben-Menashe: And that it is [why] always so he [Epstein] made sure these girls were underage.

In addition, when Shalev asked Ben-Menashe about the relationship between Jeffrey Epstein and former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Ben-Menashe stated “After a while, you know, what Mr. Epstein was doing was collecting intelligence on people in the United States. And so if you want to go to the U.S. if you’re a high-profile politician you want to know information about people.” Ben-Menashe subsequently stated that Barak was obtaining compromising information (i.e., blackmail) that Epstein had acquired on powerful people in the United States.

PROMIS, SEX, AND BLACKMAIL

If Robert Maxwell did recruit Epstein and bring him into the “family business” and the world of Israeli intelligence, as Ben-Menashe has claimed, it provides supporting evidence for information provided to *MintPress* by a former U.S. intelligence official, who chose to remain anonymous in light of the sensitivity of the claim.

This source, who has direct knowledge of the unauthorized use of PROMIS to support covert U.S. and Israeli intelligence projects, told *MintPress* that “some of the proceeds from the illicit sales of PROMIS were made available to Jeffrey Epstein for use in compromising targets of political blackmail.” As was noted in a *Mintpress* series on the Epstein scandal, much of Epstein’s funding also came from Ohio billionaire Leslie Wexner, who has documented ties to both organized crime and U.S. and Israeli intelligence.

After the PROMIS software was stolen from its rightful owner and developer, Inslaw Inc., through the collusion of both U.S. and Israeli officials, it was marketed mainly by two men: Earl Brian, a close aide to Ronald Reagan, later U.S. envoy to Iran and close friend of Israeli spymaster Rafi Eitan; and Robert Maxwell. Brian sold the bugged software through his company, Hadron Inc., while Maxwell sold it through an Israeli company he acquired called Degem. Before and following Maxwell’s acquisition of Degem, the company was a known front for Mossad operations and Mossad operatives in Latin America often posed as Degem employees.

With Maxwell — Epstein's alleged recruiter and father of Epstein's alleged madam — having been one of the main salespeople involved in selling PROMIS software on behalf of intelligence, he would have been in a key position to furnish Epstein's nascent sexual blackmail operation with the proceeds from the sale of PROMIS.

This link between Epstein's sexual blackmail operation and the PROMIS software scandal is notable given that the illicit use of PROMIS by U.S. and Israeli intelligence has been for blackmail purposes on U.S. public figures and politicians, as was described in a recent *MintPress* report.

CAN AN EX-SPY BE TRUSTED?

When dealing in the world of deception and intrigue that defines intelligence operations, it is often difficult to determine whether any individual linked to an intelligence agency is telling the truth. Indeed, in the United States, there are examples of elected intelligence officials committing perjury and lying to Congress on several occasions with no consequences, and of intelligence officials feeding politically motivated and untrue information to agency assets in the media.

So, are Ari Ben-Menashe's claims regarding Epstein and the Maxwells trustworthy? In addition to the aforementioned, corroborating information for his claims, a review of Ben-Menashe's post-intelligence career suggests this is the case.



Ari Ben-Menashe arrives at Harare International Airport, in Zimbabwe, Feb. 22, 2002. Photo | AP

Prior to his arrest in November 1989, Ben-Menashe was a high-ranking officer in a special unit of Israeli military intelligence. He would later claim that his arrest for attempting to sell American-made weapons to Iran was politically motivated, as he had threatened to expose what the U.S. government had done with the stolen PROMIS software if the U.S. did not cease providing Saddam Hussein's Iraq with chemical weapons. Ben-Menashe was later acquitted when a U.S. court determined that his involvement in the attempted sale of military equipment to Iran was done on behalf of the Israeli state.

After his arrest, Ben-Menashe was visited in prison by Robert Parry, the former *Newsweek* contributor and *Associated Press* reporter who would later found and run *Consortium News* until his recent passing last year. Parry remembered that, during that interview, “Ben-Menashe offered me startling new information about the Iran-Contra scandal, which I thought that I knew quite well.”

Israel’s government immediately began to attack Ben-Menashe’s credibility following his interview with Parry, and claimed that Ben-Menashe had never worked for Israeli intelligence. When Parry soon found evidence that Ben-Menashe had indeed served in Israeli military intelligence, Israel’s government was then forced to admit that he had worked for military intelligence, but only as a “low-level translator.” Yet, the documentation Parry had uncovered described Ben-Menashe as having served in “key positions” and performed “complex and sensitive assignments.”

A year later, Ben-Menashe would be interviewed by another journalist, Seymour Hersh. It would be Ben-Menashe who first revealed to Hersh secrets about Israel’s nuclear program and the fact that British media mogul Robert Maxwell was an Israeli spy, revelations that Hersh would not only independently corroborate but include in his book *The Samson Option: Israel’s Nuclear Arsenal and American Foreign Policy*. Hersh was then sued by Robert Maxwell and the Maxwell-owned Mirror Group for libel. The case was later settled in Hersh’s favor, as the claims Hersh had made were true and not libelous. As a result, the Mirror Group paid Hersh for damages, covered his legal costs, and issued him a formal apology.

After Ben-Menashe's interviews by Hersh and Parry, Israel's government was apparently concerned enough about what Ben-Menashe would tell congressional investigators that it attempted to kidnap him and bring him back to Israel to face state charges, much like Israeli intelligence had done to Israel's nuclear-weapons whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu. The plan was foiled largely thanks to Parry.

Parry, who broke many key stories related to the Iran-Contra scandal in the 1980s and beyond, was tipped off by a U.S. intelligence source about a joint U.S.-Israel plan to have Ben-Menashe first be denied entry to the United States on his planned trip to give congressional testimony. Per the plan, Ben-Menashe would be denied entry to the U.S. in Los Angeles and then be deported to Israel, where he would have stood trial for "exposing state secrets." Parry called Ben-Menashe and convinced him to delay his flight until he secured a guarantee for safe passage from the U.S. government.

Ben-Menashe subsequently gave a sworn statement to the House Judiciary Committee that mostly focused on U.S.-Israel collusion regarding the theft and creation of a "backdoor" into the PROMIS software. Ben-Menashe offered to name names and provide corroborating evidence for several of his claims if he was offered immunity by the committee, which, for whatever reason, declined that request.

Prior to the conclusion of the Hersh “libel” trial, which would later uphold Ben-Menashe’s claims regarding Robert Maxwell’s Mossad activities as true, there was a concerted effort in the U.S. press to downplay Ben-Menashe’s credibility. For instance, *Newsweek* — in an article on Ben-Menashe entitled “One Man, Many Tales” — claimed that “inconsistencies may undermine Ben-Menashe’s testimony in the British courtroom proceedings,” citing inconsistencies from sources in Israel’s government and Israeli intelligence as well as Ben-Menashe’s ex-wife and Israeli journalist Shmuel (or Samuel) Segev, a former IDF colonel. It goes without saying that such sources had much to gain from any effort to discredit Ben-Menashe’s claims.

According to Parry, this media campaign, which employed American journalists with close ties to Israel’s government and intelligence agencies, was very successful “in marginalizing Ben-Menashe by 1993, at least in the eyes of the Washington Establishment.” After a years-long media campaign to discredit Ben-Menashe, “the Israelis seemed to view him as a declining threat, best left alone. He was able to pick up the pieces of his life, creating a second act as an international political consultant and businessman arranging sales of grain.” The effort to marginalize Ben-Menashe has continued well into recent years, with mainstream news outlets still referring to him as a “self-described ex-Israeli spy” — despite the well-documented fact that Ben-Menashe worked for Israeli intelligence — as a means of downplaying his claims regarding his time in Israel’s intelligence service.

After the conclusion of the Hersh libel trial, Ben-Menashe became an international political consultant who “surrounded his far-flung business activities in secrecy and got involved with some controversial international figures, such as Zimbabwe’s leader Robert Mugabe,” and

“conducted his international consulting business ... in a wide variety of global hotspots, including conflict zones,” according to Parry. In addition to Mugabe, Ben-Menashe has also recently come under fire for his consulting work on behalf of Sudan’s military junta and Venezuelan opposition politician Henri Falcón.

Ben-Menashe has also maintained ties to several different intelligence services and eventually became a controversial whistleblower whose information led to the arrest of the former head of Canada’s Security Intelligence Review Committee, Arthur Porter.

As far as his character is concerned, Parry noted that Ben-Menashe could often be “his own worst enemy” and that, even though Parry considered his information regarding Iran-Contra and PROMIS reliable and noted that much of it was later corroborated, he “often compound[ed] his media problem by treating journalists in a high-handed manner, either due to his suspicions of them or his arrogance.”

Bill Hamilton, the original developer of the PROMIS software and head of Inslaw Inc., also found Ben-Menashe’s claims regarding the illicit use of PROMIS by U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies to be credible, though he expressed doubts about Ben-Menashe’s character.

Hamilton told *MintPress* the following about Ben-Menashe:

“*Ari Ben Menashe was the first source to tell us reliable information about the role of Rafi Eitan and Israeli intelligence vis-a-vis PROMIS but, in the end, of course, he was a clandestine services-type guy whose official duties include the ability and willingness to lie, cheat, and steal.*”

A THREAT REVIVED

While Ben-Menashe may have been viewed as a “declining threat” after the early 1990s, his plans to meet with Robert Parry of *Consortium News* years later in 2012 to discuss Iran-Contra and other covert dealings of the 1980s appeared to change that. Right before he planned to travel from Canada to the United States to meet with Parry and “finally prove” the truthfulness of his past claims, a fire-bomb was thrown into his Montreal home, destroying it.



**Ari Ben-Menashe surveys the damage to his home after it was mysteriously firebombed. Photos
| Robert Parry**

Though Canadian media referred to the incendiary device as a “molotov cocktail,” *Consortium News* reported that “the arson squad’s initial assessment is said to be that the flammable agent was beyond the sort of accelerant used by common criminals,” leading to speculation that the accelerant was military-grade.

Had it not been for the bomb, the origins of which Canadian police failed to determine, Ben-Menashe would have traveled to the U.S. alongside a “senior Israeli intelligence figure” to be interviewed by Parry. The other intelligence-linked individual, according to Parry, “concluded that the attack was meant as a message from Israeli authorities to stay silent about the historical events that he was expected to discuss.”

Though neither Ben-Menashe nor Parry directly blamed Israel’s government for the destruction of Ben-Menashe’s home, Parry noted that the bombing did succeed in “intimidating Ben-Menashe, shutting down possible new disclosures of Israeli misconduct from the other intelligence veteran, and destroying records that would have helped Ben-Menashe prove whatever statements he might make.”

While Ben-Menashe’s post-intelligence associations with controversial governments and individuals have given plenty of fodder to the still thriving media campaign to discredit his claims about covert U.S.-Israel operations in the 1980s, there remain troubling indications that the Israeli government sees his information on decades-old events as a threat.