

A close-up, high-angle portrait of Ghislaine Maxwell. Her eyes are closed, and her expression is serene. She has dark hair and is wearing large, light-colored hoop earrings. The lighting is soft, highlighting her skin and the texture of her hair.

GHISLAINE MAXWELL

THE FALL OF THE HEIRESS AT THE HEART
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Ghislaine Maxwell, 38, Sotheby's vintage clothing sale 1999



Ghislaine Maxwell, 29, Moschino photoshoot 1990

INTRODUCTION

Multi-millionaire British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell seemed to live a charmed life. Based in New York, she was seen at all the best parties, not only in Manhattan but around the globe. Her friends included Presidents Donald Trump and Bill Clinton, along with just about everyone on the A-list worldwide. One of her oldest and closest friends was billionaire Jeffery Epstein, who had pleaded guilty to soliciting prostitution from a minor in Florida in 2008 under state law and received a light sentence. But to those in café society in Manhattan that did not really matter. There were other accusations against Epstein—some implicating Maxwell—but Epstein had more than enough money to keep his accusers at bay, for a time at least.



Ghislaine and Epstein at a Mar-a-Lago party, 1995—federal charges brought against

Ghislaine covered the years 1994-1997, 2001 and 2004

Epstein and Maxwell had another high-society friend—Prince Andrew, Duke of York, the second son of the Queen of England. In July 2019 Epstein was again arrested, but on far more serious federal sex trafficking charges involving the abuse of minors. He died mysteriously awaiting trial in jail a month later. Andrew then made the mistake of going on British television in an attempt to draw a line under his association with Epstein. This drew attention to a photograph that had first been published in 2011. It showed a young woman named Virginia Roberts, who later took the married name

Giuffre. Standing next to her, with his arm around her waist, was Prince Andrew. In the background was Ghislaine Maxwell. According to Virginia Roberts Giuffre, the picture had been taken in Maxwell's London home and the man behind the camera was Epstein.



1993, Ghislaine and Epstein first meet Bill Clinton as Epstein makes a donation to the refurbishment of the White House. She will later also befriend

Chelsea Clinton

Giuffre's said that she had been recruited by Maxwell at the age of fifteen as a sex slave for Epstein. She said that they had brought her over to London, age seventeen, to have sex with Prince Andrew—the first of three occasions. Maxwell denied this, saying she hardly knew the girl though she had settled a defamation case with her. Andrew said he had never met Miss Roberts and did not remember the photograph being taken, implying that it had been faked. But Epstein was dead. Andrew was in England, beyond the jurisdiction of US courts, when Giuffre sued him and initially he did not respond, perhaps under some sort of royal privilege. Maxwell, however, was at large in the US as this played out. So the young women who claimed that they had been victims of Epstein turned their fire on Maxwell, who they claimed had been his procurer. She went underground.



Ghislaine and her university friend Prince Andrew, the Queen of England's favorite son,

at the horse races at Royal Ascot, 2000

The FBI were not to be denied though. Once a grand jury had handed down an indictment, they tracked her down in July 2020. Previous charges against Maxwell had been settled out of court. This time, though, she faced federal felony charges. There was, as always, the possibility of a plea bargain.



Future President Donald Trump out on the town with Ghislaine, 1997

Immediately there was speculation that she would throw Prince Andrew under the bus. Or Bill Clinton, or then President Donald Trump, who said: ‘I wish her well’. Explaining his remark, he told Axios on HBO: ‘Her boyfriend died in jail and people are still trying to figure out, how did it happen? Was it suicide? Was he killed? And I do wish her well. I’m not looking for anything bad for her.’ It almost sounded like a veiled threat in the style of the Godfather, as Maxwell was being held in the same detention center where Epstein, also a friend of the President, had died less than a year earlier.

Or, if she persisted in pleading not guilty, would they be called as witnesses—either for the prosecution or the defense—ensuring that the hearings will be the trial of the century? Meanwhile Prince Andrew was staying shtum.

Ghislaine Maxwell's life and trial raise important questions: How does one gain such power and wealth, and how does that power and wealth protect against the punishment of even the most shocking exploitation?

TUCKEDAWAY

The residents of the sleepy town of Bradford, New Hampshire were woken at around 5am on July 2, 2020 by two small planes buzzing overhead. Puzzled residents began calling one another to try and find out what was going on. In a town with one set of traffic lights where nothing ever happens, something was afoot. A convoy was assembling. One local drove down to where some fifteen vehicles were lined up and demanded to know who they were and what they were doing. He was told they were from the New England Aerial Map Society.

Unfortunately, the local was an expert on geology and maps. It was what he did for a living and he knew that the New England Aerial Map Society did not exist. He asked to see inside their van, but was told it was off limits. Unwilling to be fobbed off, his wife called the police. But they were already there. The night before, the FBI had asked the local police and other agencies to join them in a dawn raid on a local mansion.

At 8.20am, the convoy set off into the New Hampshire woods. Heading a quarter of a mile up a steep dirt road, they passed a granite slab with the name 'Tuckedaway' carved in it. They were then halted by brand new metal security gates. An FBI agent cut through the padlock. Then twenty-four agents stormed the \$1-million home beyond. Two officers from the Internet Crimes

Against Children task force were also on hand. Through a window, the agents saw a woman wearing a T-shirt and jogging bottoms. She ignored their instructions to open the door and fled into an interior room, slamming a door behind her.

This was no courtesy call and the FBI did not knock politely on the front door. Instead they used a battering ram to smash it down, along with half the front wall, unhindered by the British ex-military personnel hired to guard the property. Bursting into the room where the fugitive had sought sanctuary, the FBI quickly handcuffed her. By 8.38am, 18 minutes later she was in custody.

‘Strangely, she didn’t seem to have much reaction. It was like it wasn’t registering with her,’ said an arresting officer.



2020, The cathedral living room of 'Tuckedaway', Ghislaine Maxwell's hiding place in New Hampshire where she lived as 'Jen Marshall' with her husband

Although the woman in custody was not one of America's Most Wanted, she was notorious and had somehow eluded the media and authorities for nearly a year. This was British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, the former girlfriend and confidante of billionaire pedophile Jeffery Epstein who had died in jail on August 10, 2019. There were rumors that she was in a hideaway in Brazil, a safe house in Israel, or even in Russia where NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden had sought refuge. Closer to home, she had been reported living in the quiet Massachusetts town of Manchester-by-the-Sea in the mansion of former boyfriend Scott Borgerson, who denied any contact. Then a picture of her eating a burger and fries outside In-N-Out Burger in Los Angeles emerged, but the photograph had clearly been set up.

Dutch investigator Henk van Ess claimed on Twitter that he had mapped Maxwell's movements across the US for fifty days from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where she had visited a Dunkin' Donuts in the fall, to Bedford,