

# US Judge Says Prosecutors Violated the Rights of Victims in Jeffrey Epstein Underage Sex Abuse Case. Trump's Sec'y of Labor and Robert Mueller Are Under Fire.

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US District Judge Kenneth Marra ruled that in 2008, federal prosecutors in Florida violated the rights of victims by secretly reaching a non-prosecution agreement with wealthy financier, Jeffrey Epstein, who was accused of sexually abusing at least 60 of underage girls and recruiting them for prostitution. Epstein spent a mere 13 months in jail, paid financial settlements to victims and is a registered sex offender. The prosecutors failed to consult with the victims when negotiating the non-prosecution agreement, in violation of federal law. Judge Marra failed to overturn the agreement asked prosecutors and victims' lawyers to recommend in 15 days how to move forward, giving the guilty parties time to settle with the victims.

The Justice Department recently opened a separate investigation into the handling of the Epstein case to determine whether prosecutors committed professional misconduct. Alexander Acosta was the US attorney in Miami at the time and brokered the deal. He now sits in Trump's cabinet and is his Secretary of Labor. Special counsel Robert Mueller led the FBI when the deal was brokered and also has culpability.

There is a two-tier justice system, one for wealthy and politically connected that allows them to evade accountability and punishment, and another for the public that denies justice for victims.

Federal prosecutors in Florida violated the rights of victims by secretly reaching a non-prosecution agreement with a wealthy financier accused of sexually abusing dozens of underage girls, a federal judge ruled Thursday.

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Ten years after convicted **Palm Beach sex offender Jeffrey Epstein** escaped federal charges in connection with allegations that he **paid dozens of teenage girls for sex**, the FBI last week released what appears to be an explosive explanation for what many have long described as a sweetheart deal.

“Epstein

has also provided information to the FBI as agreed upon,” agents wrote in one of dozens of heavily redacted, decade-old memos that were unexpectedly and inexplicably posted on an FBI website known as “The Vault.”

The simple declaration stunned those who have been following the tortuous and celebrity-studded case for years. It rekindled talk that the billionaire’s 2008 decision to plead guilty to state charges to make the federal investigation disappear was part of a cover up to protect **Epstein’s high-powered friends, including President Donald Trump, former President Bill Clinton and Britain’s Prince Andrew.**

“That

sentence obviously means something but I, too, am at a loss as to what it really means,” said attorney Brad Edwards, who for a decade has been trying to unravel the mystery of Epstein’s plea deal. “If there was some cooperation I would have expected that we would have been told. However, nothing surprises me at this point.”

In

recent years, federal prosecutors have offered various explanations for why they agreed to drop the case they were building against the 65-year-old enigmatic money manager if he pleaded guilty to state prostitution charges. In court papers, they have said they wanted to get justice for Epstein’s young victims but worried a jury wouldn’t believe them.

So, they have said, they negotiated a deal, allowing Epstein to plead guilty in Palm Beach County Circuit Court to one count of soliciting a minor for prostitution and another charge of soliciting prostitution. In exchange, federal prosecutors agreed to close their investigation. They have said they had no idea Epstein would only serve 13 months of an 18-month sentence in a vacant wing of the county stockade – a cell he was allowed to leave 16 hours a day, six days a week.

While voicing dismay at his lax punishment, prosecutors have pointed out that the plea deal required Epstein to pay the roughly 30 young women who filed civil lawsuits against him. Further, they said his guilty pleas force him to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, potentially protecting other girls from abuse in the future.

However, over the years, they have never suggested that Epstein provided them any information in return.

Like Edwards, two people close to the long-closed federal investigation said they were flummoxed by the sentence in the FBI's memo that was written in September 2008, roughly two months after Epstein pleaded guilty in state court.

"I have never, ever heard of Jeffrey Epstein cooperating in any sense of the word," said one official, who requested anonymity because of the top role the person played in the investigation. "I am stumped. It's totally out of left field."

Another individual with ties to the case voiced similar views. Epstein may have been required to talk to FBI agents but it's unlikely he offered anything that would incriminate others, said the person, who declined to be identified because of ongoing efforts to help Epstein's victims challenge the plea deal. "I don't think he ever told the truth," the person said.

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