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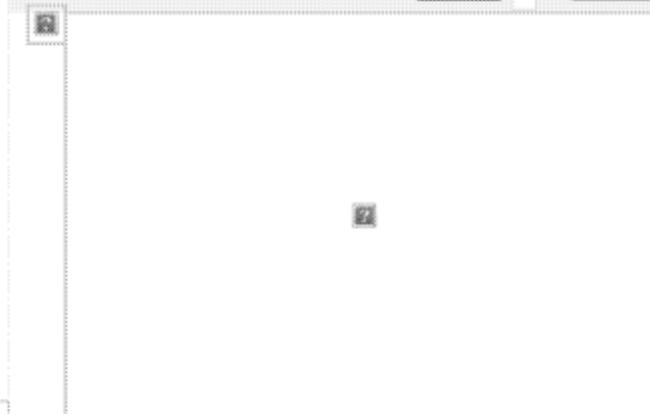
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**Katie Johnson v. Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein: Trump Child Rape Claim for \$100 Million Denied by Trump Attorney**

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"The allegations are not only categorically false, but disgusting at the highest level and clearly framed to solicit media attention or, more likely, are politically motivated. To be clear, there is absolutely no merit to these claims and, based on our investigation, no evidence that the person who has made these allegations actually exists" – Alan Garten, corporate attorney for Donald Trump, April 28, 2016

The federal lawsuit, titled Katie Johnson v. Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, accuses Trump and Epstein of rape and other sexual assaults during the summer of 1994, when plaintiff was 13 years old. Attorney Garten denied the accusations and cast doubt on the existence of the plaintiff.

Attorney Garten's denial of rape claims against Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein dates from April 2016, when the case was filed by a "Kate Johnson," a possible pseudonym, on April 26 in U.S. District Court in Riverdale, California (home of plaintiff). The case, apparently filed pro se by the plaintiff, acting without a lawyer, sought \$100 million in damages from defendants for, among other things, violating her Civil Rights and "by making her their sex slave." The case appears to have been first reported online by DailyMail.com, which included Garten's denial as well as a sampling of the lurid details of the allegations. Other early coverage appears to have been limited to other online news sites including RADAR online, Winning Democrats, Sunday Express, AntiMedia.org, and NYDailyNews.com.

Less than a week after the case was filed under federal Civil Rights statutes, a federal judge ruled that it was a mistake and dismissed the case. On May 2, citing the Civil Rights basis of the suit, the judge wrote: "Even construing the ... pleading liberally, Plaintiff has not alleged any race-based or class-based animus against her, and consequently, her ... allegations fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted." The dismissal received even less coverage than the filing. RADAR online reported: "Judge Trashes Bogus Donald Trump Rape Lawsuit," even though the judge had ruled only on the terms of the filing, not on any of the substance of the case as "bogus" or otherwise. Once dismissed, however, the case was over, at least for the moment. Plaintiff could have re-filed the complaint in correct form in California. Instead she apparently found a lawyer to file for her in New York, the home state of both defendants.

On June 20, seven weeks after the California dismissal, New Jersey attorney Thomas Francis Meagher filed the same case in revised form in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of plaintiff "Jane Doe, proceeding under a pseudonym" and seeking a jury trial. The filing is titled:

"Complaint for rape, sexual misconduct, criminal sexual acts, sexual abuse, forcible touching, assault, battery, intentional and reckless infliction of emotional distress, duress, false imprisonment, and defamation"

The complaint outlines central issues in the case succinctly:

"Plaintiff was subject to acts of rape, sexual misconduct, criminal sexual acts, sexual abuse, forcible touching, assault, battery, intentional and reckless infliction of emotional distress, duress, false imprisonment, and threats of death and/or serious bodily injury by the Defendants that took place at several parties during the summer months of 1994. The parties were held by Defendant Epstein at a New York City residence that was being used by Defendant Epstein at 9 E. 71st St. in Manhattan [known as the Wexler Mansion]. During this period, Plaintiff was a minor of age 13. ..."

According to the complaint: Plaintiff Jane Doe came to New York in the spring of 1994 in hope of starting a modeling career. Professionally unprepared, she had little success and was headed home when she met Tiffany Doe, another pseudonym, who worked for Epstein from 1990 to 2000, recruiting young women to attend his parties and entertain his guests. Tiffany Doe, age 26 in 1994, promised Jane Doe that she would be paid to attend these parties at which she would meet people who could help her start her modeling career. Jane Doe attended at least four of Epstein's parties at which she interacted with both Trump and Epstein sexually, as described graphically in the complaint and in attached affidavits of the two women. Tiffany Doe, in her affidavit, says she was a witness to the events described by Jane Doe. To compensate for this treatment, Jane Doe seeks unspecified "special damages, compensatory damages, and punitive damages" (previously requested \$100 million).

The complaint makes several other requests of the court that have not yet been acted on:  
To proceed anonymously – where Jane Doe's privacy outweighs any public interest and does not prejudice defendants.  
To waive any statute of limitations – on the basis that Defendants' threats to harm plaintiff and/or her family effectively deprived plaintiff of the freedom to file her complaint earlier.

To issue a protective order – to protect plaintiff "from harm and harassment from Defendants and their agents and associates."  
To find that Defendants have defamed Jane Doe – in particular in attorney Garten's April 28 statement (quoted above) because it "is libelous on its face, and clearly exposes Plaintiff to hatred, contempt, ridicule and obloquy."

Defendants have not yet filed a response to the June 20 claim in court. Nor has there apparently been any public response from Attorney

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