

But at the time, whether through innocence or naivety, [REDACTED] didn't understand. Only when the police came asking questions last year did it dawn on her what the TV star might have meant. Police documents reveal that Epstein was investigated for almost a year after a 2005 complaint that a 14-year-old girl had partially stripped for Epstein and given him a massage and other services in exchange for \$300.

A number of young women have claimed the financier interfered with them sexually. One young woman, [REDACTED] who unwisely described herself as "like a Heidi Fleiss" (the notorious Hollywood madam) admitted helping find teenage girls for Epstein.

Details of the investigation have gripped all sections of American society.

Police arranged for dustbin men to set aside Epstein's bags for a series of "trash pulls". Searches of the Palm Beach mansion found the staircase lined with photos of naked girls. There were hidden cameras and pictures of teenage girls on a computer.

The charge against him is serious. It is understood that without a plea bargain, he would be facing sentences of ten to 15 years.

[REDACTED] told The Mail on Sunday how Epstein paid her [REDACTED] made the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and paid for her to [REDACTED] Eventually she gave in to his demands and the massages became more sexual in nature.

[REDACTED] was, of course, a consenting adult and, although questioned by the Florida police, insists that she had no knowledge of what took place with other girls.

As she puts it: "All the stuff that was going on with the massages, no one ever talked about it. You wouldn't know coming to the house. The police reports paint a picture that it was a big orgy all the time, but it wasn't."

[REDACTED] has faced no charges and played no part in the prosecution of Epstein. She says the allegations against Epstein came as a surprise to her.

"When all the stories started coming out and the police questioned me whether or not I had known about any involvement with underaged girls, I said definitely not, I was never aware of that. I gave him the benefit of the doubt.

"Jeffrey asked me if anybody had asked me questions about it, and I said yes. I asked Jeffrey if it was true he had had sex with underage girls. He said, 'Yes, but I didn't know about their age. They lied about it'."

But what of Ghislaine Maxwell, the woman who introduced [REDACTED] to Epstein?

"Ghislaine was quite motherly," says [REDACTED]

"She called all us kids, 'my children'. She was someone I very much respected and wanted to learn from. She carried herself in a special way. She is a very big personality. Ghislaine was very interesting."

She was also – and [REDACTED] was in no doubt about this – at the heart of Epstein's life.

There is no suggestion that Ghislaine was aware that some of the girls were underage, or aware of Jeffrey's sexual requests.

█ last saw Ghislaine in January 2006.

Inevitably, as time went on, the glamour of Epstein's world started to fade for █

She says: "There wasn't an epiphany moment. I just began to feel deceived, as if I were part of a master plan I didn't know about.

"It was when Jeffrey became more aggressive with me, trying to pressure me to do sexual things to him, that things turned sour.

"He offered me money. I got \$200 for a massage, and he gave me an extra \$100 to do other things.

"I felt it wasn't right, but a college kid needs money and I really liked him, I admired him and I respected him because I felt like he respected me. "I had kept the sex stuff a secret, though everyone around me thought it was kind of kinky to get a massage at nine at night.

"I just told people he's an old man — that I just massage his feet. I kept it secret. I told my parents he was like my uncle.

"He was, but I didn't want anyone to know he was a dirty old man. I knew because he would talk to me about what he wanted other girls to do to him, what he wanted me to do.

"There were many years when I really liked these people. But now I feel angry and used.

"Sure, I had a good time. But I also think it damaged me a bit."

Epstein's spokesman █ said his client would have no comment.

A spokeswoman for Prince Andrew said: "We have no comment."

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Plea deal for financier?

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Palm Beach billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein is this close to icing a deal with federal authorities that would send him to jail for a year and a half to two years, according to a federal source and a spy close to Epstein.

That's apparently the best his lawyering all-stars — including former [redacted] Lewinsky prosecutor Ken Starr, Harvard prof Alan Dershowitz, New York legal eagle Gerald Lefcourt and Miami's Roy Black — have been able to work out for the teen girl-loving Epstein.



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He faces charges that he paid suburban WPB girls for sex in his beachfront manor. Authorities also were looking into whether he crossed state lines with any of the minors.

The girls, at least one as young as 14, were allegedly brought to him by a [redacted] student who acted as a go-between.

Page Two is told federal prosecutors are waiting for final approval from Epstein's lawyers on the plea bargain before they file formal charges.

Epstein's choice doesn't sound that great: It's either a guilty plea or a trial that could cost him up to 10 years in a federal penitentiary.

Dershowitz said last week that Starr was private-jetted to town to meet him and the others for a pow-wow. Dershowitz didn't admit to working on a plea deal and stressed the academic nature of the meeting.

"It's clear that there are some serious constitutional issues in this case," Dershowitz said.

One of those was whether federal authorities had the right to go after Epstein.

Former Wall Street wonderboy Epstein is already facing a prostitution charge in a county criminal court, but State Attorney Barry Krischer's staff hasn't pursued the case since the FBI became involved last year.

That happened after Palm Beach Police Chief Mike Reiter, whose crew spent 11 months watching Epstein's home, going through his garbage and interviewing witnesses, accused Krischer's office of going easy on Epstein.

Support one Aaronson, support them all?

Must be good to be married to one of Palm Beach County Commish Burt Aaronson's sons.

First came news that one daughter-in-law, Wendy Aaronson, thrives as a "color consultant" in the shrinking workforce at builder GL Homes while the commish works feverishly to extend Lyons Road, a move that benefits GL.

Now this: Eight of the Democrat Aaronson's major political backers — including several developers in his district — contributed to the campaign for an obscure county board seat in New Jersey.

Running? You guessed it: Aaronson's other daughter-in-law.

New Jersey elections records show the eight, including Boca developer and staunch Republican Ned Siegel, sent nearly \$13,000 to Rebecca Aaronson's 2005 campaign for freeholder (commissioner) of Monmouth County.

Other donors: Angelo Scardina, CEO of Anasca Homes, and Richard Finkelstein, president of Kenco Communities. Their companies also stand to benefit from Lyons Road. They gave a total \$3,600.

Democrat Rebecca Aaronson, the ex-mayor of Manalapan, N.J., lost by a narrow 6,000 votes two years ago. In a one-month period in the thick of the race, nearly one-fifth of the campaign's donations came from Palm Beach County. That sparked the ire of the local GOP, whose members bashed her for taking out-of-state cash.

Rebecca Aaronson, who's married to Burt's son, Richard, sparked another controversy earlier this year. As a homemaker with little managerial experience, except as the county Democratic Party's No. 2, she was hired to run a large state motor vehicles office.

According to the 2005 records, these are the other PBC contributors to her freeholder campaign: Stephanie Siegel, Ned's wife, \$500; Bruce Grundt, VP of the Boca-based Paramount Builders, \$500; developers Joe Lelonek and Bob Bentz, owners of Southland Centers LLC in WPB, \$1,300 each; retiree Stuart Coven, director of the condo board at Boca high-rise The Beresford, \$1,300; and a company named Triad Title Co., based in Ned Siegel's office building.

None of the contributors had projects pending in Monmouth County.

Why would they give to a political race in a far-flung place? Hard to tell, since only one returned calls.

"I don't remember," said Bentz. "It's been two years. I don't recall signing a check. We are supporters of

Commissioner Aaronson. We've always contributed to his campaigns. He's doing a great job."

Rebecca Aaronson told Page Two she personally met several of the donors on trips to visit her in-laws.

"Burt and I have the same principle: When somebody gives, nothing should be expected in return," she said.

Burt Aaronson added: "I'll raise money for any Democrat anywhere in this country. I've raised money for people at the state and national level ... or in Miami. I'm a loyal party member."

THE LOWDOWN . . .

. . . It's that time of year. The buzz is starting on the season-opening charity galas, and that buzz is loud when it comes to the Chris Evert Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic. This year's edition, the 18th, is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 3. The tennis is at Delray Beach Tennis Center, with the likes of Russian hottie Anna Kournikova, legend Jim Courier and former Prez George H.W. Bush. And the party is at the Boca Resort, with disco era icon KC and The Sunshine Band entertaining and TV heartthrob Scott Foley (Felicity), comedian Chevy Chase and newsman Stone Phillips attending. And, yes, Chris Evert's own sweetheart, freshly divorced golfer Greg Norman, is sure to be there . . . Seems that Miami Heat superstar Shaquille O'Neal's divorce filing against wife, Shaunie, in a Miami-Dade court last week had a ripple effect: a boost in the sales of T-shirts that read "Mrs. O'Neal." The folks at Customdiva.com, a Sarasota company that manufactures hundreds of T-shirts with words like "Mrs. Bon Jovi" or "Mrs. A-Rod" tell me they saw the sales of the \$12.99 Mrs. O'Neal shirts double to about 40 that week . . .

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