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**STATEMENT OF MANHATTAN U.S. ATTORNEY ON THE DEATH OF DEFENDANT
JEFFREY EPSTEIN**

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman said: "Earlier this morning, the Manhattan Correctional Center confirmed that Jeffrey Epstein, who faced charges brought by this Office of engaging in the sex trafficking of minors, had been found unresponsive in his cell and pronounced dead shortly thereafter. Today's events are disturbing, and we are deeply aware of their potential to present yet another hurdle to giving Epstein's many victims their day in Court. To those brave young women who have already come forward and to the many others who may not yet have done so, let me reiterate that we remain proud to stand for you in bringing this case, and our investigation of the conduct charged in the Indictment – which included a conspiracy count – remains ongoing.

We continue to strongly urge anyone who feels they may be a victim or have information related to the conduct in this case to please contact 1-800- CALL FBI."

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