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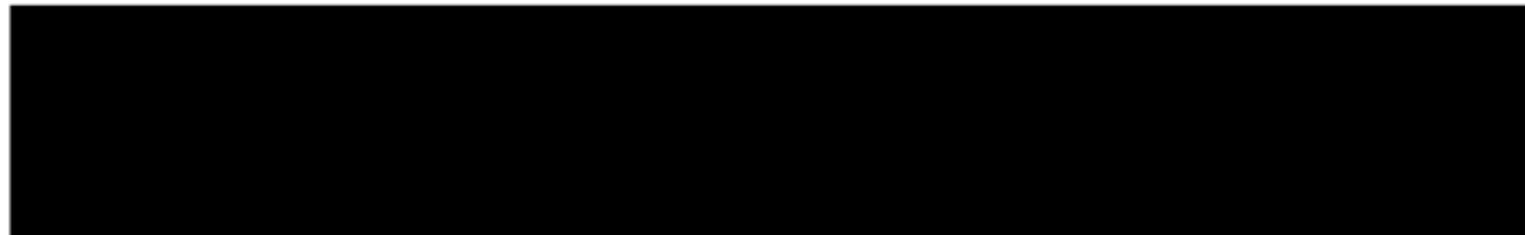
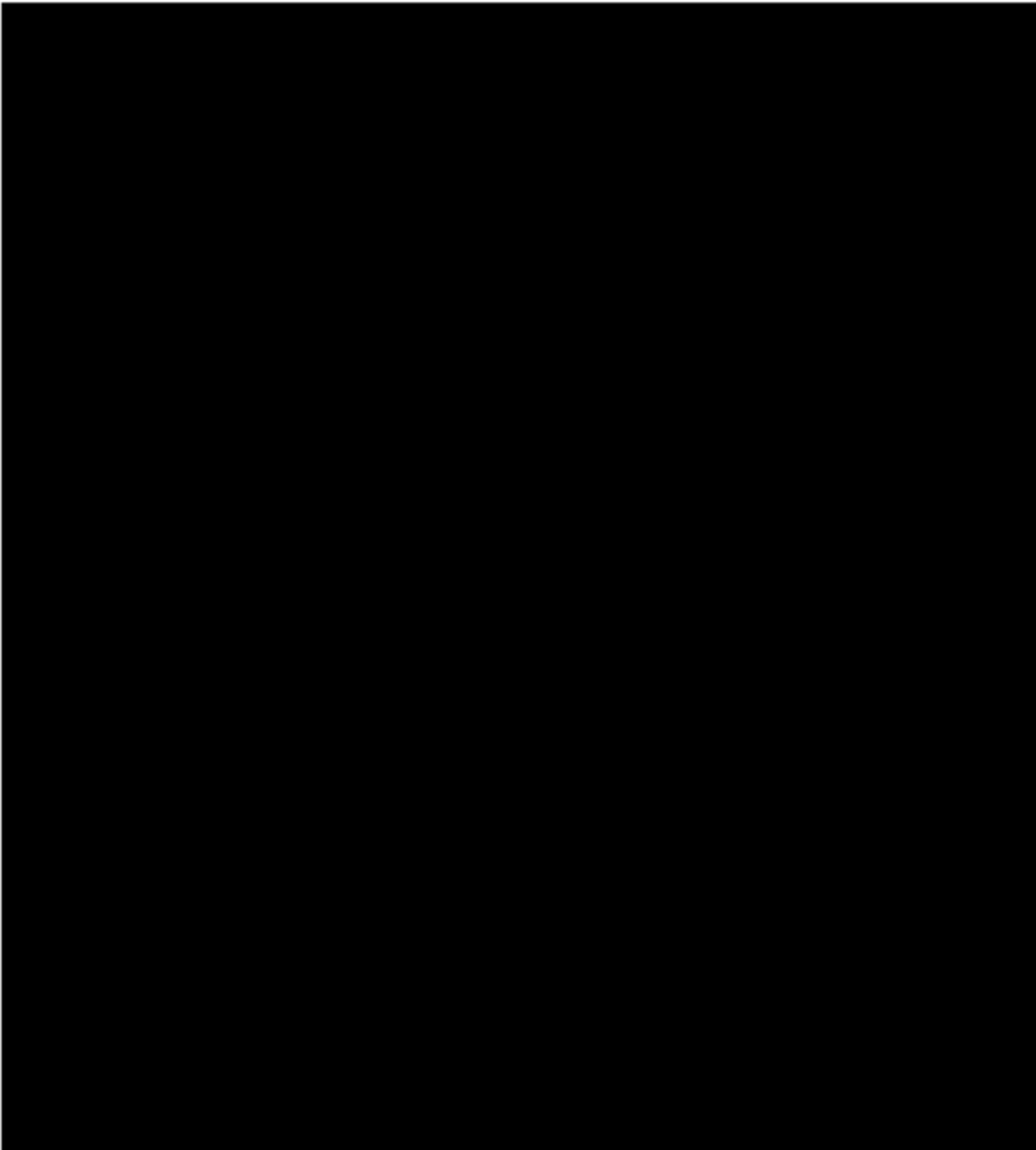
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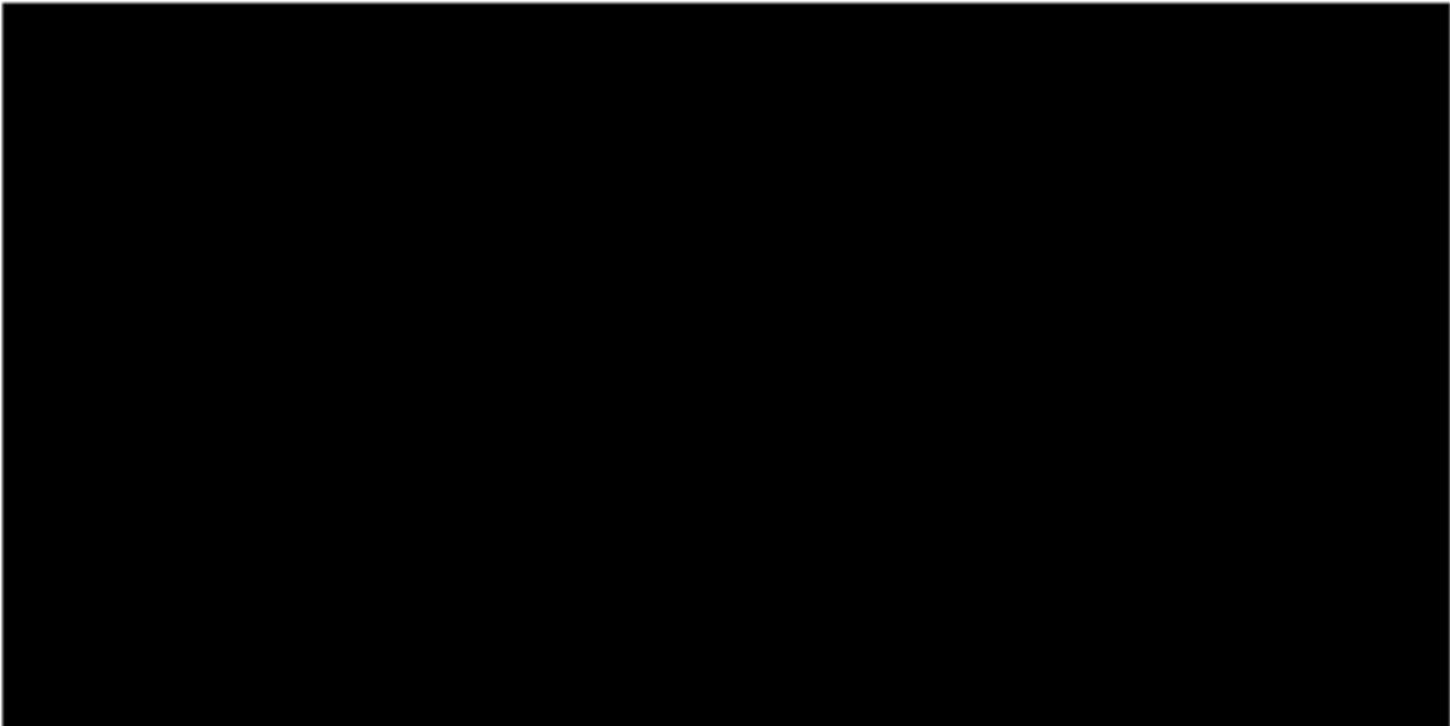
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The [Associated Press](#) (12/01, Hays) reported that Ghislaine Maxwell has pleaded not guilty to charges that prosecutors say show that she and Epstein were "partners in crime." The defense has countered by claiming she's being made a scapegoat for Jeffery Epstein. According to the article, the trial witness, using the alias name "Jane", testified in graphic detail on Tuesday about the alleged encounters in the 1990s, portraying Maxwell as an active participant. The article noted that defense attorney Laura Menninger confronted the woman with FBI documents from 2019 and 2020, saying she had told the government her memory was foggy on whether Maxwell was present when Epstein molested her and on whether she ever touched her.

