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Federal Prosecutors Demand Prince Andrew Assist Epstein Investigation.

[NBC Nightly News](#)

(6/8, story 9, 0:20, Holt, 6.8M) reported federal prosecutors have "formally demanded an interview" with Prince Andrew "as part of its sex trafficking investigation into his friend Jeffrey Epstein." The [CBS Evening News](#) (6/8, story 7, 0:25, O'Donnell, 5.04M) reported Prince Andrew has "denied allegations that he had sex with a minor on Epstein's private island, and his legal team insists he's always been willing to cooperate with the investigation."

The [AP](#) (6/8, Kirka) reports US prosecutors and "attorneys for Britain's Prince Andrew sniped at one another across the Atlantic on Monday, each saying the other side was to blame for the duke's failure to participate in the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking probe." Andrew's attorneys "said in a statement that he has offered three times this year to speak with U.S. investigators after being assured that he 'is not and has never been a 'target' of their criminal investigations into Epstein."

[Forbes](#) (6/8, Togoh, Voytko, 9.71M) reports federal prosecutors have "reportedly stepped up their demands for Prince Andrew to assist" the probe into Epstein. Officials cited by NBC News "say the move is focused on making the investigation as thorough as possible, and Andrew is being treated as a potential witness rather than as a suspect."

[National Review](#) (6/8, Hoonhout, 731K) reports federal prosecutors "submitted the request through a Mutual Legal Assistance treaty to the British Home Office instead of making a direct request through Buckingham Palace, multiple sources told ABC News." The [Washington Times](#) (6/8, Mordock, 492K) reports if the British government "grants the request, Prince Andrew would have to face questions under oath from FBI investigators and federal prosecutors."

[CNN](#) (6/8, Orden, 83.16M) reports the request, initiated by "federal prosecutors in the Manhattan US Attorney's office, is part of a mutual legal assistance treaty request" submitted to Home Office, according to an unnamed source. Criticizing what they "described as a breach of confidentiality on the part of the Justice Department," attorneys representing Prince Andrew said US investigators "are perhaps seeking publicity rather than accepting the assistance proffered." Following a November BBC interview, "the FBI and federal prosecutors subsequently contacted Prince Andrew's lawyer to interview the prince about Epstein, but Prince Andrew's team provided 'zero' cooperation, according to Berman, the US Attorney in Manhattan, who took the rare step of publicly announcing his frustrations with the situation."

[USA Today](#) (6/8, Johnson, Yasharoff, 10.31M) reports Prince Andrew's lawyers "described Justice's formal request under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) as 'disappointing, since the Duke of York is not a target of the DOJ investigation and has recently repeated his willingness to provide a witness statement.'"

The [Washington Times](#) (6/8, Mordock, 492K) reports Geoffrey Berman, the US Attorney for Manhattan, "clapped back, accusing the Duke of York's legal team of 'falsely' portraying him as eager to cooperate in the Epstein investigation." Berman said, "The Prince has not given an interview to federal authorities, has repeatedly declined our request to schedule such an interview, and nearly four months ago informed us unequivocally – through the very same counsel who issued today's release – that he would not come in for such an interview." He continued, "If Prince Andrew is, in fact, serious about cooperating with the ongoing federal investigation, our doors remain open, and we await word of when we should expect him."

[Fox News](#) (6/8, Nolasco, 27.59M) reports in response to "recent reports concerning Andrew," the FBI told Fox News they have "no comment and are unable to provide any further information." A DOJ spokesperson also told Fox News: "As a matter of policy, the U.S. Department of Justice does not publicly comment on communications with foreign governments on investigative matters, including confirming or denying the very existence of such communications."

[CBS News](#) (6/8, 3.68M) reports Virginia Guiffre "has claimed that she was introduced by Epstein to Prince Andrew and that the British royal had sex with her when she was 17 years old." In the Netflix documentary series "Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich," Steve Scully, "a contractor who worked for Epstein for six years, says he frequented the wealthy financier's 75-acre private island in the Caribbean, Little Saint James, and often saw young girls and prominent guests there." In the documentary, Scully "said he saw the prince by the pool with a young girl. Scully, whom CBS News was unable to reach for comment, said the FBI showed him a photograph of Andrew with Guiffre."

Barr Says US Wants Prince Andrew To "Provide Some Evidence" In Case. Attorney General Barr was asked on about a report that the US has demanded that Britain hand over Prince Andrew to discuss his links to Jeffrey Epstein. Barr said, "I don't think it is a question of handing him over. I think it is just a question of having him provide some evidence. But beyond that, I am not going to comment." [Reuters](#) (6/8, Hosenball, Holden) reports that when asked if Prince Andrew would be extradited, Barr said, "No." An FBI probe is "focusing on British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, a longtime associate of Epstein's, and others who facilitated his alleged trafficking of underage girls, law enforcement sources told Reuters in December."

Palm Beach Posts Sues To Obtain Epstein Transcript. The [Palm Beach \(FL\) Post](#) (6/8, Musgrave, 223K) reports the Palm Beach Post on Monday "lost the first round of a legal battle to persuade a judge to release grand jury transcripts that could

explain why Jeffrey Epstein wasn't charged with child molestation in 2006 after a lengthy police investigation concluded he molested dozens of girls at his Palm Beach mansion." In a seven-page order, "Chief Circuit Judge Krista Marx ruled that the newspaper had no right to demand the records from State Attorney Dave Aronberg or Clerk & Comptroller Sharon Bock." The newspaper filed the lawsuit "late last year after its investigation revealed that Krischer's prosecutors called only one of Epstein's dozens of accusers to testify before the grand jury." Sources said prosecutors "attacked the 14-year-old girl's credibility instead of asking her to describe the trauma of giving sexual massages to a man nearly four times her age." The Post says Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter "was so enraged by Krischer's actions that he took the unusual step of taking the case to the FBI."

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