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On **12/06/2018**, the FBI New York Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (FBI-NY CEHTTF) initiated a child sex trafficking case following a request by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York (SDNY), based on several victims that had been sexually abused by JEFFREY EPSTEIN (Epstein) in the mid-2000's. Epstein was indicted on **07/02/2019** and arrested on **07/06/2019**. On **08/10/2019**, FBI-NY was notified Epstein committed suicide in his jail cell. The child sex trafficking investigation continued to pursue co-conspirators, including GHISLAINE MAXWELL (Maxwell).

Maxwell was first mentioned in the case file on **04/23/2019**. Victim interviews revealed Maxwell groomed minor victims by befriending them first, developed a rapport with victims, then attempted to normalize sexual abuse. Maxwell was present with the minor victims while victims were undressed in front of Epstein and instructed minor victims on how to massage Epstein, to include sexual contact.

Note: SDNY proffered Maxwell with her Defense counsel prior to indictment.

On **06/29/2020**, Maxwell was indicted on five counts, as follows:

Count 1: Conspiracy to entice minors

Count 2: Enticement of a minor

Count 3: Conspiracy to transport minors

Count 4: Transportation of a minor

Count 5: Two counts of Perjury

On **03/29/2021**, a Grand Jury in SDNY issued a superseding indictment against Maxwell with the following counts:

Count 1: Conspiracy to entice minors

Count 2: Enticement of a Minor to Travel to Engage in Illegal Sex Acts

Count 3: Conspiracy to Transport Minors with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity

Count 4: Transportation of a Minor with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity

Count 5: Sex Trafficking Conspiracy

Count 6: Sex Trafficking of a Minor

Count 7: Perjury

On **07/02/2020**, pursuant to an arrest warrant issued in SDNY, FBI-NY CEHTTF and FBI Boston located and arrested Maxwell at 338 East Washington Road, Bradford, New Hampshire.

On **11/29/2021**, the trial of United States v. Ghislaine Maxwell began in the SDNY before the Honorable Alison Nathan. Maxwell did not testify during the trial. The defense alleged Maxwell was targeted for the crimes committed by Epstein, Maxwell was unaware of the abuse of minor victims by Epstein because he kept secrets from Maxwell, credibility issues among some of the victims, and victims were financially motivated by the victims' compensation fund.

On **12/29/2021**, a jury found Maxwell guilty on five of the six counts. The verdict was as follows:
Not guilty.

- Count 2: Enticement of a Minor to Travel to Engage in Illegal Sex Acts

Guilty.

- Count 1: Conspiracy to Entice Minors to Travel to Engage in Illegal Sex Acts
- Count 3: Conspiracy to Transport Minors with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity
- Count 4: Transportation of a Minor with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity
- Count 5: Sex Trafficking Conspiracy
- Count 6: Sex Trafficking of a Minor

Note: Count 7 (Perjury) was not litigated during this trial.

On **06/28/2022**, Maxwell was sentenced to 20 years in prison with 5 years of supervised release, and a \$750,000 fine for participating and facilitating the sexual abuse and sex trafficking of minors for and with Jeffrey Epstein.

On or about **04/10/2025**, Maxwell petitioned to file a Writ of Certiorari with the Supreme Court.