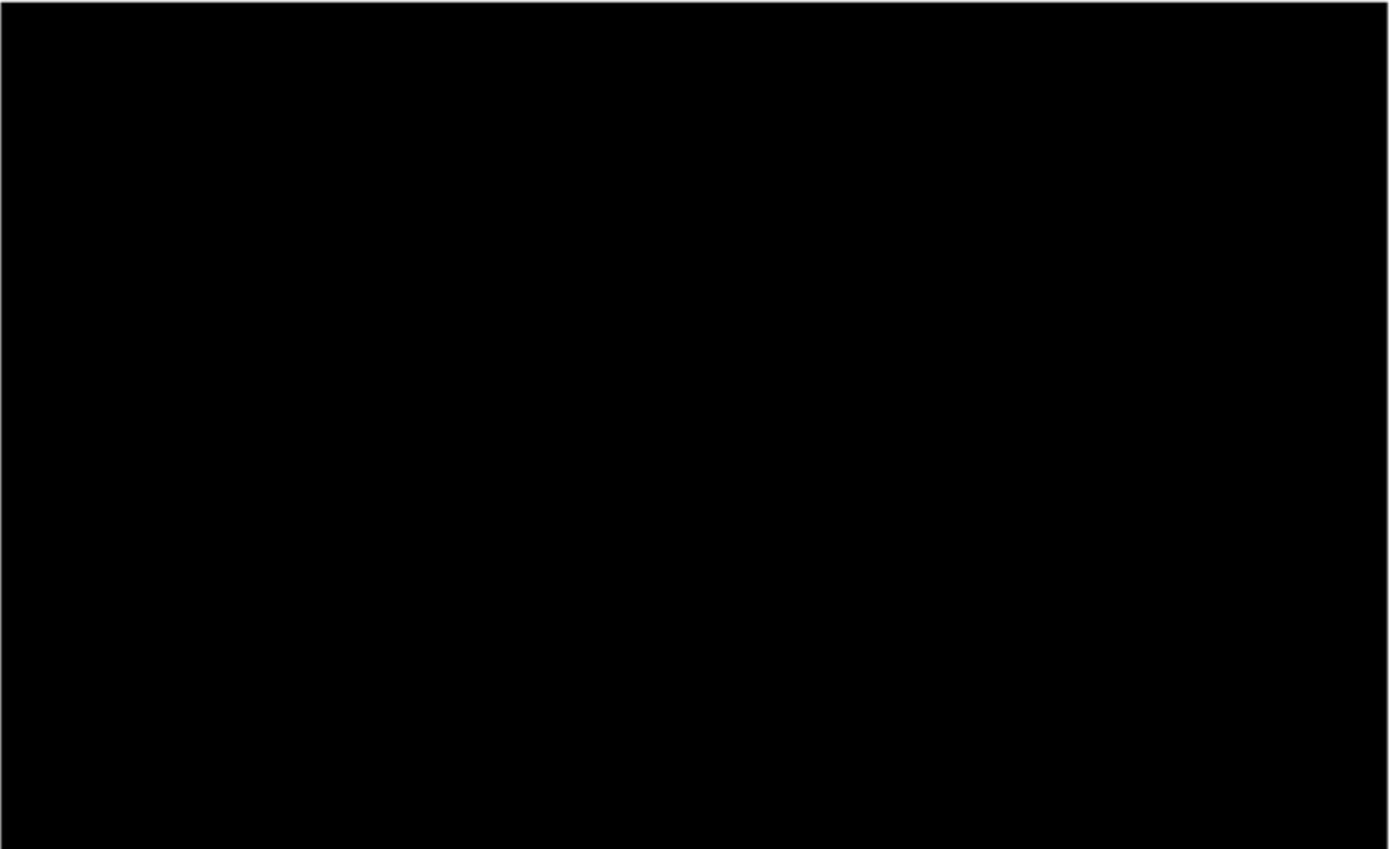


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[Bloomberg](#) (08/01, Leopold) reported that the FBI played a central role in redacting former President Donald Trump's name—and the names of other high-profile individuals—from the Epstein investigation files prior to their partial release. According to sources familiar with the matter, an FBI FOIA team applied the redactions using privacy exemptions from the Freedom of Information Act, citing Trump's status as a private citizen during the time of the Epstein probe. These redactions were approved before the FBI and Justice Department issued a joint statement last month declaring that "no further disclosure" of Epstein-related documents "would be appropriate or warranted." Director Patel had previously ordered a comprehensive search of all Epstein-related materials, enlisting agents from the New York and Washington field offices alongside FOIA personnel to review over 100,000 documents. The FBI's Record/Information Dissemination Section, which handles FOIA processing, pushed back on the release directives, and Section Chief Michael Seidel reportedly resigned under pressure. Although public pressure for full transparency persisted—including from AG Bondi and Trump supporters—FBI officials maintained that revealing Trump's name, absent compelling evidence of government misconduct, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy under established legal precedent. The article highlighted that a White House spokesperson would not respond to questions about the redactions of Trump's name, instead referring questions to the FBI. The FBI declined to comment. The Justice Department did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [Newsweek](#) (08/01, Gooding, Whisnant), [The Independent](#) (08/01, Woodward), and [AL.com](#) (08/01, Koplowitz).

#### *Ghislaine Maxwell Moved to Minimum-Security Women's Prison in Texas*

The [New York Times](#) (08/01, Feuer) reported that Ghislaine Maxwell has been moved from a federal prison in Florida to a minimum-security prison camp in Texas. Maxwell is serving a 20-year prison sentence for sexually exploiting and abusing teenage girls. The move has sparked outrage from victims and their families, who accuse President Trump of showing preferential treatment to Maxwell, a convicted sex trafficker. The article highlighted that before entering government service, several top aides to President Trump, including Director Patel, had led the president's followers to believe that secrets were lurking in the Epstein files about a cabal of powerful men implicated in Epstein's sex crimes. Many of those followers were outraged after the Justice Department released an

unsigned letter last month saying there would be no further disclosures about the case. Additional reporting on the story was provided by the [Washington Examiner](#) (08/01, O'Keefe), [Washington Post](#) (08/01, Stein), [NBC News](#) (08/01, Atkins, Kosnar, et al.), [Al Jazeera](#) (08/02, Stein), [CBS News](#) (08/02, Quinn), [Associated Press](#) (08/02, Tucker), [Forbes](#) (08/01, Roeloffs), [Time](#) (08/01, Burga), [The Hill](#) (08/01, Timotija), [Wall Street Journal](#) (08/01, Barber, Gurman), [Newsweek](#) (08/02, Bickerton), [New York Post](#) (08/01, Kochman), and [The Independent](#) (08/01, Hawkinson).

#### *Ghislaine Maxwell's House Deposition Postponed*

[CBS News](#) (08/01, Walsh) reported that the House Oversight Committee, chaired by Rep. James Comer, is willing to postpone Ghislaine Maxwell's deposition until the Supreme Court reviews her appeal. Maxwell, a convicted sex offender and associate of Jeffrey Epstein, was subpoenaed to sit for a deposition on August 11, but the committee may delay this date. The committee will not grant Maxwell congressional immunity, and her deposition will take place after the Supreme Court decides on whether to hear her case. Additional reporting on the story was provided by [NewsNation](#) (08/01, Falzone, Hobe), [Newsweek](#) (08/01, Whisnant), and [Politico](#) (08/01, Fuchs).

#### *Legal Cases Could Prise Open Epstein Cache Despite Trump's Blocking Effort*

[The Guardian](#) (08/01, Bekiempis) reported that despite Donald Trump's promise to release documents related to Jeffrey Epstein's case, few records have been made public, prompting dissatisfaction and political backlash. Several court cases, including a lawsuit by Radar Online and investigative journalist James Robertson, may still bring crucial information about Epstein's crimes and links to powerful people to light. The DOJ's request to unseal grand jury transcripts in Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's cases, as well as developments in civil litigation, could also lead to the disclosure of more documents surrounding their crimes.

The [Rolling Stone](#) (08/02, Rodrick) published an opinion piece entitled: "You May Be Asking Yourself How Did Dan Bongino Get Here".

Additional reporting on the story was provided by [USA Today](#) (08/01, Bagchi), [The Daily Beast](#) (08/01, Neal), [Washington Examiner](#) (08/01, Zimmermann), and [Politico](#) (08/01, Khardori).













