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Convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein of Palm Beach in work-release program

By MICHELE DARGAN
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Teri Barbera, spokeswoman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, confirmed that Epstein, 55, has been in the work-release program since Oct. 10.

"He works six days a week: Friday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.," Barbera said via e-mail. "(He) works at his local West Palm Beach office, monitored on an active GPS system (he wears an ankle bracelet). Mr. Epstein hires a permit deputy, at his expense, for his own security at his workplace during the time he is out."

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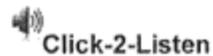
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Jack Goldberger, Epstein's criminal attorney, said the arrangement is not unusual.

"He goes to work every single day and goes back to jail at night, just like everybody else (in the program)," Goldberger said. "The program has been in place in Palm Beach County as long as I've been in town, and it's available to anyone serving a sentence whether or not it's a felony. He's a good guy and he deserves work release."

Epstein pleaded guilty June 30 to two felony counts: soliciting prostitution and procuring a person under 18 for prostitution. As part of the plea agreement, Epstein must serve one year of house arrest and register as a lifelong sex offender.



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Epstein was indicted two years ago after an 11-month investigation by Palm Beach police, who concluded that Epstein paid five underage girls for massages and sexual contact at his 358 El Brillo Way home.

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Police began the investigation after receiving a complaint from a relative of a 14-year-old girl who had given Epstein a naked massage.

In addition to the criminal case, there are nine federal and seven state lawsuits pending against the Manhattan money manager. All contain similar allegations: Epstein, through his employees and assistants, brought minor girls to his Palm Beach home for erotic massages and sometimes sex.

As part of his state plea agreement, the U.S. Attorney's Office agreed not to prosecute Epstein on federal charges as long as he fulfills all requirements of his sentence and probation. The federal deferred-prosecution agreement is under seal in state court.

Miami attorney Brad Edwards represents three alleged victims and has filed court papers to unseal the deferred-prosecution agreement. Edwards said he just received notice by mail of Epstein's work release, and his clients don't even know yet.

"It was obviously done again without notifying any of the victims, and it will make my clients very angry," Edwards said via e-mail.

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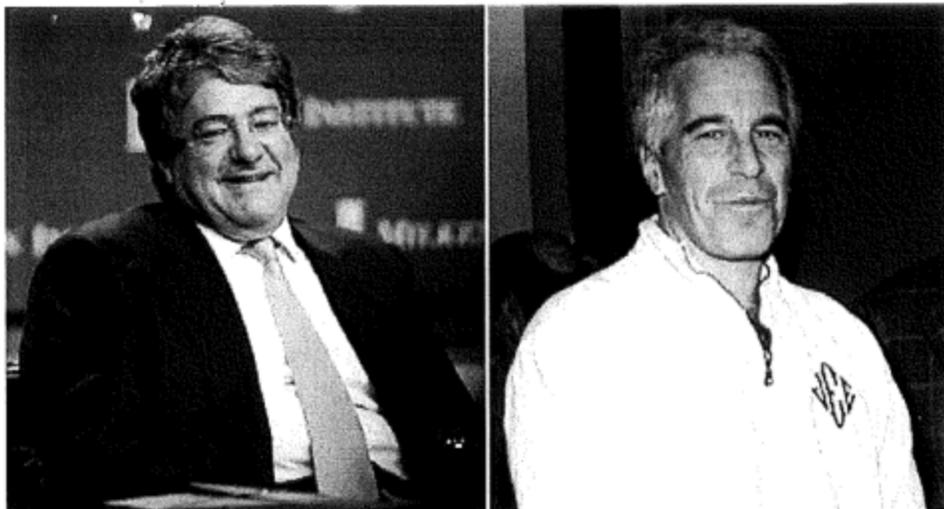
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Very little has ever been revealed about the business dealings of Jeffrey Epstein, the shadowy money manager who will be spending the next 16 months or so in a Palm Beach jail cell after pleading to soliciting an underage prostitute in late June. Long described as "mysterious" and "reclusive," the only client of his who has been confirmed over the years has been Leslie "Les" Wexner, the billionaire founder of Limited Brands. Epstein once boasted to a reporter that he wouldn't even consider taking on a client who didn't have a billion dollars or more in the bank. You can now add a new billionaire to the list of Epstein associates: Leon Black, the co-founder of Apollo Management. Black recruited Epstein to serve on the

board of his charitable organization, the Leon D. Black Foundation. Listed on the non-profit's IRS returns alongside Leon and his wife, Debra: Epstein's name and the address of the waterfront home where Epstein was accused of carrying out his sexual misdeeds with minors. More on this jaw-dropping revelation [below](#).

Epstein's past has always been shrouded in mystery. He was a math teacher at Dalton once upon a time; he later joined Bear Stearns and then either left because he wanted to start his own firm or was fired, depending who you believe. He first made a splash on the social scene when he started dating Ghislaine Maxwell, the daughter of the late Brit mogul Robert Maxwell. More attention followed in 2002 when Epstein flew Clinton and actors Kevin Spacey and Chris Tucker to Africa on his private jet. Both *Vanity Fair* and *New York* magazine followed up with profiles, wondering just whose money he managed.

For years, though—and despite suggestions that he had as many as 15 clients—Wexner was the only name officially connected to him. Of course, business and pleasure occasionally mixed. *Vanity Fair* once suggested he had ties to Steven Hoffenberg, who went to prison for a ponzi scheme. He was an investor in the second iteration of *Radar* magazine with Mort Zuckerman. Donald Trump once described him as a pal. A fan of science and medical research, Epstein was said to be close to Harvard president Larry Summers and law professor Alan Dershowitz.

Black's name has never come up before in connection with Epstein. What is the nature of their relationship, in addition to the fact that Epstein is listed as a director of Black's foundation in his most recent tax return? That's difficult to say. Black's longtime publicist, Steve Anreder of Anreder & Co., declined to speak with us despite repeated requests. But it's worth noting that Epstein has longstanding ties to Michael Milken, who used to work with Black at Drexel Burnham. And the lawyer who represented a number of Drexel employees in the wake of the firm's scandalous collapse, Gerald Lefcourt, also represented Epstein in connection with the underage prostitution charges. It's unclear if Epstein also managed some of Black's money. One curious tidbit: Black's foundation's funds were kept in accounts at Bear Stearns and Epstein was a major Bear client, and was reported to have lost close to \$60 million when Bear's hedge funds went south.

It's also worth noting that Black's foundation isn't nearly as active as it once was. In 2006, it dispensed \$225,000 to Trinity and a group called Tree of Life in Pittsburg [sic]. The foundation lists upcoming donations of \$1.6 million to such groups as the Children's Museum of Manhattan and the J. Richardson Fund for Picasso Research. But something tells us we won't be seeing Epstein's name under the list of board members the next time the foundation files with the IRS.

Black's documents below.

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