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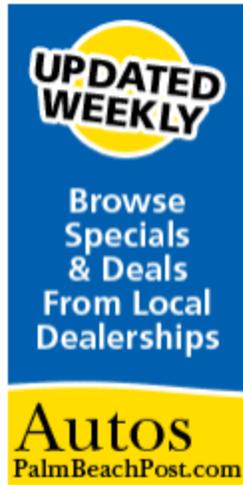
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In the case of Palm Beach financier Jeffrey Epstein, it seems, at times, as if two men are accused of wrongdoing: Epstein and Palm Beach Police Chief [REDACTED].

Epstein, 53, was indicted last month on a charge of felony solicitation of prostitution solely because of [REDACTED] "craziness," one of Epstein's lawyers said. His department disseminated "a distorted view of the case" and behaved in a "childish" manner when the grand jury didn't indict Epstein on the charges it sought, another Epstein lawyer complained.



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Epstein has
been indicted

for felony solicitation of prostitution by a grand jury following accusations by teen girls.

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To hear the Epstein camp tell it, [REDACTED], 48, is a loose cannon better suited to be the sheriff of Mayberry. They whisper that he's embroiled in a messy divorce.

[REDACTED] did in fact file for divorce from his wife, Jill, last year, after 24 years of marriage. They have a son, 18, and a daughter, 14. The couple is scheduled to go to mediation next week, Aug. 16. Nothing in the court file suggests their split is particularly ugly.

[REDACTED] incurred the wrath of the Epstein camp as well as the state attorney's office for two reasons. First, he pressed for

Epstein to be charged with the more serious crimes of sexual activity with minors. Second, he slammed State Attorney [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in blunt language seldom used by one law-enforcement official concerning another because of what he perceived as that office's mishandling of the case.

In a letter to [REDACTED] written May 1, [REDACTED] called his actions in the Epstein case "highly unusual." He added, "I must urge you to... consider if good and sufficient reason exists to require your disqualification from the prosecution of these cases."

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