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Investment banker Jeffrey Epstein pleads guilty to solicitation of prostitution

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WEST PALM BEACH — He lives in a Palm Beach waterfront mansion and once kept company with the likes of President Bill Clinton, Prince Andrew and Donald Trump, but investment banker Jeffrey Epstein will call the Palm Beach County jail home for the next 18 months.

Epstein, 55, pleaded guilty this morning to felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution. After serving 18 months in jail, he will be under house arrest for a year. And he will now have a lifelong obligation to register as a sex offender.



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told him so. Epstein, in turn, hired a phalanx of high-priced lawyers and public relations specialists who questioned Reiter's competence and the victims' truthfulness.

Epstein arrived in court with at least three attorneys on Monday wearing a blue blazer, blue jeans and white and gray sneakers. After Circuit Judge Deborah Dale Pucillo accepted the plea, Epstein was fingerprinted. He then removed his coat and was handcuffed while his attorneys tried to shield him from photographers' lenses.

When he eventually is released from jail, Epstein will have to comply with numerous conditions of his house arrest. They include observing a 10 [p.m.to](#) 6 a.m. curfew, having no unsupervised contact with anybody under the age of 18 and not owning or possession pornographic or sexual materials "that are relevant to your deviant behavior," the judge said.

Epstein's conduct with underage girls doesn't end with today's plea. There are three pending federal civil lawsuits and one in state court related to his behavior. At least one woman has sued him in New York, where he owns a Manhattan mansion.



Epstein was arrested two years ago following a lengthy investigation by Palm Beach police into allegations that he paid several girls under the age of 18 \$200 to \$300 each in return for naked massages at his home on El Brillo Way that sometimes became sexual.

Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter felt that State Attorney Barry Krischer was less than diligent in pursuing charges against Epstein and

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