

2014 - 2015 EXTREME SEXUAL TARGETING
FOLLOWING 2013 - 2016 CONTESTING INTELL PROP THEFT
AND REPORTING ILLEGAL TARGETED ACTIVITY
PAUL GARDNER - UNUSUAL COMMENTS

"IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO GET ON MAX'S LIST"

Suspected Maxwell - "Max's List" - Black Market Sex Trade

Suspected commencement of Sexual Targeting 2007 - Online Sexual Targeting

* Maxwell - Informed that Maxwell who I had met on an online dating site in 2007 at the end of my marriage, who encouraged me to have private conversations with him via personal email addresses real name was Adam Gurgly, who resided in London UK. *

Commencement of the 8 year friendship, and in the first year was sexual in nature under Maxwell's encouragement. I had not been sexual in nature prior to meeting Maxwell and had been married for 14 years, and had been with my husband for 17 years, and had four children under 13 years of age. I had not even watched Porn before meeting Maxwell and was very naive.

The marriage was abusive and very controlling and under this control rendered me housebound with no outside influence or friends for the 17 years of the relationship prior to meeting Maxwell.

The interactions with Maxwell became sexual in nature following the separation of my marriage and the commencement of our interaction via personal email addresses.

The interactions with Maxwell ceased sexual in nature after a year following me commencing a relationship with Shaun Steele, now confirmed as an act of Conspired Sexual Targeting, Individual involved and connected and became a friendship, interacting everyday for 8 years.

All contact ceased with Maxwell in 2013 under my decision as he informed me he was married and was starting a family. I did not feel it was the right thing to be doing morally anymore and felt it was a betrayal to his family.

Maxwell - 2007

Suspected Conspired Sexual Targeting and commencement of Grooming the targeted victim for Sexual Purposes and connected to *Epstein. UK* and continual Conspired Sexual Targeting of 2011-2019, and involving Paul Gardner and unusual comments.

* Epstein connected to Maxwell, Bill Gates, Prince Andrew and the Australian Government *

Involvement in Specific Targeting of an Individual involving Conspired Sexual Targeting, Grooming of the targeted victim for sexual purposes

Government Prostitution - John Howard

Black Market Sex Trade - INTERNET & TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Conspired Government Targeting of an Individual involving Multiple Intellectual Property Theft, Money Laundering through Government accounts and utilities, Police Targeting and physical assault, Conspired Sexual Targeting, Remote access to Telecommunication Systems and computer systems, Created isolation through blocked and altered contact, Identity Theft and Conspired Attempted Murder to appear as suicide by medication / Manipulated suicide, Denied illegal activity, assistance and investigations / Government Cover up

1993-2022

BLACK MARKET TRADE - PAUL GARDNER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TARGETING OF AN INDIVIDUAL THE TARGETED VICTIM. - BILL GATES INVOLVEMENT INTERNET

UNUSUAL COMMENTS:

First meeting / Coles, Port Pirie carpark - As I walked towards my vehicle

"It's the maroon Magna"

I had not told Paul Gardner what kind/model car that I drove. We had only just met moments before in the supermarket. Access to Government Illegal Surveillance.

"I've had enough" "Get rid of her" - Paul Gardner had said this upon my first visit to his property at Port Germain about a short, dark haired woman (short hair) that approached us from the other side of the property.

Paul Gardner handed the woman \$50.00 and said "So you want this then"

The woman took the \$50.00 and walked back over to the other side of the property.

"I thought your daughter had some of her mothers qualities" - Paul said this within a sexual conversation. Paul had never been introduced to my daughter who resided in Melbourne with her father since the age of 12 / Darren McDiarmid / ex husband

Question I asked suspiciously : "Who sent you?"

Paul Gardner's reply : "They did" - pointing towards the ceiling within his bedroom

I had not understood this answer or at whom he was pointing at.

Altered text message received from Paul Gardner's phone

"I was always true to you. Garry xo"

* "Black market trade has infiltrated Australia through the use of Telecommunication systems and the internet" *

Sharon Bowman / mother of Paul Garner's child [REDACTED] "His mother has been convicted of Prostitution and has given the police this address" (Port Germain)

"I visit fishbone on occasions from time to time" - Fishbone is a known affiliate with the Red Devils Motorcycle Club, Port Pirie - Peter Bannister

"I'm the boss" "Boss of all bosses"

New Years Eve - "We should go to Coffin Bay for New Years Eve"

The words mentioned while in conversation : "Stop" "Cut"

Three pronged instrument : America are searching for the 4th prong in order to control the world" - Controls satellite frequency

[REDACTED] / son / about his mother - "His mother is a junkie prostitute and a petty thief"
"She has just spent time in the Port Augusta jail for petty theft"

"Alright, I won't take your boy"

Numerous vehicles on Port Germain property - "They owe me money for drugs" "I take them as payment"

BLACK MARKET - SEX ABUSE RING.

Paul Gardner, Port Germain

I had suspected that on occasions my alcohol beverages had been spiked with illicit drugs without my knowledge or consent while in the company of Paul Gardner at his Port Germain residence.

Tactic : Encouraging drug addiction - Destruction of character

Paul Gardner, Port Germain - Paul Gardner had stated that he had a friend, Jessica, Whyalla SA who was a lesbian and had met her on an online dating site (**Sexual Targeting Online Dating Sites**), **Plenty of Fish**. He had stated that she came to stay with him at his Port Germain address and sent him text messages saying that she loved him and wanted her children to call him dad. Paul had stated that he had no feelings for her and that she was just a lesbian and was not a threat to the relationship.

Tash - Paul stated that he had a relationship with a woman named Tash and that he had said to her that he would always have a house for her. I did not meet this woman. Tash was one of the rental tenants names who he claimed to be having rent payment issues with. South Australia

Dee - Rental Property - Paul Gardner had stated after a phone call conversation in my presence with this woman that he was having trouble with this tenant not paying her rent and that he had had enough of her.

Refer to Unusual comments: "I've had enough of her, get rid of her"

Port Germain residence - "Help" was written on the oven face timer one night during our interaction which Paul changed very quickly back to the numbers on the clock face. Suspected to be have written by his son, Kane who had begged me to save him numerous times and wanted to come live with me.

During the time I was in a relationship with his father, Paul Kane mentioned many incidents of neglect and begged me to save him.

Port Germain Compound - Port Germain residence - Paul Gardner had taken me over to the compound area on the other side of his property one evening to show me the shipping container on the property. I thought that I could hear movement inside the shipping container, which made me feel very uneasy. Paul wanted to show me inside the container but I refused, feeling uneasy about his intentions. Situated next to the shipping container was a large pile of baby highchairs / unusual amount / unusual items to store

Refer to missing child distinctive name India Rose

Refer to child's clothing, baby socks and toys in the house

Paul Gardner - Paul Gardner often spoke about the black market of baby and people smuggling, Prostitution, illicit drugs, selling of body parts in connection with the police, government and pharmaceutical companies

Refer to Extreme Sexual Targeting Jonnie Weston / Royal Commissioner

Paul Gardner - Paul Gardner had in his possession a large jewellery box of jewellery. Each time he showed me the contents of this box there were different items of jewellery in the box as if he collected the items from different women who stayed in the Port Germain residence or who had been in his presence.

Refer to necklace given to me from Paul Gardner / my green and gold ring went missing at this time

Suspected to be jewellery from victims

In December of the same year, allegations by Arkansas state troopers Larry Patterson and Roger Perry were first reported by David Brock in *The American Spectator*. In the affair later known as "Troopergate", the officers alleged that they had arranged sexual liaisons for Clinton back when he was governor of Arkansas. The story mentioned a woman named Paula, a reference to Paula Jones. Brock later apologized to Clinton, saying the article was politically motivated "bad journalism", and that "the troopers were greedy and had slimy motives".^[114]

That month, Clinton implemented a Department of Defense directive known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", which allowed gay men and women to serve in the armed services provided they kept their sexual preferences a secret. The Act forbade the military from inquiring about an individual's sexual orientation.^[115] The policy was developed as a compromise after Clinton's proposal to allow gays to serve openly in the military met staunch opposition from prominent Congressional Republicans and Democrats, including senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Sam Nunn (D-GA). According to David Mixner, Clinton's support for the compromise led to a heated dispute with Vice President Al Gore, who felt that "the President should lift the ban ... even though [his executive order] was sure to be overridden by the Congress".^[116] Some gay-rights advocates criticized Clinton for not going far enough and accused him of making his campaign promise to get votes and contributions.^[117] Their position was that Clinton should have integrated the military by executive order, noting that President Harry S. Truman used executive order to racially desegregate the armed forces. Clinton's defenders argued that an executive order might have prompted the Senate to write the exclusion of gays into law, potentially making it harder to integrate the military in the future.^[50] Later in his presidency, in 1999, Clinton criticized the way the policy was implemented, saying he did not think any serious person could say it was not "out of whack".^[118] The policy remained controversial, and was finally repealed in 2011, removing open sexual orientation as a reason for dismissal from the armed forces.^[119]



Yitzhak Rabin, Clinton and Yasser Arafat during the Oslo Accords on September 13, 1993

On January 1, 1994, Clinton signed the North American Free Trade Agreement into law.^[120] Throughout his first year in office, Clinton consistently supported ratification of the treaty by the U.S. Senate. Clinton and most of his allies in the Democratic Leadership Committee strongly supported free trade measures; there remained, however, strong disagreement within the party. Opposition came chiefly from anti-trade Republicans, protectionist Democrats and supporters of Ross Perot. The bill passed the house with 234 votes in favor and 200 votes opposed (132 Republicans and 102 Democrats in favor; 156 Democrats, 43 Republicans, and one independent opposed). The treaty was then ratified by the Senate and signed into law by the president.^[120]

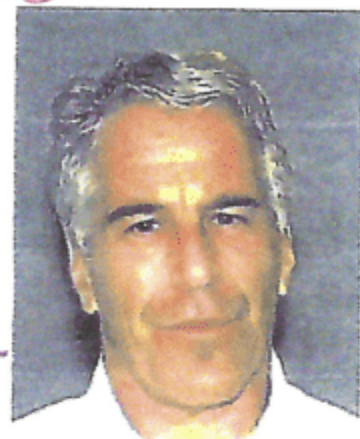
BILL GATES - INTERNET

On July 29, 1994, the Clinton administration launched the first official White House website, whitehouse.gov.^[121] The site was followed with three more versions, with the final version being launched on July 21, 2000.^[121] The White House website was part of a wider movement of the Clinton administration toward web-based communication. According to Robert Longley, "Clinton and Gore were responsible for pressing almost all federal agencies, the U.S. court system and the U.S. military onto the Internet, thus opening up America's government to more of America's citizens than ever before. On July 17, 1996, Clinton issued Executive Order 13011—Federal Information Technology, ordering the heads of all federal agencies to utilize information technology fully to make the information of the agency easily accessible to the public."^[122]

The Omnibus Crime Bill, which Clinton signed into law in September 1994,^[123] made many changes to U.S. crime and law enforcement legislation including the expansion of the death penalty to include crimes not resulting in death, such as running a large-scale drug enterprise. During Clinton's re-election campaign he said, "My 1994 crime bill expanded the death penalty for

Relationship with Jeffrey Epstein - PROSTITUTION - SEX ABUSE RINGS.

Accounts differ on when Maxwell first met American financier Jeffrey Epstein. According to Epstein's former business partner, Steven Hoffenberg, Robert Maxwell introduced his daughter to Epstein in the late 1980s.^[49] *The Times* reported that Maxwell met Epstein in the early 1990s at a New York party following "a difficult break-up with Count Gianfranco Cicogna Mozzoni" (1962–2012) of the CIGA Hotels clan.^[50]



2006 mugshot of Epstein, by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Maxwell had a romantic relationship with Epstein for several years in the early 1990s and remained closely associated with him for more than 25 years until his death in 2019.^{[22][48][51]} The nature of their relationship remains unclear. In a 2009 deposition, several of Epstein's household employees testified that Epstein referred to her as his "main girlfriend" who also hired, fired, and supervised his staff, starting around 1992.^[52] She has also been referred to as the "Lady of the House" by Epstein's staff and as his "aggressive assistant".^[53] In a 2003 *Vanity Fair* profile on Epstein, author Vicky Ward said Epstein referred to Maxwell as "my best friend".^[54] Ward also observed that Maxwell seemed "to organize much of his life".^[54]

Politico reported that Maxwell and Epstein had friendships with several prominent individuals in elite circles of politics, academia, business and law, including former Presidents Donald Trump and Bill Clinton, attorney Alan Dershowitz, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York.^[55]

Maxwell is known for her longstanding friendship^[56] with Prince Andrew, and for having escorted him to a "hookers and pimps" social function in New York.^[57] She introduced Epstein to Prince Andrew, and the three often socialised together.^[58] In 2000, Maxwell and Epstein attended a party thrown by Prince Andrew at the Queen's Sandringham House estate in Norfolk, England, reportedly for Maxwell's 39th birthday.^[59] In a November 2019 interview with the BBC, Prince Andrew confirmed that Maxwell and Epstein had attended an event at his invitation, but he denied that it was anything more than a "straightforward shooting weekend".^[60]

In 1995, Epstein renamed one of his companies the Ghislaine Corporation; based in Palm Beach, Florida, the company was dissolved in 1998.^[52] As a trained helicopter pilot, Maxwell also transported Epstein to his private Caribbean island.^{[61][6]}

In 2008, Epstein was convicted of soliciting a minor for prostitution and served 13 months of an 18-month jail sentence. Following Epstein's release, although Maxwell continued to attend prominent social functions, she and Epstein were no longer seen together publicly.^[9]

By late 2015, Maxwell had largely retreated from attending social functions.^{[9][62]}

Civil cases and accusations

Civil suits

██████████ v Maxwell (2015)

Jeffrey Edward Epstein (/ˈɛpstiːn/ *EP-steen*;^[2] January 20, 1953 – August 10, 2019) was an American financier and convicted sex offender.^[3]^[4] Epstein, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York City, began his professional life by teaching at the Dalton School in Manhattan, despite lacking a college degree. After his dismissal from the school, he entered the banking and finance sector, working at Bear Stearns in various roles; he eventually started his own firm. Epstein developed an elite social circle and procured many women and children; he and some of his associates then sexually abused them.^[5]^[4]^[6]^[7]

In 2005, police in Palm Beach, Florida, began investigating Epstein after a parent complained that he had sexually abused her 14-year-old daughter.^[8] Epstein pleaded guilty and was convicted in 2008 by a Florida state court of procuring a child for prostitution and of soliciting a prostitute.^[5]^[9] He served almost 13 months in custody, but with extensive work release. He was convicted of only these two crimes as part of a controversial plea deal; federal officials had identified 36 girls, some as young as 14 years old, whom Epstein had allegedly sexually abused.^[1]^[10]

Epstein was arrested again on July 6, 2019, on federal charges for the sex trafficking of minors in Florida and New York.^[11]^[12] He died in his jail cell on August 10, 2019.^[13] The medical examiner ruled the death a suicide.^[14] Epstein's lawyers have disputed the ruling, and there has been significant public skepticism about the true cause of his death, resulting in numerous conspiracy theories.^[15]^[16] Since Epstein's death precluded the possibility of pursuing criminal charges against him, a judge dismissed all criminal charges on August 29, 2019.^[17]^[18] Epstein had a decades-long association with the British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, leading to her 2021 conviction on U.S. federal charges of sex trafficking and conspiracy for helping him procure girls, including a 14-year-old, for child sexual abuse and prostitution.^[19]^[20]^[21]^[22] Epstein also maintained long-term relationships with various high-profile individuals, including Donald Trump, Leslie Wexner, Bill Clinton, Alan Dershowitz, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York.^[23]

Jeffrey Epstein



Epstein's final mugshot, 2019

Born	Jeffrey Edward Epstein January 20, 1953 New York City, New York, U.S.
Died	August 10, 2019 (aged 66) New York City, New York, U.S.
Cause of death	Suicide by hanging (disputed)
Resting place	I. J. Morris Star of David Cemetery, Palm Beach, Florida
Occupation	Financier • broker • educator • socialite
Title	Owner of Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation
Criminal charge	Procuring an underage girl for prostitution; sex trafficking
Penalty	13 months with work release (2008)
Partner(s)	Eva Andersson (early 1980s)

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Epstein a massage". She claims she was taken to his mansion, where he exposed himself and had sexual intercourse with her, and paid her \$200 immediately afterward.^[106]

Perversion of Justice, Miami Herald, November 30, 2018.

A similar \$50-million suit was filed in March 2008, by a different woman, who was represented by the same lawyer.^[129] These and several similar lawsuits were dismissed.^[130]

All other lawsuits have been settled by Epstein out of court.^[131] Epstein made many out-of-court settlements with alleged victims.^[130]

Victims' rights: *Jane Does v. United States* (2014)

A December 30, 2014, federal civil suit was filed in Florida by Jane Doe 1 [REDACTED] and Jane Doe 2 against the United States for violations of the Crime Victims' Rights Act by the U.S. Department of Justice's NPA with Epstein and his limited 2008 state plea. There was a later unsuccessful effort to add [REDACTED] (Jane Doe 3) and another woman (Jane Doe 4) as plaintiffs to that case.^[132] The addition accused Alan Dershowitz of sexually abusing a minor, Jane Doe 3, provided by Epstein.^[133] The allegations against Dershowitz were stricken by the judge and eliminated from the case because he said they were outside the intent of the suit to re-open the plea agreement.^{[134][135]} A document filed in court alleges that Epstein ran a "sexual abuse ring", and lent underage girls to "prominent American politicians, powerful business executives, foreign presidents, a well-known prime minister, and other world leaders".^[136]

This long-running lawsuit is pending in federal court, aimed at vacating the federal plea agreement on the grounds that it violated victims' rights.^[137] On April 7, 2015, Judge Kenneth Marra ruled that the allegations made by alleged victim [REDACTED] against Prince Andrew had no bearing on the lawsuit by alleged victims seeking to reopen Epstein's non-prosecution plea agreement with the federal government; the judge ordered that allegation to be struck from the record.^[134] Judge Marra made no ruling as to whether claims by [REDACTED] are true or false. Though he did not allow Jane Does 3 and 4 to join the suit, Marra specifically said that [REDACTED] may later give evidence when the case comes to court.^[138]

On February 21, 2019, in the case of *Two Jane Does v. United States*, Senior Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida Kenneth Marra said federal prosecutors violated the law by failing to notify victims before they allowed him to plead guilty to only the two Florida offenses. The judge left open what the possible remedy could be.^[139]

[REDACTED] v. Epstein (2015)

In a December 2014 Florida court filing by Bradley Edwards and Paul G. Cassell meant for inclusion in the Crime Victims Rights Act lawsuit,^[140] [REDACTED] (then known as [REDACTED]), alleged in a sworn affidavit that at age 17, she had been sexually trafficked by Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell for their own use and for use by several others, including Prince Andrew^[141] and retired Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz.^{[8][142]} [REDACTED] also claimed that Epstein, Maxwell and others had physically and sexually abused her.^[143] She alleged that the FBI may have been involved in a cover-up.^[144] She said she had served as Epstein's sex slave from 1999 to 2002, and had recruited other underage girls.^[145] Prince Andrew, Epstein, and Dershowitz all denied having had sex with [REDACTED]. Dershowitz took legal action over the allegations.^{[146][147][148]} [REDACTED] filed a defamation suit against Dershowitz,

External video

 Where are they now? The biggest players in the Jeffrey Epstein case (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPjn6rcJqsl>)
Perversion of Justice, The Miami Herald, November 29, 2018.

discomfort.^[205] Gates said in 2011 about Epstein: "His lifestyle is very different and kind of intriguing although it would not work for me".^[206]

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It has also been reported that Epstein and Gates met with Nobel Committee chair Thorbjørn Jagland at his residence in Strasbourg, France in March 2013 to discuss the Nobel Prize.^{[208][209]} Also in attendance were representatives of the International Peace Institute which has received millions in grants from the Gates Foundation, including a \$2.5 million "community engagement" grant in October 2013.^[210]

INVOLVED IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT OF THE TARGETED Public image VICTIM 2013-2020

Gates's public image has changed over the years. At first he was perceived as a brilliant but ruthless "robber baron", a "nerd-turned-tycoon".^[211] Starting in 2000 with the foundation of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and particularly after he stepped down as head of Microsoft, he turned his attention to philanthropy, spending more than \$50 billion on causes like health, poverty, and education. His image morphed "from tyrannical technocrat to saintly savior", a "huggable billionaire techno-philanthropist", celebrated on magazine covers and sought after for his opinions on major issues like global health and climate change.^[211] Still another shift in public opinion came in 2021 with the announcement that he and Melinda were divorcing. Coverage of that proceeding brought out information about romantic pursuits of women who worked for him, a long-term extra-marital affair,* and a friendship with convicted child sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein.*^[206] This resulted in some deterioration of his public image.^[212]

Gates meets with U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis, February 2017

Religion

In an interview with *Rolling Stone*, Gates said in regard to his faith: "The moral systems of religion, I think, are super important. We've raised our kids in a religious way; they've gone to the Catholic church that Melinda goes to and I participate in. I've been very lucky, and therefore I owe it to try and reduce the inequity in the world. And that's kind of a religious belief. I mean, it's at least a moral belief."^[213] In the same 2014 interview he also said: "I agree with people like Richard Dawkins that mankind felt the need for creation myths. Before we really began to understand disease and the weather and things like that, we sought false explanations for them. Now science has filled in some of the realm – not all – that religion used to fill. But the mystery and the beauty of the world is overwhelmingly amazing, and there's no scientific explanation of how it came

- *The Road Ahead*, written with Microsoft executive Nathan Myhrvold and journalist Peter Rinearson, was published in November 1995. It summarized the implications of the personal computing revolution and described a future profoundly changed by the arrival of a global information superhighway.
- *Business @ the Speed of Thought* was published in 1999, and discusses how business and technology are integrated, and shows how digital infrastructures and information networks can help to get an edge on the competition.
- *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* (February 2021) presents what Gates learned in over a decade of studying climate change and investing in innovations to address climate problems.^[186]

BILL GATES - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT OF TARGETED VICTIM
Personal life 2013 EASY EDITOR - CRIME

Gates is an avid reader, and the ceiling of his large home library is engraved with a quotation from *The Great Gatsby*.^[187] He also enjoys bridge, tennis and golf.^{[188][189]} His days are planned for him on a minute-by-minute basis, similarly to the U.S. president's schedule.^[190] Despite his wealth and extensive business travel, Gates flew coach (economy class) in commercial aircraft until 1997, when he bought a private jet.^[191]

Gates purchased the Codex Leicester, a collection of scientific writings by Leonardo da Vinci, for US\$30.8 million at an auction in 1994.^[192] In 1998, he reportedly paid \$30 million for the original 1885 maritime painting *Lost on the Grand Banks*, at the time a record price for an American painting.^[193]

In 2016, he revealed that he was color-blind.^[194]

Marriage and divorce

Gates married Melinda French on the Hawaiian Island of Lanai on January 1, 1994.^[195] They met in 1987 after Melinda began working at Microsoft.^[196] At the time of their marriage, Gates was given permission by Melinda to spend limited time with his ex-girlfriend, businesswoman Ann Winblad.^[197] Bill and Melinda have three children: Jennifer, Rory and Phoebe.^[198]

The family's residence is an earth-sheltered mansion in the side of a hill overlooking Lake Washington in Medina, Washington. In 2009, property taxes on the mansion were reported to be US\$1.063 million, on a total assessed value of

Gates and Melinda, 2009

US\$147.5 million.^[199] The 66,000-square-foot (6,100 m²) estate has a 60-foot (18 m) swimming pool with an underwater music system, as well as a 2,500-square-foot (230 m²) gym and a 1,000-square-foot (93 m²) dining room.^[200] On May 3, 2021, the Gateses announced they had decided to divorce after 27 years of marriage and 34 years as a couple.^[201] They said they would keep working together on charitable efforts.^{[201][202]} *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Melinda had been meeting with divorce attorneys since 2019, citing interviews that suggested Bill's ties with Jeffrey Epstein was at least one of her concerns.^[203] The divorce was finalized on August 2, 2021.^[204]

***Relationship with Jeffrey Epstein** - ASSOCIATED WITH GROOMING WOMEN FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES - SEX CRIMES

A *New York Times* article reported that Gates's relationship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein started in 2011, just a few years after Epstein's conviction, and continued for some years, including a visit to Epstein's house with Melinda in the fall of 2013, despite her declared

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