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CONFIDENTIAL: Jeffrey Epstein Case History

In March of 2005, the Palm Beach Police Chief received information that minors were being paid to give massages to JE. An intense police investigation ensued that included dozens of interviews, trash pulls, the execution of a search warrant at JEs residence, and the submission of the case to the state prosecutor's office where it was ultimately supervised by a highly respected senior prosecutor with many years of experience investigating and prosecuting sex cases. She interviewed the girls herself and pronounced that there were no "real victims" here. In July of 2006, the state prosecutor decided to present the results of the investigation to a Grand Jury which returned a single 1-count Indictment for Felony Solicitation of Prostitution, a charge based on JEs payment of money for sex. The state recommended a non-imprisonment sentence for JE, a first offender. The Palm Beach Police Chief, circumventing the ordinary practice of deferring prosecution decisions to the elected chief prosecutor of his county, brought the matter to the FBI, publicly released the 87 page raw police investigation report, and catalyzed a unique federal investigation that sought to second guess the decisions of the Palm Beach County State Attorney as to conduct that historically has been treated as a state offense. The evidence uncovered by both the state and federal investigators demonstrated that JE paid for sexual massages, that occurred at his home, that were consensual and not coercive, that were sometimes engaged in by teenagers i.e. minors many of whom lied about their age, that were never the result of inducement by the use of the internet or phone, that were not preceded by interstate travel motivated by the promise of underage sex, and in contrast to the norm of federal cases, lacked proof of any "pimping" or profiting from these sexual encounters. The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida entered a federal Non-Prosecution Agreement, but only after requiring that JE and his team, not the feds, persuade the State Attorney to bring an additional state felony charge that would require that JE serve an 18 month county jail sentence, then serve 1 year of intense supervised probation which included a curfew and partial home arrest, and then register as a sex offender in public registries wherever he resided. Additionally, in a unique provision, JE was required to not contest liability as to any of the girls (including several he did not even recall meeting) who were part of the FBI investigation so that they could receive lump sum