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**To:** Al seckel <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Question about your post on business insider  
**Date:** Wed, 10 Nov 2010 06:12:49 +0000

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14 yr old not true , only reporters

Sorry for all the typos .Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2010, at 8:08 AM, Al seckel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

FYI. ;-)

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**From:** Katya Wachtel <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** Al seckel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tue, November 9, 2010 9:38:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Question about your post on business insider

Dear Mr Seckel,

Thank you for the alert. I have removed the sentence immediately. That information was taken from Gawker, which had a full post on the subject. Our daily gossip post is collection of links to stories written in other publications, such as Gawker - or Dealbook, the Wall Street Journal, The New York Post - that we assume have been fully fact checked. Unfortunately in this case, Gawker misread the bio on Epstein's site. It was certainly not a deliberate misrepresentation on my part, but rather an honest mistake.

Again, I appreciate the heads-up.

I also would just like to add, for clarification, that Epstein was not simply convicted of using escorts, but soliciting an escort as young as 14, and was placed on the national sex offender registry: [Daily Beast](#); [NY Post](#).

All the best,

Katya

On Tue, Nov 9, 2010 at 6:35 PM, Al seckel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Katya,

I am writing you, because I have been associated in a very loose way on Jeffrey Epstein's new blog. I am a vision scientist/author, and he interviewed me for his blog. However, due to a google alert, I came across your posting on business insider, which stated:

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**Disgraced hedge funder Jeffrey Epstein started a blog about science.** In the blog bio, the convicted sex offender lies about being a member of the Council on Foreign Relations."

As an academic, I am careful about how people represent themselves. I was somewhat familiar with the charges that he used escorts. However, I must confess, I am not into tabloid stuff. However, your remark above concerned me, as it is not

appropriate to lie about an affiliation. So, I checked. When I checked, it stated that he was a "former member," which is true. So, I am curious, did you not do your own fact checking? Did you deliberately misrepresent? Or, was this an honest mistake. In any case, I think you should change your post, as if I were Jeffrey (and I definitely am not!) I would sue you for libel. In today's age of information, or should we say misinformation and disinformation, it would be nice if people took the time to present things correctly, and that includes not only Jeffrey, but the people who write about him as well.

With kind regards, and meant in no hostile way.

yours,  
Al

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Katya Wachtel  
Business Insider  
