

To: Robert Critton / Michael Burman
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Re: Epstein / [REDACTED] / interview Barbara and Martie Rutledge
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On Tuesday, July 28, 2009, Investigator Paul Lavery interviewed Martie Rutledge and her daughter Barbara Rutledge concerning [REDACTED]. The interview with Martie Rutledge was in person and the brief interview with Barbara Rutledge was by cell telephone contact. Barbara Rutledge was identified by Tiffany Avery as being a friend of [REDACTED] and suggested Lavery interview Rutledge.

Investigator Lavery contacted Martie Rutledge and another daughter (possibly Carol) in the driveway at Martie's home, [REDACTED]. Her daughter was literally stepping into in her vehicle and had children with her when Lavery approached. Upon introduction Martie Rutledge said Barbara had coincidentally just left from her home about 15 minutes before Investigator Lavery walked up. It was learned Barbara Rutledge resides in the [REDACTED] area and had been in town visiting for a few days. Martie Rutledge did not know the name of [REDACTED] but the daughter did and said while starting her vehicle that she knew [REDACTED] sister. This daughter was obviously not interested in the matter, closed the vehicle door and drove off.

Martie Rutledge was very courteous and invited Investigator Lavery inside the house. She called Barbara on her cell telephone ([REDACTED]) and told Barbara a private investigator was there asking about [REDACTED]. Martie then said "it has to do with some court case". Lavery could hear Barbara on the other end of then respond, "it must be about the Epstein case".

Martie then handed Investigator Lavery the cell telephone and Lavery spoke with Barbara. She told Lavery she had gotten onto the Florida Turnpike heading north towards Orlando and was not able to return back to her mother's house. She said she in heavy traffic and it was determined Lavery would call her back the next day or so to complete the interview.

Concerning a few brief questions addressed with Barbara before discontinuing the call, it was learned Barbara has seen or been with [REDACTED] recently along with some other girls in a little "get to together" the last time she was in Palm Beach. It was within the last few months but as of this report unknown as to the exact date.

Barbara stated [REDACTED] appeared to be fine and not under any stress and there was nothing out of the concerning her behavior. Investigator Lavery has not yet had a chance to explore this with Rutledge but will if a second interview happens.

Secondly, Rutledge said she was made aware of a few years ago of the police / FBI investigation relating to Jeffrey Epstein because [REDACTED] told her of it. Rutledge said [REDACTED] told her when the FBI or police, not sure which agency, had contacted [REDACTED] concerning the investigation. Rutledge said she recalls telling [REDACTED], "just tell the truth and you'll be alright".

As noted this call was relatively brief and therefore the inquiry did not reach beyond this limited introduction. However, it appears that on the surface at least Rutledge has some knowledge of the previous law enforcement investigation. It was left undetermined whether she is aware of the instant civil case(s). Note, Rutledge stated she was unaware of [REDACTED] supposed recent suicide attempt as reported by PBSO. The result of on going efforts to complete a more thorough interview with Barbara Rutledge will be submitted upon completion. As of the writing Rutledge has not responded to phone calls or messages left for her.