

I have up until now , not told my side of the story,, I was advised by attorneys , and pr people , to just stay quiet , and it will all go away. I have received the same advice for five years now.. I realize , my silence is now causing collateral damage to my friends and other innocent bystanders. The time has come to let , the hounds of investigative reporters, loose on those that, driven by money, have made false claims, concocted malicious fabrications. , and have expanded their fictions , now to include others in my orbit.

I was investigated for soliciting underage girls. To be precise ,, girls under the age of 18 , who were brought to my house, by their close friends, worked in local massage parlors., (west palm beach, has scores of massage parlor , happy ending places, that reoutinely advertise in the same local papers that have chastised my behavior or strip clubs.. (see palm beach post < classified). I am and have always been a bachelor. I have used massage parlor girls, licenced massge therapists, and girls with no massage experience. I have never ever , used force, coercion or in fact had intercourse with any of these girls.

When the police investigated me, went through my garbage, searched my house, they found, sex toys, NO cameras, or camera equipment, Nothing in fact out of the ordinary from many homes of single men. There were never any photos of underage girls , never. A careful reading of any law enforcment document makes that clear.. The camera that was referred to in the search warrant , was the camera installed in the house , with the help of the local police to catch my houseman , John allessi, the same houseman, mentioned in many articles. He was breaking into the house and stealing money , after being fired . The camera caught him in the act,. These cameras were the only cameras at the house, security cameras.

The local state attorney, after conducting an extensive investigation, and interviewing the girls herself. A sex crimes prosecutor with over 13 years experience, and who had herself authored the more tough legislations dealing with sex crimes, said in her own words There were no real victims here.. The girls knew , they were going to a house in palm beach,, they had their boyfriends or family members drive them to the house, and wait outside , They then encouraged their friends to go . Many of the girls interviewed were in their mid twenties, some in their early thirties, , and some, younger than 18,, . The girl , that the newsppare have referred to as a fourtenn year old. Told the police that she had repeatedly told me that she was 18, she was a senior in high school,, like many of the massage parlor girls , and in her own words, to the police , said the reason she said that was that she was told that if she didn't MR EPSTEIN would not let her in the house. These reports are available.

The state attorney, offered me to take a plea to agg assault, with only probation . My attorneys told me that , it would be a forever blight on my record, and I should refuse the deal. I did so.. The state attorney Barry Krisher, took the unusual step of bringing the facts before a state grand jury,, In florida, this happens most often in capital murder cases, not prostituion in someones own home, .. To be certain that the publice would not criticize the outcome, the state grand jury was given all the evidence and returned a verdict of Solicitation of prositution. Solicitiaion, a no registrable offense that carried with it a sentice of MANDATory

Probation. Mandatory probation . one of the few statues , that has such a designation. This charge however, was met with great disdain by the local police chief . He believed something untoward had gone on for the grand jury to return such a mild verdict after his department had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars examining the behavior of a resident that rarely left his house, .. girls seems to come and go girls of ALL ages, some masseuses interviewed were in their sixties.. some were men.

The police chief , unhappy with the decision of twelve florida citizens that weighed the evidence , took the unprecedented step of releasing,, the raw police reports, to the press.. the raw sewage of an investigation, not corroborated or it turn out, not even transcribed, from the actual interview tapes correctly.. Before a plea to the indictment was entered, and the case was still open , he released the reports , and then sent a letter off to the parents of some of the girls, and to the fbi, asking for their assistance.. Only two days after the grand jury decided that I should only be charged with solicitation of prostitution NOT underage, girls, not pimping but using prostitutes as a john. I received my first FEDERAL subpoena. What resulted after a thirteen month investigation , and can be read in my non prosecution agreement, Was the federal govt. threatened me with a fifty page indictment ,,alleging that I had broken federal law.. though all actions took place in my home in florida, , the girls were from florida, and no interstate travel took place. The AUSA said that my secretary, had made telephone calls to the girls. Many of those calls were return calls., and the use of the telephone by my secretary, to confirm massage appointments, was equivalent federally to some guy surfing the internet, knowing full well that the person on the other end of the connection is under age, and trying to coerce them into some illegal sex activity. The internet luring statute , says that someone uses the means of interstate commerce , (in my case as phone), to knowingly coerce underage persons into sex. .. This was the first time in history , that this statute would be stretched, twisted, beyond all recognition , in an attempt to threaten prosecution . I had hired Ken Starr,, former solicitor general, Alan Dershowitz law professor, Roy black, Trial attorney, Joe Whitley,, former ass attorney general , and guy lewis former us atty in south florida, to defend me against what each one of them had said was no federal crime, Ken starr, wrote a brief using a federalism argument, that was clear that my crime of being a john, could not be a federal crime, .. To no avail.. What the federal govt required was as follows. They required that my defense team, not the feds but my team, go to the state attorney , ask that he up my charge to a pimping charge. (a charge that carried with it sex registration,), they would not give him the facts to support that charge , or give me evidence that they said they had that I had under florida law received money FROM these girls to offer them out as prostitutes, Florida is very clear , that the pimp must have a financial benefit from the crime.. It would be our responsibility to ask the state attorney to up my charge and agree to sentence me to 18 months in jail and a year of house arrest. IN the history of the state attorneys office, they have no other instance of someone requesting a higher charge, than the grand jury decided. And a harsher penalty..

In addition the federal govt would require me to pay , a minimum of 50 thousand dollars to each girl on a list of girls, that they would choose. A list that would be

kept secret, and no names on their list would be disclosed to me or my attorneys until , I was already firmly in a jail cell. A list that we would not only be obliged to pay money to, but if any of the girls did not accept the 50k dollars , I would be required to pay an attorney, chosen by the govt. to represent the girls , to enable them to sue me, and I would have to pay their attny fees. I would be given the names, after being in jail, not be allowed to appeal this deal, pay girls, some of whom I never even met,, and If I chose to fight this deal , I would be threatened over and over with being in breach of my agreement.. \ The attorney chosen , hired his own daughter, a sitting state prosecutor, who received special leave to represent these girls, and though she continued to receive her state salary, billed me over 800 thousand dollars in a period of a year to represent girls , suing me.. When my side raised objections , we were told that if we fought this, the govt would declare a breach and indict me . The AUSA actually files an affidavit with the court that stated that the protection from (the govt), that Epstein thought he bargained for really is "illusory " , We can always bring a case against him for the lifespan of any girl we think has been a victim.

After serving my sentence, I was sued by many girls on the govt list. During many of the depositions taken in those case. The girls admitted to the following, they had many other clients , they got paid thousands of dollars a week to work in the local massage parlor , sex club,, they kept their list of johns, in their bible. They had abusive boyfriends, , abortion, way before they ever met me, and though they claimed sex assault abuse, and various other sex claims, most, later brought their best friends to the house, who also claimed the same abuse , in the hopes of getting money,

With what the newspapers had called a dream team , Each and every lawyer, when they say the result of the negotiations said with incredulity, we have never seen anything like this before.. I had never left my house, The girls had not traveled on my planes, or to another state. I had never made money off of these girls, I was a consumer of prostitution, a john .. The govt said that they could invoke a statute for travel for the purpose of sex. The tourists who had signed on, to fake sites, advertising sex with minors in Cambodia, Thailand. And other third world countries.. The govt said that they could charge me with traveling to florida to have sex with underage girls .. Even though sex with 16 year olds is legal in new jersey and pennsylvania and sex with 17 year olds legal in new york They suggested that they would indict me for traveling to florida FOR THE PURPOSE of having sex with minors. Notwithstanding the fact that I had a home in florida for 15 years, regularly traveled to see my brother mother and business associates. They said that they thought a novel application could at least get me indicted , unless I took the state plea deal. I had little choice. The crimes they alleged , no matter what the likelihood of success , carried with them minimum mandatory , ten year sentences. I recognize that I am not a sympathetic figure, and had to decide whether to risk a jury trial that would see an older man , and young women that would be paraded in Sunday school outfits for a trial..

I have showed poor judgement in the past , and have paid a heavy price for those mistakes. I had hope to move forward with my science philanthropy , and helping those less priviledged than myself. Then came scott Rothstein,

Scott Rothstein was the senior partner of RRA . He is currently serving a fifty year prison sentence for perpertratin g the largest fraud in South Floridas history. He decided that since sex allegations made against me could be used, to fleece hundreds of investors out of hundreds ofmillions of dollars.. He recrited Brad Edwards, a smalltime ft Lauderdale attorney, who had access to some of the girls on the govt list. Scott forged Judges signatures, hid behind attorney client privlindeg, secrecty of legal docu, work product, covel letter, giving illegal investigative activity the protection normally reserved for lawyers and their legitimate clients. He told investors that I had settled cases with him for hundreds of millions of dollars , but the girls want ed their money now. IF they gave him 30 milions dollars now , he could give it to the girls who wanted to remain anyonymous, and they would go off to the sunset, and the full payment would be made to the investors.. Investors that would be getting 50- 100% return on their money for taking advantage of the same girls who allegedly I had come in contact with,, Bill schere an attoryeny in Broward has filed a 147 complaint against scott Rothstein and the firm.

The attorney for the girls, aware that I would be loathe in involve innocent friends, in problems that were strictly of my own making, subpoenaed , names, and try to smear any friend whose name appeared in print previously. They contacted Bill Clinton, Donald Trump , David Copperfied. Innocent bystanders with no knowledge of any of my actions whatsoever, .. I settled the cases rather than forcing boththe girls, and other s to be subject to a public questioning of their lives.

It appears that the Rothstein firm had continuing help from the govt throughout their civil litigation.. Emails received as a result of a recent subpoena show descriptioins such as received info fro current fbi agents. ..

The former Rothstein partners subpeoned my attoryney for all correspondence, regarding my plea, with the us attorney. Though highly unusual the govt sided with the attorney s and agreed we needed to produce all our correspondence from them to my attorneys.

During the civil deposition of my former houseman Alfredo Rodriquex, attended by a new attorney from the Rothstein firm , whose name appears on the record as CARA Holmes, also appears as Carolyn holmes,, also appears as Kara holmes. The houseman allegedly said that he had stolen a book from my house with telephone numbers in it that the govt wanted, This was in july of 09. I believe that the attorneys went to outside counsel Kendall Coffey, and asked whether or not they could buy the book for the fifty thousand dollars, that the houseman had asked for it. THREE months later, my houseman was set up in a sting by the FBI and the same

AUSA that had headed my prosecution.. It appears that using a lawyer from the RRA firm, [REDACTED] as a confidential informant for the govt, at the same time that Scott Rothstein was using me and my allegations to fleece his victims, the us attorneys office was sitting in the Rothstein offices planning a sting operation while right next door, Scott Rothstein was making off to Morocco in an attempt to flee the country. Alfredo rodriguez was prosecuted by the same AUSA , and received an 18 months sentence, however it also appeared that on the very same day of his sting arrest, he bought an illegal gun , and was later sentenced to four years in prison. Who is CARA holmes, and what was her role in RRA is still a mystery to us.. She appears to be a former FBI agent out of the Chicago office. She joined the Rothstein firm in may of 09, and joined the Florida bar at the same time. She attended depositions of my pilots and my houseman, She communicated regularly with [REDACTED] and the investigators on my case. The email traffic is extensive.

The telephone book that he had stolen from my house, was then turned over to the same attorneys who had been told they could not buy it as they would have been buying stolen property. [REDACTED] the former partner of Scott Rothstein , then used the purloined book to send out letters to everyone in the book, asking for additional stories of my wrongdoing in the past five years.. With the hope of getting new clients the letter was structured so as to circumvent the ethical rules regarding trolling for clients.

While I was serving my sentence , my lawyers were able to come see me > Only two months after being incarcerated, my in house lawyer came to see me to tell me that as were now conducting an audit of legal fees paid to date. They had discovered that Gerald Lefcourt, my primary attorney , had taken out cash to the tune of 800k , that according to his own accountant , he was not entitled to. He had simply prepared invoices that said please pay another 100k.. or 200k. though he had been asked on multiple occasions to substantiate the bills. His response would be , we are working full time for you.. I pointed out that his was not his only firm , but he said would you like me to quit, He eventually returned over four hundred thousand , over a period of time, as he said that his cashflow couldnot handle the strain, he said that he was still owed for things like taxi fair, coffee and donuts, detailed for 2\$ 53 cents, he would keep four hundred thousand,,

I was told that I should hire Guy Lewis A former US Attorney in the southern district, Guy a southern style gentleman white suits fast cars, said that he had a great relationship with the current us attny Alex Acosta , and the people in Washington that would potentially need to review what ever happened in south florida .. He wanted a 100k per month retainer, and with this partner Mike Tein, would represent me . Upon review of his background, it was suggested that he might now have the credibility that he had represented , and rumors were that he had been asked to Leave DOJ for inappropriate billing .. I told him in no uncertain terms that

if this were true, he would need to tell me, as he was representing my credibility with the government. If he had been asked to leave, it would dramatically hurt my chances if it were he making my case to senior officials. He swore up and down, as southerners are apt to do that there was no truth whatsoever to the allegations. Being charged with untrue allegations rang close to my heart, and I chose to side with Guy. Only after my incarceration, when Guy and Mike came to see me in a 9 by ten attorney room that smelled like urine, and I told them that I was now being sued by many of the girls on the government list. They expressed their regrets, and their willingness to help. However as they walked out down the dungeon like hall with the sound of clanging gates in the background, they were unaware of the security cameras and microphones, throughout the hallway. They chose to High-five one another, on camera, and smile with the comment that this would be a couple more years of fees. The guards at the jail, accustomed to some of the most heinous physical crimes imaginable, and hardened against most of human foibles, were caught off guard by the exhilaration of the potential of more fees.

Sex for money, a sensitive subject. The reactions range from Andrew Dworkin the feminist who considers all intercourse a form of rape, to man inserting his authority, to Jackie Mason that posits that when a man takes a woman for dinner, many times his real motivation is the hope of receiving sex at the end of the evening. He suggests it is hypocritical for them to be able to pay the florist for flowers, the doorman for getting a cab, the restaurant for the food and the liquor store for the gift of wine, but can't pay the only person that performs the actual sex act without committing a crime. Yes I had sex for money, I am a john. Yes I understand that prostitution is a crime and a crime that very few johns have even gone to jail for. I am aware that there are strong feelings amongst many people regarding that crime, Many countries have legalized it, some states have legalized it, many have a policy of no enforcement. New York City has escort services that openly advertise, massage parlors that have neon signs in midtown, In actual fact the crime of sex for money, at the time of my transgressions, was under penal code 230, equivalent to that of jay walking unless the girl was under 15. Yes under 15. That was in New York, In Florida the age of consent is 18. Misrepresentation of age is not considered a defense, even if the girl worked in a sex establishment, where one has to prove age to work, was met in a bar where the drinking age is 21, or shows ID that appears to be valid that she is over 18. The State attorneys who deal with this sort of crime on a regular basis, reviewed the case, brought by the local police, and said in no uncertain terms that there "were no real victims" in the Epstein case. NO real victims. Their words, They said that the girls knew what they were doing, they brought their best friends after being there a number of times, how could there be a serious crime.

The AUSA decided that she would protect the young women of Palm Beach. She sees a need for child safe everywhere she looked. She has been chastised twice by local

judges, for hiding information from the court, misleading the court, and had a supervisor represent her in front of a judge that would have disciplined her. Her first subpoena to me asked for all my tax returns, my medical records. My phone book, my plane logs.

The girls came to my house.. I usually exercised every day followed by a massage. Most of the time, I would be on the telephone when a girl was brought into the room,, Many times they rubbed my feet or back, I never spoke to them at all, because I would be on the phone, The room was dimmed, and often I would not even see the girl. If not on the phone, I would talk to the girl, NO real sex, most girls testified they never touched my genitals at all.. NEVER> These depositions were taken as a result of the govt supported civil suits against, me.