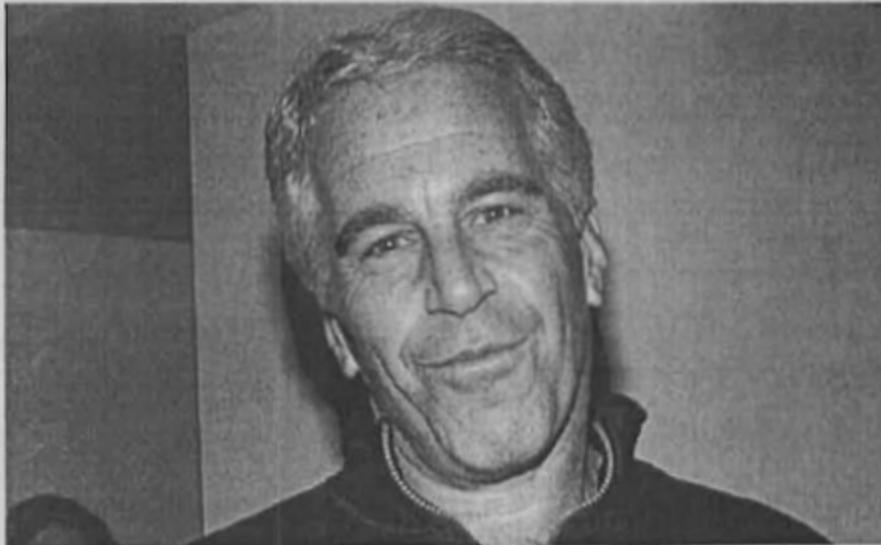


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### Question Duke of York over sex abuser, says victim

The Duke of York "knows the truth" about the sexual abuse of under-age girls by his friend Jeffrey Epstein and should be made to testify about him, a former "sex slave" of the billionaire financier has claimed.



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Virginia Roberts told lawyers in Florida that the Duke could give a "valuable" insight into the behaviour of Epstein, a convicted sex offender.

She said she was afraid to name friends of Epstein whom she was made to massage because some were "influential" and she was "scared".

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Miss Roberts, who was born in California, alleges that, from the age of 15, she was paid to follow Epstein around the world and be sexually exploited by him and his "adult male peers, including royalty".

She was one of at least 17 women anonymously to settle lawsuits with the former Wall Street money manager after alleging in a criminal inquiry in 2005 that he had abused them as under-age girls.

Epstein was sentenced to 18 months in prison in 2008 after admitting soliciting prostitution and soliciting a minor for prostitution.

Miss Roberts, who is now 27 and lives in Australia with her young family, revived the case in February when she admitted she was "Jane Doe 102" and claimed she had met the Duke three times.

She was interviewed last month by a lawyer for a Florida attorney who represents several of the alleged victims and is being sued by Epstein, who claims the cases against him are bogus. She was read a short list of Epstein's male friends and asked which "would have relevant information about Jeffrey's taking advantage of under-age girls" if they were asked to give "sworn testimony".

"Prince Andrew," suggested the lawyer, Jack Scarola. "Yes, he would know a lot of the truth," she said.

"I don't know how much he would be able to help you with. But seeing he's in a lot of trouble himself these days ... I think he may be valuable. I'm not too sure of him."

Miss Roberts described how she was made to gratify Epstein sexually, and that he paid her to do the same to about eight of his male friends. "Are you able to name those people for me?" asked Mr Scarola. "No, not at this stage," she said. "I just, some of these people are really influential in power ... I'm just afraid to say it to you." She added: "I'm really scared of where this is gonna go."

Asked about Epstein's friendship with the Duke, Miss Roberts said: "I am angry about how they are still up to their old ways together and that they're still hanging out."

The pair were pictured walking in Central Park in New York in December. It was later claimed that the Duke was asking Epstein to help pay £15,000 of the debts of his former wife, Sarah Ferguson.

Miss Roberts indicated she had given fresh evidence to FBI agents, who are looking again at Epstein's case.

There is no suggestion that the Duke of York has done anything wrong. Epstein's attorney did not respond to a request for comment.

A source close to the Duke of York stressed that he had no involvement with young girls and insisted that he had "no knowledge whatsoever" of Mr Epstein's activities until they appeared in the media.