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Epstein Accuser Sues Alan Dershowitz Over Alleged Sex Ring

As new woman claims the billionaire pedophile abused her and her underage sister.

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A new accuser has come forward against Jeffrey Epstein, claiming the billionaire pedophile and his alleged madam, British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, sexually assaulted her and her underage sister on different occasions in the 1990s.

The allegations surfaced Tuesday as part of a defamation suit [REDACTED] filed against Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, a friend and attorney of Epstein's who helped secure a controversial plea deal for Epstein after he was arrested in 2006 for molesting dozens of minor girls at his Palm Beach mansion.

[REDACTED], the alleged victim, also claims she witnessed Dershowitz visit Epstein's Manhattan mansion and head upstairs, where she says underage girls were present.

[REDACTED] has long claimed Epstein kept her as a "sex slave" and loaned her to his famous friends including Prince Andrew. (Both men have vehemently denied this claim.) She filed the lawsuit against Dershowitz in New York federal court, claiming the high-profile defense lawyer "was also a participant in sex trafficking, including as one of the men to whom Epstein lent out [REDACTED] for sex."

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The complaint accuses Dershowitz of employing “a desperate barrage of false and increasingly defamatory attacks” on [REDACTED] after a *Miami Herald* investigation revealed how Epstein and his lawyers obtained the infamous non-prosecution agreement that essentially resulted in Epstein getting a slap on the wrist for abusing the underage girls. Epstein served 13 months of his 18-month sentence for crimes that could have sent him to prison for life.

Dershowitz has recently accused [REDACTED] and her lawyers of framing him in order to get millions of dollars from Epstein's only known client, Limited Brands chairman Leslie Wexner. He also accused another Epstein accuser, [REDACTED], of fabricating recent claims that she was coerced into sex with Dershowitz. (In response, Dershowitz called [REDACTED] accusations “delusional” and claimed he'd never met her.)

Indeed, Dershowitz challenged his accusers to sue him for defamation.

In response to the lawsuit, Dershowitz told The Daily Beast on Tuesday: “I welcome it. This lawsuit gives me the opportunity I’ve been looking for to prove [REDACTED] has committed perjury and will continue to commit perjury in federal court.”

“I am asking the FBI to come to this trial because perjury will be committed in front of a federal judge and in a federal courtroom,” Dershowitz added. “And I will prove it is she who is committing perjury.”

“I will prove it from her own mouth as I have documents from her that acknowledges that I was not one of the people that she had sex with,” Dershowitz said.

The Daily Beast has left messages for attorneys for Maxwell and Epstein, and put in a call for comment from Wexner on Tuesday.

In the affidavit, [REDACTED] says she was an artist and grad student in New York City in 1995, when she met Epstein and his alleged madam, Maxwell, at an art show. The following summer, she alleges, the pair sexually assaulted [REDACTED] in Ohio—and molested her 15-year-old sister at Epstein’s ranch in New Mexico.

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The duo are accused of sexually assaulting ██████ while she stayed at Wexner's Ohio mansion. At the time, Epstein had allegedly enlisted ██████ for a special art project at Wexner's property, where she stayed along with her younger brothers.

“She alleges the pair sexually assaulted her in Ohio—and molested her 15-year-old sister at Epstein’s ranch in New Mexico.”

“Epstein said that if I sold him one of my paintings for half price he would help me with my career,” ██████ stated of their first meeting. “I sold him the painting that night for half price which was approximately \$6,000.”

Months later, ██████ claims in the court filing, Epstein called her and claimed he was looking for an art consultant. But instead, ██████ was hired to become a lookout for the front door of Epstein's East 71st

Street mansion. Her job involved “manning the front door at his New York mansion and keeping records of people who came to the home,” she said.

“During the time I was supervising the door at Epstein’s mansion, I witnessed a number of school age girls coming to the home, some of the young girls would be wearing their school uniforms,” ██████ affidavit added. Those girls would enter Epstein’s Upper East Side property, then be escorted upstairs, ██████ claimed.

“When I asked Maxwell why these young girls were coming over to the house so often she said that the girls were interviewing for modeling positions,” ██████ stated. “At the time, based on my observations at the home, it did not seem credible to me that these young girls were interviewing for modeling positions.”

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Dershowitz visited Epstein’s New York residence “a number of times” while ██████ worked for Epstein, she said. “Dershowitz was very comfortable at the home and would come in and walk upstairs,” ██████ added. She claims Dershowitz went upstairs at the same time minor girls were present there.

Dershowitz denied ██████ claims, telling The Daily Beast: “████████ stopped working for Epstein before I ever met Epstein. It’s a totally perjured affidavit. It’s all totally made up. For her lawyers to submit these obviously perjured affidavits raises serious questions about their role in this case.”

Meanwhile, ██████ claims her younger sister, who was 15 years old, was abused by Epstein and Maxwell, too.

“Maxwell and Epstein took an interest in my younger sister. Epstein took us to a movie in New York and during the movie he held my younger sister’s hand and was rubbing her in a sexual manner without my knowledge,” ██████ said in her affidavit.

Epstein “then contacted my mother and said he wants to help put my younger sister through a special school program in Thailand,” ██████ added.

That summer, Epstein and Maxwell allegedly flew ██████ younger sister to Epstein’s ranch in New Mexico, where they molested her on a massage table, the affidavit alleges.

The duo is accused of touching the girl inappropriately after directing her to remove her clothes and get on a massage table. “It was not until later in the summer when I called my sister in Thailand where she was studying that I learned what had happened to her at Epstein’s New Mexico ranch,” ██████ stated in the court filing.

“I called the FBI and made the report but to my knowledge, the FBI did not take any action against Epstein or Maxwell.”

While ██████ worked on her art project at Wexner’s mansion, she claims, Maxwell and Epstein sexually assaulted her. “They asked me to come into a bedroom with them and then proceeded to sexually assault me against my will,” ██████ said. “I fled the room and called the sheriff’s office but did not get any response.”

Wexner’s security, ██████ said, refused to let her leave the property. “I was held against my will for approximately twelve hours until I was ultimately allowed to leave with my father,” ██████ said. Her father had driven to Ohio from Kentucky to get her.

██████ claims that when she returned to New York and went to police at the Sixth Precinct for help, officers allegedly told her to contact the FBI to make a report about the supposed Ohio assault.

“I called the FBI and made the report but to my knowledge, the FBI did not take any action against Epstein or Maxwell,” ██████ stated. “To my knowledge I was the first person to report Maxwell and Epstein to the FBI.”

After the alleged assault, Maxwell and Epstein called ██████ multiple times to threaten her, ██████ claims. The pair also called her art clients and people in New York’s art world in a bid to destroy her career, the affidavit states.

“Maxwell and Epstein worked in concert to make sure that my career and my life was ruined,” ██████ stated. “I was terrified of Maxwell and Epstein and I moved a number of time to try to hide from them.”

“I have struggled throughout my life as a direct result of Epstein and Maxwell’s actions against me and my hope is that they will be held accountable for their crimes,” ██████ concluded in the affidavit. “While I am still afraid, I am coming forward because I think it is so important to do so.”

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█████ complaint provides further details on the scope of Epstein’s alleged sex-trafficking operation, citing flight logs of the financier’s private jet. A graphic of a map inside the complaint shows flights to Tangier, Granada, London and Paris.

“During the time period that Roberts was being trafficked by Epstein she was forced to have sex with Alan Dershowitz,” the lawsuit adds. “Roberts was forced to engage in sexual acts with Dershowitz in, among other locations, Epstein’s mansion” in New York City.

█████ accuses Dershowitz of lying about flying on Epstein’s private plane, dubbed the “Lolita Express” by the media, which he claims he took only with his wife. The lawyer traveled on Epstein’s jet with young women, including a Victoria’s Secret model, the complaint alleges.

Dershowitz is also accused by ██████ of lying about his involvement with another of Epstein’s alleged victims, ██████, who now lives in Spain and says she was introduced to Epstein in 2006 when she was 22 and living in New York.

Soon after meeting Epstein, he allegedly flew her to his private isle in the Virgin Islands, where he directed her to have sex with him and “various other girls and guests,” according to an affidavit by ██████, filed as part of ██████ lawsuit.

█████ claims Epstein at one point arranged for Dershowitz to represent her, and during that time, also “lent her out to Dershowitz for sex,” the complaint alleges.

“At his town house I was also lent out by him to his friends and associates to have sex,” ██████ said of Epstein in the court filing.

“She was a woman that was trying to sell a story to the New York Post that she had sex tapes of Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Bill Clinton and Richard Branson.”

— Alan Dershowitz

“Among the people he lent me to was his friend, Alan Dershowitz,” ██████ stated in the filing, dated April 8 2019.

“On one occasion I was in a bedroom at Jeffrey’s New York townhouse with Jeffrey and ██████ ██████,” ██████ added, referring to a woman identified as one of Epstein’s alleged “sex slaves.”

“After a short time, Alan Dershowitz entered the room, after which Jeffrey left the room and ██████ and I had sex with Dershowitz,” ██████ concluded. “I recall specific, key details of his person and the sex acts and can describe them in the event it becomes necessary to do so.”

Dershowitz, as he has in the past, denied ever knowing ██████.

“I’ve never met her. I was never her lawyer,” Dershowitz told The Daily Beast.

“She was a woman that was trying to sell a story to the *New York Post* that she had sex tapes of Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Bill Clinton and Richard Branson,” Dershowitz added. “She claimed to have had sex with practically everyone under the sun, but not me.”

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND?

New Hope for Lonely Senior Citizens: Robopets

That's a good boy—er, bot.



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Robopets, which behave like real-life dogs and cats, can offer similar health benefits to humans, researchers found in a [review](#) published Thursday in the *International Journal of Older People Nursing*.

Just like Fido, they'll listen, play, and snuggle up to you. And just like Fido, they might be able to help ease the grating pain of loneliness, which study after study has called an [epidemic](#), particularly for elderly people.

That might sound dystopian—like the beginning of the end for living, breathing furry friends—but Rebecca Abbott, a researcher at the University of Exeter Medical School and lead author of the new report, said that the results offer promising hope for those suffering from loneliness.

“In care homes, we know that loneliness for some can be an issue,” she said. “Having a robopet to talk to, or talk about with someone, can be one of the ways which may help reduce loneliness.”

A DOG BY ANY OTHER NAME

The Robo-dogs Are Coming. Will They Love Us?

Jack Crosbie



Abbott and her colleagues collected data from 19 surveys conducted over the past 15 years, looking at the interactions between about 900 senior citizens in nursing homes in Britain and their caretakers and family members. Most of the studies used Paro, an interactive robotic seal that “remembers” previous actions and will respond to behavioral cues. Other robopets studied included Justocat (cat), Aibo (dog), and Cuddler (bear).

She and her colleagues were surprised to find that not only were robopets welcomed, they worked. The study reported that residents found they reduced agitation and allowed them to express their emotions. Many patients had previously described themselves as “restless or sad” or “bored” but found robopets a welcome distraction, injecting their lives with “humor and play” and allowing them not only a way to talk and express themselves, but also to engage in conversation with others—a crucial way for elderly citizens to connect with others and maintain health.

Intriguingly, many residents found themselves stroking, hugging, and kissing the robopets—fully aware that the pets weren’t real. Some even reported developing deep emotional attachments, with one woman noting, “I know it is an inanimate object but I can’t help but love her.”

NICE AND FRIENDLY

Will Care-Bots Cure the Loneliness of Nursing Homes?

Joelle Renstrom



This isn't the first time humans have developed feelings, even become attached, to robotic creatures. Remember the Tamagotchi trend of the '90s, when every kid checked digital monitors frequently to make sure they were feeding and interacting with a digital pet avatar before it "died."

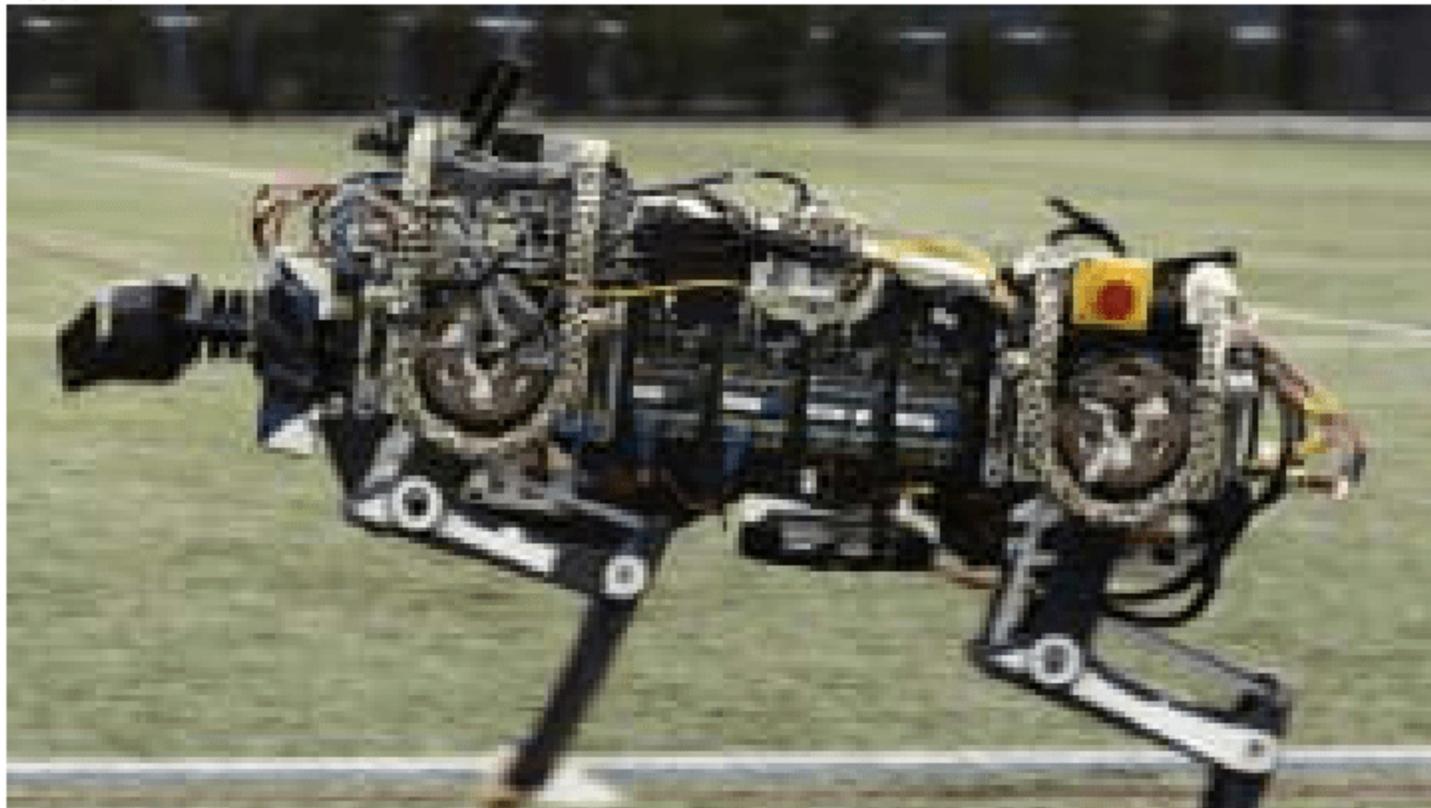
And robopets have long held promise as a companion for their elderly, with a *Wired* story quoting Alan Beck, director of the Center for the Human-Animal Bond at Purdue University, saying the puppy Aibo "elicits similar responses [to living pets], even while people are quite aware of the differences... It has a nice animal shape. People appreciate the eyes and the tail."

In fact, humans have long held deep emotional bonds with their robots, even if they're not meant to be companions. One Georgia Tech study of 30 "committed" users found that two-thirds of them had gone so far as to name their devices and half had assigned a gender; one person went so far as to introduce their Roomba to their parents. And a live demonstration of people interacting with a Pleo dinosaur robot showed humans were hesitant—downright disturbed—to "torture" their robots.

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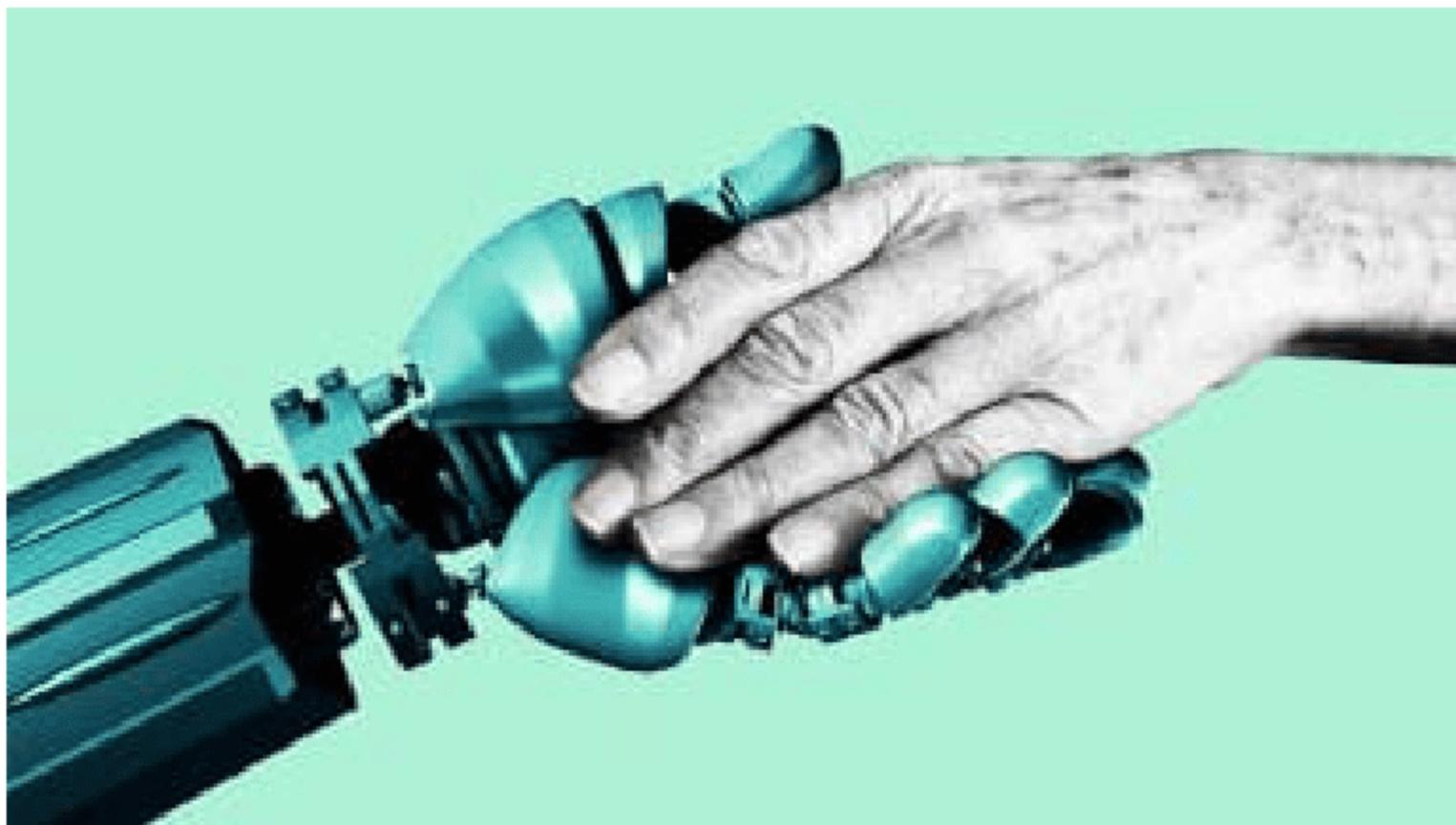
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Abbott's study found that that emotional attachment was just as strong with the elderly and their robopets, to the point where some could only communicate their pain to the robopet. One quote from one of the reports from a nursing home stood out to Abbott and her team, of a resident who was suffering from dementia-induced anxiety and used a robopet to "verbalize how she was feeling... she could see that she was thinking about her thoughts and she wanted to pass it on to somebody."

That's not to say robopets were a magical cure-all to elderly loneliness. Some residents found the robotic antics predictable and boring.

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Abbott pointed out that many of these studies looked at robopets for a limited amount of time. “We still don’t know about the long-term use of robopets,” Abbott said. “Does the novelty wear off?”

What’s more, Abbott’s study looked at a slim population of people who had access to the cutting-edge technology. Robopets aren’t projected to be an expensive investment compared to their real-life versions (in fact, they might be cheaper in the long run because robots don’t need to eat or relieve themselves), but they’re available only in limited quantities, which means that only a certain subset of the population has access to them.

“I know it is an inanimate object but I can’t help but love her.”

— One robopet owner

That said, robopets offer some surprising benefits. There’s no pet dander to deal with, so if you’ve ever

wistfully gazed at a pet owner giggling with their pup and sighed because your immune system can't handle the onslaught of pet hair, robopets could offer an alternative (remember the Tamagotchis?).

The lack of pet fur all over the place also means that they're cleaner. In a shared living community like a nursing home, that means less cleanup and frustration, and more bonding time.

Further studies are necessary to understand if having previously had a pet might help prime and prepare people to be more receptive to robopets.

"We found a wide variation in the response to them: men and women, residents living with dementia and those without dementia all appeared to engage with robopets," Abbott said. "It may be that people who had pets before going into the care home might be more receptive, but we don't know that answer. It also might depend on the type of robopet."

Abbott is ultimately confident that we are entering the age of the robopet lovingly tackling their owner as they step in their house, saying that while the concept might seem uncomfortable to some, the "technology means that there will be likely more choice of robopets in the future and they may become more affordable too."

And that goes far beyond grandma and grandpa, Abbott predicted. "There is no reason why the responses from the older adults in care homes wouldn't be the same for children and adults in other locations."

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