

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency: FTCA CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR C/O GENERAL COUNSEL FBI Headquarters 935 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington D.C. 20535-0001			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code. Maria Farmer c/o James R. Marsh MARSH LAW FIRM PLLC 31 Hudson Yards, 11th Fl, New York, NY 10001		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN	4. DATE OF BIRTH 11/28/1969	5. MARITAL STATUS Single	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT Summer of 1996 before/after	7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.)	
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary). Negligence. The details of the claims are described in the addendum attached hereto as Exhibit 1.					
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). N/A					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side). N/A					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT. This claim is brought on behalf of Maria Farmer, a victim and survivor of sexual abuse and sex trafficking by Jeffrey Epstein in the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy after August 29, 1996. As a result of the negligent failures, acts and omissions by the FBI (as detailed in Exhibit 1), Maria Farmer has suffered grievous psychological harm and physical injuries from the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy and sexual abuse. The injuries she suffers will last throughout her entire life.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
See Exhibit 3.					
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE	12b. PERSONAL INJURY	12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights).		
0.00	600,000,000	0.00	600,000,000		
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side).			13b. PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNING FORM	14. DATE OF SIGNATURE	
			212-372-3030	10/26/2023	
CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages sustained by the Government. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729).			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine, imprisonment, or both. (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.)		

INSURANCE COVERAGE

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of the vehicle or property.

15. Do you carry accident Insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number. ☒ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☒ No

17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☒ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filled by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.

C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.

D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

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EXHIBIT 1 – BASIS OF THE CLAIMS

Basis of Claims on behalf of Maria Farmer under the FTCA against the FBI

I. SUMMARY

This Notice of Claim is filed on behalf of claimant Maria Farmer (“Claimant”), a victim and survivor of the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy. The Notice is filed on behalf of Claimant individually, as a victim and survivor of Epstein who was sexually abused and trafficked in the Summer of 1996, when she reported the conspiracy to the United States Federal Bureau of Investigations (“FBI”) and as an individual who suffered before or after August 29, 1996 from injuries arising from possible child pornography (known in the industry now as child sex abuse materials) (“CSAM”) and other sex-trafficking related crimes. Claimant has suffered grievous psychological injury arising from the negligent failures, acts, and omissions of the FBI during the relevant time period.

The trafficking of Claimant, and the possible CSAM crimes, was caused and/or enabled, in whole or in part, by the abject failures of the FBI for nearly 25 years.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Claimant’s Story – Epstein and Maxwell’s Abuse of Her, and Her 1996 Report to the FBI of the Epstein Sex Trafficking Conspiracy, Which the FBI Flatly Ignored

In the mid-1990s, Claimant, then in her mid-twenties, was an artist and a recent graduate of the New York Academy of Art where she had received a Masters of Fine Art degree. Upon graduation, she started working for Epstein, first assisting him to collect art and then acting as a kind of receptionist and providing other services as needed at his New York City residence, the apartment building on East 66th Street where Epstein housed many young girls, and his offices. Epstein presented himself to Claimant and others as someone who was very interested in art and a philanthropist who was interested in helping young people achieve their educational and other dreams. At Epstein’s New York City residence, Claimant saw or heard about the visits of many high-level politicians and business leaders. She also saw many young girls come and go to and from Epstein’s house.

While Claimant was working at Epstein’s mansion, Maxwell actively put together what she called a “modeling book” containing photographs of young girls and boys in various stages of undress. Maxwell kept the “modeling book” in Epstein’s safe. Maxwell said that the “modeling book” was used to recruit models for Victoria Secret, which was one of the businesses of Les Wexner, another person close to Epstein. From time to time, Claimant ran errands with Maxwell using Epstein’s car during which time Maxwell would direct the driver to stop the car so that she could “go get girls” for Epstein. She also helped with interior design at the 66th Street apartment building, where she saw many young girls who mostly appeared to be teenagers.

During the summer of 1996, Epstein encouraged Claimant to leave New York City and work as an artist-in-residence at his residence in New Albany, Ohio which was adjacent to property

owned by Wexner. That summer, Epstein directed Claimant to obtain an Ohio driver's license using his Ohio address on the license so that she could readily pick Epstein and Maxwell up at the airport. A photo of that Ohio's driver license is provided below:



Epstein told Claimant to leave him the keys to her apartment, which he said that he and his associates might use while she was in Ohio.

That summer, on the last visit of Epstein and Maxwell to the Ohio residence, they sexually abused Claimant. They also stole photographs that Claimant had been working with at the residence, including images of her then-11-year-old partially dressed sister. Claimant was then prevented from leaving the property without “permission”; terrified, Claimant called friends and colleagues, including mentor artist Eric Fischl, who told Claimant to get out of there as soon as possible. See **Exhibit 1(a)**, Affidavit of Eric Fischl. Claimant contacted family members who came to New Albany, Ohio to rescue her.

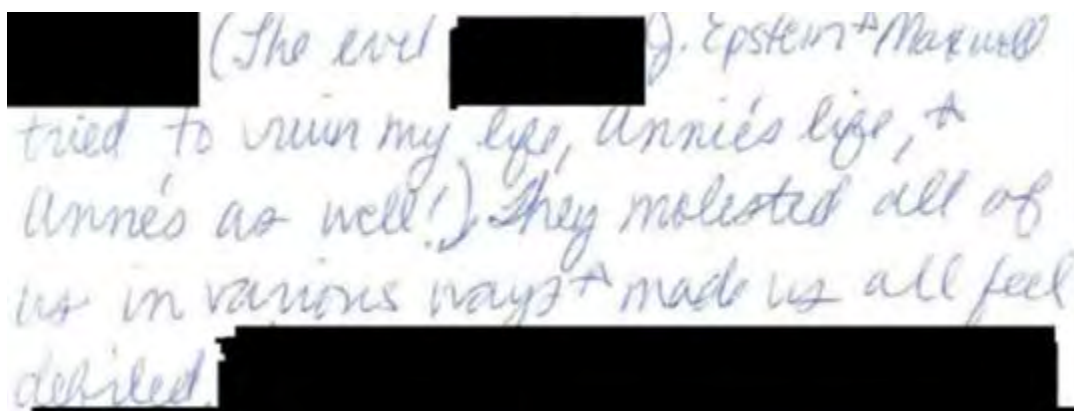
When Claimant returned to New York, she discovered that her apartment had been painted black and most of her furniture was missing. Claimant confronted Epstein and Maxwell and asked them to return her photographs. They refused and threatened to hurt her and her family and burn all of her artwork. They told her they were connected to important people and bad things would happen to her if she did or said anything. Maxwell warned her that one night while she would be walking in a New York City park or near the West Side Highway, someone would silently come up behind her and she would be maimed or killed. Claimant realized that Epstein and Maxwell's abuse of her and theft of her young sister's images were part of a far-ranging criminal enterprise. She was terrified but knew what she had to do – report them to law enforcement – so that the government could protect her and others, and such misconduct could be stopped.

On August 29, 1996, Claimant reported the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy to the FBI (“Claimant’s 1996 FBI Report”). Claimant told the FBI about Epstein and Maxwell’s sexual abuse of her a few weeks earlier in Ohio. She told them about the theft of the photographs of her partially dressed 11-year-old sister and their creation of the “modeling book” which they kept in a locked

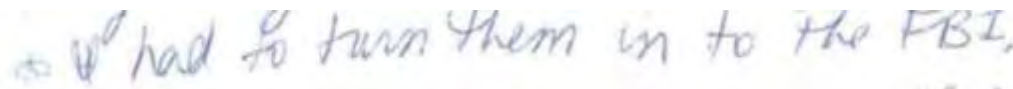
safe. She told the FBI that she believed that they were operating a pedophile ring and producing child pornography. She also told them about the efforts to “go get girls” for Epstein, their frightening threats against her, and other lawlessness.

Claimant also reported Epstein and Maxwell to the Sixth Precinct of the New York Police Department. See **Exhibit 1(b)**, N.Y.P.D. Police Report Complaint #1196-006-7241 (dated 8/29/1996) (“[Maria Farmer] states...[Epstein] did call her and stated he was going to burn victim’s painting and send her polaroids of the burnt paintings. [Epstein] has keys to victim’s apartment.”). The N.Y.P.D. advised her that the abuse she suffered in Ohio by Epstein and Maxwell was outside of their jurisdiction and that the kinds of crimes she was alleging were handled by the FBI.

Claimant confirmed her 1996 FBI Report in a 19CS97 entry in her personal journal. She explained, “I had to turn them into the FBI”:



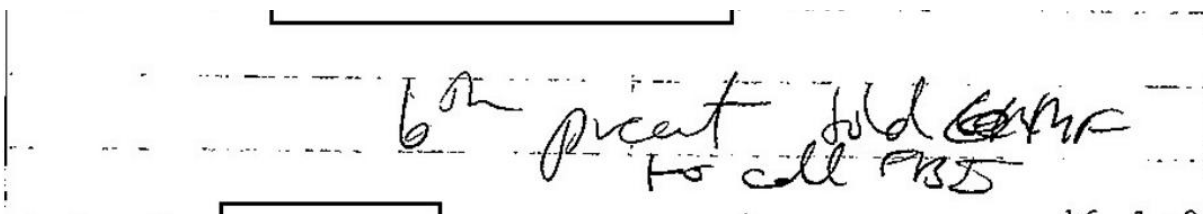
(The evil [redacted] Epstein + Maxwell tried to ruin my life, Annie's life, + Annie's as well!). They molested all of us in various ways + made us all feel debiled. [redacted]



I had to turn them in to the FBI.

Excerpt of Claimant’s Journal, Dated 1997-1998.

FBI field notes in 2006 also confirmed Claimant’s 1996 FBI Report:



6th precinct told MF to call FBI

Excerpt from p. 19, FBI handwritten notes of 11/14/2006 meeting with Claimant (“[NYPD] 6th precinct told MF to call FBI”)

See **Exhibit 1(c)**, FBI redacted notes in full.¹

¹ Oddly, despite repeated requests, the FBI has advised Claimant, in response to repeated FOIA requests, that they have no documents or other record(s) regarding her 1996 Report. Given the FBI’s arrival at her doorstep in 2006, and admission that they knew about her report, the FBI’s response appears to be false.

Terrified for her life and her artwork, Claimant promptly moved out of New York City. For the next many years, Claimant moved from place to place, attempting to stay ahead of Epstein and Maxwell. She tried to use different names, but they found her anyway, telling her that they “knew people” in high places, she could not escape them no matter how many times she relocated. They told her that if she opened her mouth about them there would be life and limb consequences for her and for others she loved.

At or about the time of Claimant’s 1996 FBI Report, the FBI’s policies, procedures, protocols and/or guidelines mandated that the FBI consider the information provided by Claimant to constitute evidence of a serious threat to Claimant’s life and others, an ongoing, wide-ranging sex trafficking conspiracy, and a likelihood that Epstein and Maxwell were producing CSAM in violation of the criminal anti-child pornography laws. At that point, the FBI should have promptly commenced an investigation of Claimant’s complaint. Instead, for nearly a quarter of a century, the FBI and other federal law enforcement did nothing, resulting on-going victimization of Claimant and in many more young girls becoming victims of the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy.

Due to Epstein’s abuse and the failures of the FBI to address Claimant’s 1996 FBI Report, Claimant has suffered substantial pain and suffering, including serious physical illnesses.

Federal Law Enforcement’s Additional Failures in 2005-2008

After Claimant’s 1996 FBI Report, the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies had several other opportunities to stop the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy. From 2005 to 2008, federal law enforcement in Florida again met with Claimant, this time seeking her out for information. They told her that they wanted her to testify against Epstein to make sure that he was stopped. They promised her that this time they would convict him, and he would go to jail. At the same time, Federal law enforcement in Florida interviewed and lined up other victims and survivors purportedly to help stop Epstein’s sex trafficking.

However, rather than have Claimant and others testify against Epstein to finally stop the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy, and rather than charging Epstein and others with serious crimes, federal law enforcement gave Epstein the deal of a lifetime – a secret non-prosecution agreement in Florida – for which Epstein served only 13 months in a Palm Beach County jail, with daily 12 hour “work” release and immunity was granted to all co-conspirators. The federal authorities again did nothing to stop Epstein and others from sex trafficking or producing sexually explicit images of young girls, including Claimant.

Once again, federal law enforcement failed to follow their policies, procedures, protocols and/or guidelines. Florida prosecutors also failed to properly pursue claims against Epstein. *See Exhibit 1(d)*, Department of Justice’s Office of Professional Responsibility’s (OPR) report of its investigation, dated 11/12/2020 (“OPR Report”); *Exhibit 1(e)*, Notices of Claim filed by Claimant on 11/10/2022, which are incorporated herein by reference. As a result, for another decade, hundreds of young girls and women continued to be sexually abused and otherwise seriously injured in the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy. Likewise, Claimant continued to endure the

ongoing victimization of knowing that Epstein was still in possession of CSAM depicting her and her sister.

Federal Law Enforcement's Failures for More than Another Decade

The FBI did virtually nothing to stop the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy for more than another decade and took further substantive action only –

- after Claimant (and other survivors, including Sarah Ransome) complaint to federal law enforcement and actively engaged with non-FBI law enforcement;
- after lengthy prosecution of federal civil litigation alleging the NPA violated the Crime Victims Rights Act guarantees, leading to a judicial determination that the government's failure to notify victims of the settlement and the NPA itself violated the ACT – *e.g.*, *Doe v. United States*, 359 F. Supp. 3d 1201 (S.D. Fla. 2019)
- after numerous journalists reported the story; and
- after numerous other private lawsuits and other efforts brought this conspiracy to light and still do so – *e.g.*, *Doe v. Epstein*, (2009) (579 F. Supp. 3d) (S.D.N.Y. 2012); *Giuffre v. Maxwell*, Case No. 1-15-cv-07433-LAP (S.D.N.Y. complaint filed 2015); and *Jane Doe I v. Deutsche Bank et al.*, 22-cv-10018 (S.D.N.Y. 2022).

It was not until approximately 2019 that the federal government finally prosecuted first Epstein and then Maxwell for the sex trafficking conspiracy. *See* Exhibit 1(e), OPR Report, p. 27 n. 38, 33, 44.

Serious questions remain about the failures of the FBI to investigate and stop the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy, including –

- Why was absolutely nothing done in response to Claimant's 1996 report of Epstein's and Maxwell's sex trafficking and possible child pornography that could have prevented Epstein's sex trafficking and possible CSAM?
- Why were other repeated early complaints about Epstein to law enforcement ignored?
- Was law enforcement pressured to limit or truncate the Epstein investigation?
- Was law enforcement directed to cut Epstein loose to protect powerful public officials and businessmen who associated with Epstein or to protect Epstein's confidential informant status?
- Why did law enforcement give Epstein a pass on potential CSAM crimes by failing to obtain his computer equipment or by suspending the investigation?
- Why haven't the actions and inactions of the FBI regarding Epstein been investigated? Even the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigated and reported on state law enforcement's handling of Epstein's wrongdoing ([Investigative Summary: Work Release | PDF | Prison | Criminal Record \(scribd.com\)](#)), but not the federal government.) -- but to date, federal law enforcement has utterly failed to do so.

The FBI is said to hold itself to the highest of standards and integrity, grounding its initials in its motto of "Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity," and serving as the "lead agency for enforcing civil rights laws, aggressively investigat[ing]...human trafficking and involuntary servitude."

(<https://www.fbi.gov/history/seal-motto>; <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights>). The FBI grotesquely missed those marks as to Claimant.

The FBI's Failure to Seriously Investigate Epstein's Possible CSAM Crimes

The FBI and other parts of federal law enforcement ignored the complaints of Claimant regarding Epstein and Maxwell's production of sexually exploitive images of young girls.

In 2008, after child erotica was found in Epstein's Palm Beach home, law enforcement "prematurely" truncated their investigation of Epstein's computer hard drives which had been suspiciously removed from his Palm Beach estate immediately before a police raid. *See* Exhibit 1(e), OPR Report, p. 7.

In 2019, more child erotica was found displayed in Epstein's properties with additional images located in his New York home safe (*e.g.*, search of Epstein's New York mansion unearthed a "vast trove of lewd photographs' of young-looking girls, including hundreds of meticulously labeled nude pictures locked in a safe." [Jeffrey Epstein: Inside billionaire's New York mansion \(usatoday.com\)](#)). "CDs in the safe had hand-written labels, including "Young [Name] + [Name], 'Misc nudes 1,' and 'Girl pics nude,'" [Feds found 'vast trove' of nude photos in Jeffrey Epstein's safe \(nypost.com\)](#).

In March and April 2023, in federal litigation in New York, Epstein's Estate alerted the parties and the court about the possible existence of child sex abuse materials among images the Estate had just discovered:

The Estate...advised counsel for the Government and Jane Doe1 of its concern that some of the Epstein Media might contain child sex abuse imagery ("CSAM"). The knowing accessing, possession, or distribution of CSAM is forbidden by federal law. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252, 2252A. The Estate has expressed concern that its counsel's review of the Epstein Media could subject counsel to criminal investigation or charges or civil claims....

See **Exhibit 1(f)**, *Government of the United States Virgin Islands v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-10904-JSR, Stipulated Motion, dated 3/27/2023. On April 5, 2023, the federal district court issued an Order establishing a protocol for review of the images, calling for the Epstein Estate to be on alert for CSAM:

If, during the course of that review [of images], the Estate sees a particular recording that appears to contain possible CSAM, it shall promptly stop further review of that recording and notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") or such other agency or entity as the FBI may direct of the recording's existence. No CSAM shall be copied or transmitted to another party, except as directed by the FBI or other government agency.

See **Exhibit 1(g)**, *Government of the United States Virgin Islands v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-10904-JSR, Order, dated 4/5/2023.

In response to Claimant's clear-eyed prescient 1996 FBI Report--and despite subsequent repeated red flags that Epstein trafficked girls, collected and possibly produced sexualized images of children--the FBI appears, for years, to have **done nothing** regarding reports of possible CSAM. All CSAM arising from the Epstein sex trafficking conspiracy, no matter when created, particularly materials that continue to be in circulation or that otherwise continue to be viewed, constitutes an ongoing victimization and imposes continued injury to survivor(s) depicted in the materials. *See Paroline v. U.S.*, 572 U.S. 434, 457 (2014) (“[E]very viewing of child pornography is a repetition of the victim’s abuse.”)

Circumstantial Evidence that Epstein Was Given Special Treatment

In 1981, Epstein reportedly left Bear Stearns abruptly after committing a possible Regulation D violation with rumors of him engaging in other illegal activities; nothing happened to him. *See [The Talented Mr. Epstein - Vicky Ward](#)*. Epstein subsequently worked with Steven Hoffenberg at Towers Financial who was prosecuted and imprisoned for bilking investors out of over \$450 million in a Ponzi scheme that was then the largest financial fraud in American history; nothing happened to Epstein. Instead, in 1992, the U.S. State Department rented Epstein a luxurious townhouse in New York City that had been seized from the Iranian government. *[The State Department Once Rented A Townhouse Seized From Iran To Jeffrey Epstein — Then Sued Him For Subletting It \(buzzfeednews.com\)](#)*.

There has been rampant speculation for years that Epstein was a confidential government informant. Epstein has been connected with many high-level government and business elites who accompanied him on multiple trips on the “Lolita Express” to the island of “Little St. Jeffs” and elsewhere, but these individuals have not been the subject of scrutiny. The FBI closed a forfeiture proceeding against Epstein noting that “Epstein... has provided information to the FBI as agreed upon.” *[Jeffrey Epstein Part 06 of 08.pdf](#)* (last page). Only recently, a new “trove of papers” revealed that “William Burns, [director of the Central Intelligence Agency](#) since 2021, had three meetings scheduled with Epstein in 2014 when he was deputy secretary of state...” *[Jeffrey Epstein’s Private Calendar: CIA Director William Burns, Goldman Sachs’s Top Lawyer, Noam Chomsky - WSJ](#)*. Epstein told colleagues and friends that he was an intelligence asset. *[Andrew’s Fixer: She’s the Daughter of Robert Maxwell and She’s Manipulating His Jetset Lifestyle \(unlimitedhangout.com\)](#)*. There is strong circumstantial evidence in the public domain that Epstein’s special relationship with the government explains the FBI’s failure to investigate or prosecute Epstein in 1996, the special treatment he received from 2005 to 2008, and the failure to investigate the possible wrongdoing of important public officials and powerful businessmen.

Unanswered Call for an FBI Investigation

By letter dated May 2, 2023, Claimant’s attorneys sent a letter to the FBI and others calling for the federal government to investigate the FBI’s grotesque failure to investigate Claimant’s 1996 complaint. *See **Exhibit 1(h)***, Letter from Claimant’s Attorneys to the FBI (dated, 5/2/2023). The FBI did not respond, nor did any other agency provide a substantive response.

The FBI's Pattern of Failing to Seriously Investigate Dangerous or Life-Threatening Reports and the FBI's Accountability

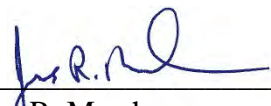
In recent years, the FBI has repeatedly failed to timely investigate grave threats of life and limb and, not surprisingly, accountability has resulted, including:

- Larry Nassar's sex abuse of gymnasts – two FBI agents in Indianapolis committed “fundamental errors” for not acting sooner on allegations of abuse. The FBI failed to respond to the allegations of abuse “with the utmost seriousness and urgency that they deserved and required” and violated FBI policy. *See* DOJ OIG Releases Report of Investigation and Review of the FBI's Handling of Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Former USA Gymnastics Physician Lawrence Gerard Nassar (justice.gov); Inspector General Says F.B.I. Botched Nassar Abuse Investigation - The New York Times (nytimes.com)
- The Parkland shooting -- A federal investigation revealed that the FBI had received credible threats in the months before the shooting. *See* [Summary and Timeline Related to Parkland Shooting Investigation — FBI](#) (House Judiciary Committee investigation). As the FBI explained regarding the Parkland shooting, “Under established protocols, the information provided by the caller should have been assessed as a potential threat to life. The information then should have been forwarded to the FBI Miami Field Office where appropriate investigative steps would have been taken.” [FBI Statement on the Shooting in Parkland, Florida — FBI](#). FBI employees were disciplined and Parkland victims were paid \$130 million. [Justice Department to Pay About \\$130 Million to Parkland Shooting Victims - The New York Times](#) (nytimes.com).
- The Charleston Church massacre -- The FBI's lapses in background checks allowed the perpetrator, a self-proclaimed white supremacist who wanted to start a “race-war,” to buy the semiautomatic weapon used in the shootings. New background check procedures were instituted and approximately \$100 million in compensation was paid to victims. [Justice Department Announces Multi-Million Dollar Civil Settlement in Principle in Mother Emanuel Charleston Church Mass Shooting | OPA | Department of Justice](#).

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Claimant Maria Farmer seeks damages for her losses, including mental pain and suffering resulting from the FBI's negligent failures, acts, and omissions outlined herein. For nearly a quarter of a century, the FBI's repeated and continual failures, delays, and inaction allowed Epstein and others to continue, revamp, and expand –unabated – and virtually in plain sight -- their sex trafficking conspiracy. Claimant requests that she be compensated by the United States in the amount alleged in her S95 Administrative Claim form for all the injuries and harm inflicted upon her by the wrongful conduct of the FBI as alleged herein.

Dated: October 26, 2023

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