

## Giuffre Family Condemns DOJ Interview With Ghislaine Maxwell

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The family of Virginia Giuffre, a prominent survivor of Jeffrey Epstein’s sex trafficking ring, has voiced strong objections to the Justice Department’s public release of interview transcripts with Ghislaine Maxwell, accusing the DOJ of granting her a platform to revise her narrative unchallenged.

Maxwell, convicted in 2021 and serving a 20-year sentence, was interviewed over two days in July 2025 by Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche. The DOJ released both transcripts and audio on August 22. In the recordings, Maxwell denied witnessing Donald Trump behave inappropriately, calling him “a gentleman in all respects,” and described her contacts with Epstein as social, with no evidence of criminal collaboration.

She also disputed the existence of a so-called “client list” associated with Epstein, and dismissed key allegations involving Prince Andrew, calling them “rubbish.” The decision to make these recordings public has stirred controversy, particularly among survivors and their advocates.

In response, Giuffre’s family released a statement condemning both the content and the release of the interview. “She is never challenged about her court-proven lies, providing her a platform to rewrite history,” the statement said. “This travesty of justice entirely invalidates the experiences of the many brave survivors who put their safety, security, and lives on the line to ensure her conviction, including our sister.”\_

Virginia Giuffre died by suicide in April 2025 at age 41, her family confirmed previously. She had been a vocal advocate for survivors of sexual exploitation and the founder of the nonprofit SOAR. Her death prompted widespread reflection on the long journey toward justice for survivors of trafficking.

Additionally, the family criticized Maxwell's reported transfer to a minimum-security prison, arguing that the move suggested leniency and undermined the gravity of her crimes. They warned that such actions send dangerous signals regarding punishment for child sex trafficking.

Legal analysts and survivor advocates caution that the public release of the interview may retraumatize survivors, as the content echoes harmful denials and downplays proven crimes. The transcripts highlight an unresolved tension: how transparency and accountability can become tools of revisionism when leveraged by those convicted of abuse.

For now, the Giuffre family's response underscores persistent anger and pain. The interview release has reignited debate over whether justice in the Epstein-Maxwell case is truly served, and whether survivors' voices and suffering are being overshadowed once again by denial, nuance, or legal maneuvering.