

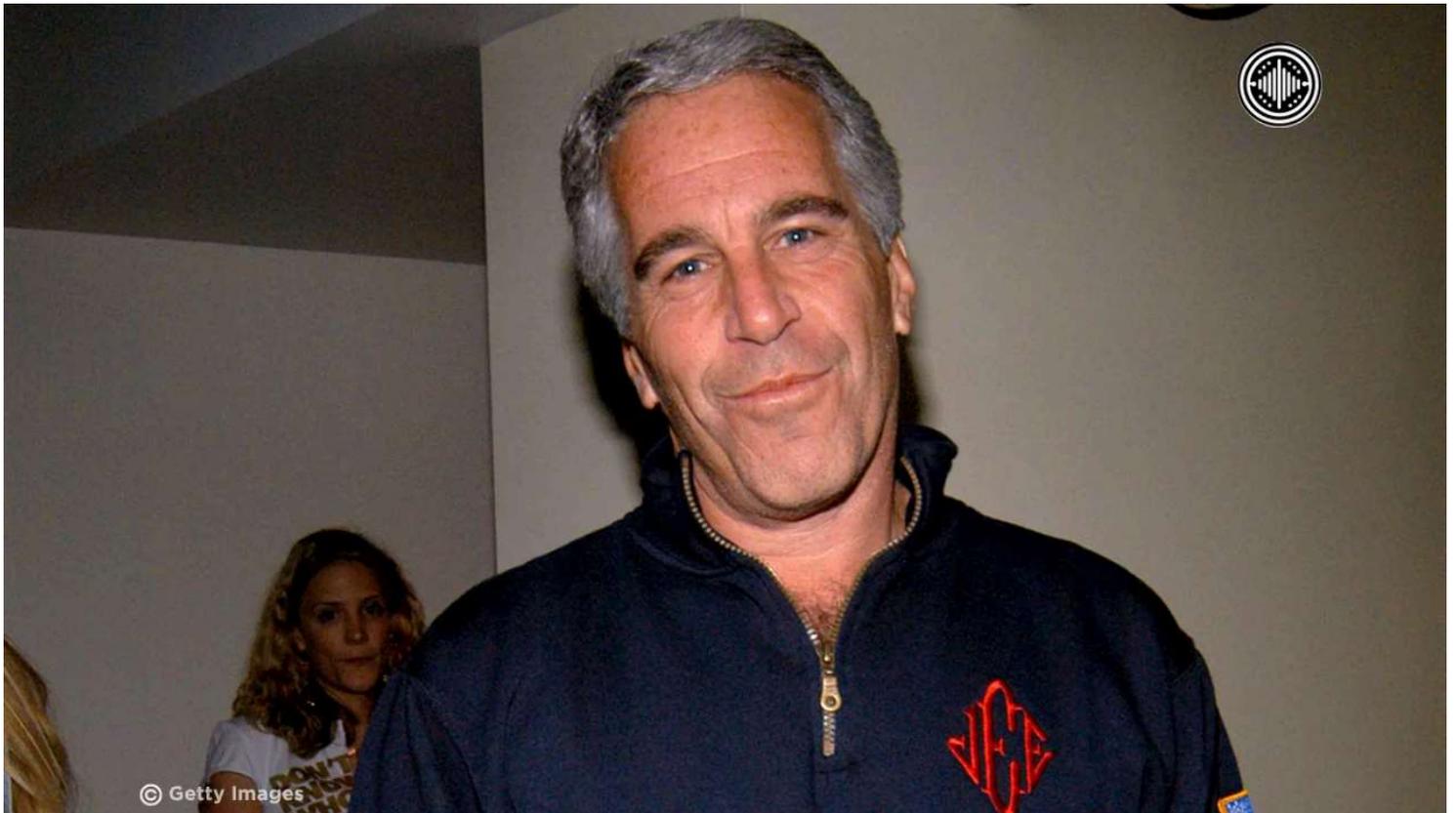
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## Dershowitz Suggests Epstein May Have Had Help in Prison Suicide

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Jeffrey Epstein mayb have taken his own life in 2019 while behind bars, but prominent attorney Alan Dershowitz now says it’s “likely” he had assistance from inside the jail, raising new questions about the circumstances of the disgraced financier’s death.

In a recent *Wall Street Journal* opinion piece, Dershowitz, who previously served as Epstein’s legal counsel, said that while the evidence supports suicide, the role of Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) staff can’t be ignored. “It is clear from the evidence

that Epstein committed suicide,” he wrote. “What isn’t clear is whether he was assisted by jail personnel. That seems likely to me.”

Dershowitz pointed to several irregularities surrounding Epstein’s final hours. Among them were broken surveillance cameras, a last-minute removal of Epstein’s cellmate, and the unexplained absence of guards during crucial time periods. These factors, he says, suggest possible negligence or even complicity on the part of the federal facility’s staff.

Meanwhile, the FBI and the DOJ issued a joint memo earlier this month, stating that their review of Epstein’s case had concluded. According to the statement, no further incriminating evidence exists, and no so-called “client list” was discovered. Authorities maintained that all relevant material has either already been disclosed or is legally sealed.

Epstein, who was facing federal charges for sex trafficking of minors, died in his jail cell in August 2019 while awaiting trial. His death immediately triggered widespread public speculation, with many doubting the official cause of death as suicide. Conspiracy theories circulated rapidly, fueled by Epstein’s powerful connections and the case’s high-profile nature.

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Those closest to Epstein, including his brother, Mark Epstein, have long disputed the official conclusion. Independent forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Baden, hired by the family to observe the autopsy, claimed the injuries Epstein sustained were more consistent with homicidal strangulation than self-hanging. Combined with the lack of security footage and conflicting reports about Epstein’s mental state, many critics argue that his death should never have been accepted as routine.

But Dershowitz offered a different take in his column. He acknowledged Epstein created no formal list but insisted that several accusers interviewed by the FBI did provide names of alleged “clients.” “I know who they are,” he wrote, clarifying that none currently hold public office. He also noted that not all accusations may be true and that some details about the accusers have been kept under wraps to protect their privacy.

While prosecutors and attorneys are barred from releasing the sealed names, Dershowitz emphasized that federal judges have the authority to do so. He urged members of the media

to push for transparency through the courts. “The media can and should petition the courts to release all names and information, so the public can draw its own conclusions,” he said.

To date, the only person convicted in connection with Epstein’s trafficking ring is Ghislaine Maxwell, his longtime companion and alleged accomplice. Now 63 years old, Maxwell is serving a 20-year sentence at a federal facility in Tallahassee, Florida, and is currently appealing her conviction.

Despite multiple official findings, the questions surrounding Epstein’s death continue to stir debate. Until more information is released, the case remains a source of public doubt and unresolved speculation.