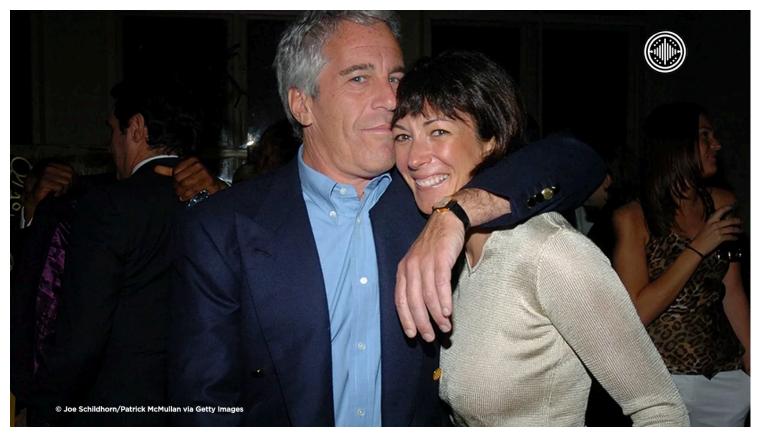
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Trump Sues Journal Over Epstein Card Report

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Former US President Donald Trump has filed a lawsuit against The Wall Street Journal over its report concerning a birthday album belonging to the late financier and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The publication claimed the album contained a card allegedly from Trump, which featured a cryptic message referring to a "wonderful secret" and a sketch of a nude woman.

According to the report, the card was part of Epstein's 50th birthday album, which also included messages from various public figures. Among them was a letter from former US

President Bill Clinton, who reportedly described Epstein as possessing a "childlike curiosity." The letter's full contents have not been made public, and Clinton's representatives have declined to comment.

Trump has denied any connection to the card, the message, or the artwork, stating through legal counsel that he did not contribute any such material to Epstein's album. His legal team claims the allegations are false and damaging, arguing that the article has caused significant reputational harm.

The lawsuit, filed last week in a US court, accuses The Wall Street Journal of defamation and negligence, alleging the outlet failed to properly verify the authenticity of the materials before publishing the story. Trump is seeking a full retraction, a formal apology, and damages.

The birthday album has never been released in full to the public, but its contents have drawn renewed attention due to Epstein's associations with several high-profile individuals in politics and business. No criminal allegations have been made against Trump or Clinton in connection with the materials cited in this report.

Jeffrey Epstein died in 2019 in a New York federal detention centre while awaiting trial on charges of sex trafficking involving minors. His death was ruled a suicide by the medical examiner, though it has since been the subject of widespread speculation.

As of now, The Wall Street Journal has not issued a response to the legal filing. The situation remains under review by the courts, and further developments are expected.