

# Revisiting the death of Jeffrey Epstein

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## #Guest

There are many prominent people who are openly named in them. Some of their names are redacted, some aren't. I might add that one of the most interesting emails I've seen is from Jean-Luc Brunel, who was this French model scout. He died in a French prison in December. He was being held there on charges of raping children. There's an email he sent to Epstein following the Maidan coup where he talks about how Ukraine is his favorite country now, saying it's just like the 1980s in Europe. What he was referring to is the fact that in the 1980s, several European governments, including the French and German governments, had formal, state-sanctioned pedophilia policies where they put young, at-risk boys primarily.

There were some women—well, young girls—who were placed with pedophiles as a matter of policy, very deliberately, in the belief that this would somehow improve their lives. I mean, it's absolutely horrendous. But what Brunel meant by this was, "Well, in Ukraine now, I can do whatever I like, and I'm not going to face any repercussions for it." His death is likewise extremely suspicious. It was widely suspected that he was going to flip on Epstein, because they were very close friends for many years, and he died before that could happen. I might add as well, I think that because the material is so explosive—and some of it might be false—that must be noted. What's been rather forgotten is...

## #Max

Here's that email, by the way—sorry to interrupt. You were saying, what's been forgotten?

## #Guest

Yeah, sorry. What's been kind of forgotten is the fact that, you know, the circumstances of Epstein's suicide—or was it a suicide?—remain deeply weird. And we've had some revelations that there was someone on his floor who wasn't supposed to be there around that time.

## #Max

But it was the guy who had strangled other people to death in the past and was a former New York cop. Is that who you're referring to? Oh, yeah.

## **#Guest**

Yeah. That's—yeah, that was Taglione, I think. He strangled people with zip ties and was a cocaine dealer on the side, as well as being a cop, and was this hulking, sumo-wrestler-type character. But yeah, we reported at The Grayzone at the start of 2024, based on a vast amount of Bureau of Prisons documents. Everything about his alleged suicide is extremely weird. They couldn't find any evidence that he'd actually tried to kill himself the first time in...

## **#Guest**

And they didn't want it logged, and were quite aggressive in pushing back against that. There was a kind of whitewash, a cover-up report, where the Bureau of Prisons concluded that Epstein had killed himself. They spun a comment he made in a psychological evaluation—where he referred to himself as a coward—as proof that he'd committed suicide, when in fact he made that comment in the explicit context of denying he had suicidal intent, saying, "Well, I'm a coward, I can't stand pain, so how could I kill myself?" And that's been rather forgotten. I remember following this very closely at the time, which is nearly six years ago now—well, nearly seven years ago. But yeah, it was quite extraordinary. I mean, you know, he died.

There's no CCTV. The guards weren't where they were supposed to be. They got prosecuted, but that was dropped almost immediately after Ghislaine Maxwell was prosecuted. A lot of his associates said he wasn't suicidal and didn't believe he'd taken his own life. There was an independent autopsy report that concluded he hadn't hanged himself—that he'd been strangled. So, I mean, that's a whole can of worms that's not really being looked at. But I think, given how much he knew, and the fact that he'd clearly been exposed, it seems pretty ineluctable that a decision was made by someone, somewhere, to take him out before he spilled anything really damaging about the ruling elites of Israel, the U.S., Britain, and other countries.

## **#Max**

But yeah, I mean, the whole—sorry to interrupt, because we're going a lot of places here. There's this... and I don't totally know what to make of it, but there's this 4chan post by an officer. Do you know what I'm talking about?

## **#Guest**

Oh, yeah, the one from the day he was found, claiming he'd been killed.

## **#Max**

And saying that he was being taken out?

**#Guest**

Yeah.

**#Max**

I mean, I don't know how far you want to go down the conspiracy rabbit hole, but now his name's been revealed as Roberto Grijalva? Someone posted that—well, the poster was anonymous—but it was supposedly an officer who was on the scene.

**#Guest**

Yeah, claiming they were an officer on the scene, and they announced it before he was, you know, officially found and declared dead.

**#Max**

Next thing we know, he's put in a single-man cell and hangs himself. Here's the thing—the trip van didn't sign in, blah, blah, blah. You guys, I'm shaking right now, but I think they switched him out. And then, you know, there are FBI files that basically list him as Special Officer Grijalva. I don't know if anyone's tried to reach him. You know... is Jeffrey Epstein in hell or Tel Aviv? Which one is it?

**#Guest**

Well, I mean, you act like the two are mutually exclusive.

**#Max**

Polymarket now has bets on whether— and we're not sponsored by Polymarket. Polymarket's evil; it should be destroyed. They should all be prosecuted. But they have bets now on whether Epstein is actually alive. I mean... oh, God.

**#Guest**

I mean, late-stage capitalism—can't beat it. But yeah, the whole thing stinks to high heaven. The fact is, he was supposed to have a cellmate according to regulations and didn't. And then the guy who was his cellmate later testified—after he got released because of COVID—that he didn't believe Epstein had killed himself, because Epstein's pretty tall and, you know, the bunk's not that high. So how would you hang yourself from it?

**#Max**

You'd have to kind of huddle down—like, get low and sort of pull your knees up if you're Epstein's height—in order to hang yourself. So it's difficult to imagine. I mean, the circumstances... someone accused of pedophilia or sexually abusing minors, yeah, there's a high risk of suicide there. But you showed, through your analysis of the Bureau of Prisons documents, that Epstein consistently indicated he feared physical harm in prison, that he was averse to suicide, and that his mental state was consistently described as temperate—basically stable—according to prison psychiatrists.