

Dear [Name]:

The enclosed information is provided by the United States Department of Justice Victim Notification System (VNS). As a victim witness professional, my role is to assist you with information and services. I am contacting you because you were identified by law enforcement as a victim or potential victim during the investigation of a matter related to the above criminal case.

Defendant Ghislaine Maxwell was arrested and charged as the result of a criminal investigation conducted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. These charges arise out of an investigation into potential co-conspirators of Jeffrey Epstein. The main charge is categorized as Project Safe Childhood. Additional information regarding the case is set forth below. The lead prosecutors on the case are [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED].

Victim's Rights

Although the current charges against Maxwell ~~do may~~ not contain allegations involving you personally, the Southern District of New York previously identified you as a victim or potential victim in a related case involving Jeffrey Epstein.

Victims of all crimes under federal investigation are entitled to services under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act (VRRRA), including notification of court events. For further details, please refer to Title 34 United States Code section 20141 or the VRRRA link posted at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>.

Although you may not have ~~not~~ been identified as a victim of the specific conduct charged in the Indictment against Maxwell, for your awareness, this letter provides details regarding the rights of crime victims in federal cases. Now that charges have been filed in federal court, victims of the charges filed are, in addition, entitled to the following rights, according to the Crime Victims' Rights Act, Title 18 United States Code section 3771: (1) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused; (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused; (3) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding; (4) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding; (5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case; (6) The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law; (7) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; (8) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy; (9) The right to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement; and (10) The right to be informed of the rights under this section and the services described in section 503(c) of the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20141(c)) and provided contact information for the Office of the Victims' Rights Ombudsman of the Department of Justice. If you want to inform the prosecutors of your views regarding any aspect of the case, please contact one of the prosecutors listed above or me at [REDACTED].

Please understand that these rights apply only to victims of the specific counts charged in federal court, and thus you may not be able to exercise all of these rights if the crime of which you are a victim is not within the scope of the indictment.

Because-if you have not been identified as a victim of the charges filed against Maxwell, **we will not provide you with additional individualized notifications about this specific case unless you request such notifications.** If you wish to receive ongoing notifications regarding this case, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Even if you do not ~~wish to receive~~ individualized notifications regarding this case, we will make our best efforts to ensure you are provided the rights and services to which you are entitled. You may contact the Victim/Witness Coordinator at the office listed above if you have questions about the progress of your case, your rights or the services to which you are entitled, or how you can assert them during the proceedings. If you believe that a Justice Department employee has not provided you with these rights, you may file a complaint with the Justice Department's Victims' Rights Ombudsman. For more information, go to <http://www.justice.gov/usao/resources/crime-victims-rights-ombudsman>. If you have questions about filing a complaint against an employee, you may contact the Ombudsman by email at usao.VictimOmbudsman@usdoj.gov. Questions concerning this case should be directed to office listed above.

It is important to keep in mind that the defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty and that presumption requires both the Court and our office to take certain steps to ensure that justice is served. While our office cannot act as your attorney or provide you with legal advice, you can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to the rights above or other related legal matters.

Hearing Information

[INSERT MAXWELL NEXT HEARING INFORMATION]. If you plan on attending please call me at [REDACTED] in case there are any last-minute changes.

Information Regarding the Victim Notification System (VNS)

If, and only if, you elect to receive additional notifications regarding this case, then through the Victim Notification System (VNS) we will continue to provide you with updated scheduling and event information as the case proceeds through the criminal justice system.

You may also obtain current information about this case on the VNS website at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov> or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program.

For many VNS registrants email will provide the most timely notification. **The email address VNS currently has for you is [XXX]. This email address has not been verified in VNS.** As a result all notifications sent to this email address will contain limited information. To receive subsequent emails with the full text of the notification you must verify this email address by accessing the VNS Internet web page using the login information provided above. If the email address provided above is incorrect, please update the email address by accessing the VNS Web site. Once you have verified/updated your email address, most, if not all, future notifications will be provided by email and not by letter. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) **XXXX** and Personal Identification Number (PIN) **XXXX** anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log into VNS on the website. If you are receiving notifications with multiple victim ID/PIN codes please contact the VNS Call Center. In addition, the first time you access the VNS website, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is **XXX**. Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions.

If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Acting United States Attorney

[REDACTED]
Victim Witness Coordinator