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**U.S. District Court
Southern District of Florida (West Palm Beach)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 9:08-cv-80993-DTKH**

Jane Doe No. 7 v. Epstein
Assigned to: Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley
Referred to: Magistrate Judge James M. Hopkins
Cause: 28:1391 Personal Injury

Date Filed: 09/10/2008
Jury Demand: Plaintiff
Nature of Suit: 710 Labor: Fair Standards
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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10/03/2008	<u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Jane Doe No. 7. Jeffrey Epstein served on 9/23/2008, answer due 10/14/2008. (Herman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/03/2008)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.:

08-CV-80993-Hurley-Hopkins

JANE DOE NO. 7,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Jane Doe No. 7 ("Jane" or "Jane Doe"), brings this Complaint against Jeffrey Epstein, as follows:

Parties, Jurisdiction and Venue

1. Jane Doe No. 7 is a citizen and resident of the State of Florida, and is sui juris.
2. This Complaint is brought under a fictitious name to protect the identity of the Plaintiff because this Complaint makes sensitive allegations of sexual assault and abuse upon a minor.
3. Defendant Jeffrey Epstein is a citizen and resident of the State of New York.
4. This is an action for damages in excess of \$50 million.
5. This Court has jurisdiction of this action and the claims set forth herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a), as the matter in controversy (i) exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs; and (ii) is between citizens of different states.
6. Additionally, this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 because Plaintiff alleges a claim under the laws of the United States. This Court has supplemental

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jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) over all other claims set forth herein, which form part of the same case or controversy.

7. This Court has venue of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(a) and 1391(b) as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this District.

Factual Allegations

8. At all relevant times, Defendant Jeffrey Epstein ("Epstein") was an adult male, approximately 52 years old. Epstein is a financier and money manager with a secret clientele limited exclusively to billionaires. He is himself a man of tremendous wealth, power and influence. He maintains his principal home in New York and also owns residences in New Mexico, St. Thomas and Palm Beach, FL. The allegations herein concern Epstein's conduct while at his lavish estate in Palm Beach.

9. Upon information and belief, Epstein has a sexual preference and obsession for underage minor girls. He engaged in a plan and scheme in which he gained access to primarily economically disadvantaged minor girls in his home, sexually assaulted these girls, and then gave them money. In or about 2004, Jane Doe, then approximately 16 years old, fell into Epstein's trap and became one of his victims.

10. Upon information and belief, Jeffrey Epstein carried out his scheme and assaulted girls in Florida, New York and on his private island, known as Little St. James, in St. Thomas.

11. Epstein's scheme involved the use of young girls to recruit underage girls. [REDACTED] a Palm Beach Community College student from Loxahatchee, Florida recruited girls ostensibly to give a wealthy man a massage for monetary compensation in his Palm Beach mansion. Ms. [REDACTED] upon information and belief, generally sought out economically disadvantaged

underage girls from western Palm Beach County who would be enticed by the money being offered - generally \$200 to \$300 per "massage" session - and who were perceived as less likely to complain to authorities or have credibility if allegations of improper conduct were made. This was an important element of Epstein's plan.

12. Epstein's plan and scheme reflected a particular pattern and method. The underage victim would be brought to Epstein's mansion, where she would be introduced to [REDACTED] Epstein's assistant. Ms. [REDACTED] would then bring the girl up a flight of stairs to a bedroom that contained a massage table in addition to other furnishings. The girl would then find herself alone in the room with Epstein, who would be wearing only a towel. He would direct her to give him a massage. Epstein would then perform one or more lewd, lascivious and sexual acts, including masturbation and touching the girl's vagina.

13. Consistent with the foregoing plan and scheme, when Jane Doe was 16 years old, she was recruited by [REDACTED] to give Epstein a massage for monetary compensation. Jane was brought to Epstein's mansion in Palm Beach. Once there, Jane was introduced to [REDACTED] who led her up the flight of stairs to the room with the massage table. In this room, Jane was directed by Epstein to give him a massage. During this massage, Epstein sexually assaulted Jane and masturbated. Epstein then paid Jane money.

14. Jane returned on many occasions to the Palm Beach mansion to provide Epstein with massages for money. On those occasions, Epstein engaged in sexual contact and activity with Jane, which included, among other things, Epstein touching Jane's breasts, placing a vibrator on her vagina and masturbating himself. This sexual abuse continued over a period of approximately 18-24 months.

15. As a result of these encounters with Epstein, Jane experienced confusion, shame, humiliation and embarrassment, and has suffered severe psychological and emotional injuries.

COUNT I
Sexual Assault and Battery

16. Plaintiff Jane Doe repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 15 above.

17. Epstein made an intentional, unlawful offer of offensive sexual contact toward Jane Doe, creating a reasonable fear of imminent peril and sexual assault.

18. Epstein intentionally inflicted harmful or offensive sexual contact on the person of Jane Doe.

19. Epstein tortiously committed a sexual assault and battery on Jane Doe. Epstein's acts were intentional, unlawful, offensive and harmful.

20. Epstein's plan and scheme in which he committed such acts upon Jane Doe were done willfully and maliciously.

21. As a direct and proximate result of Epstein's assault on Jane, she has suffered and will continue to suffer severe and permanent traumatic injuries, including mental, psychological and emotional damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Jane Doe No. 7 demands judgment against Defendant Jeffrey Epstein for compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

22. Plaintiff Jane Doe repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 15 above.

23. Epstein's conduct was intentional or reckless.

24. Epstein's conduct with a minor was extreme and outrageous, going beyond all bounds of decency.

25. Epstein committed willful acts of child sexual abuse on Jane Doe. These acts resulted in mental or sexual injury that caused or were likely to cause Jane Doe's mental or emotional health to be significantly impaired.

26. Epstein's conduct caused severe emotional distress to Jane Doe. Epstein knew or had reason to know that his intentional and outrageous conduct would cause emotional distress and damage to Jane Doe, or Epstein acted with reckless disregard of the high probability of causing severe emotional distress to Jane Doe.

27. As a direct and proximate result of Epstein's intentional or reckless conduct, Jane Doe, has suffered and will continue to suffer severe mental anguish and pain.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Jane Doe No. 7 demands judgment against Defendant Jeffrey Epstein for compensatory damages, costs, punitive damages, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III

Coercion and Enticement to Sexual Activity in Violation of 18 U.S.C. §2422

28. Plaintiff Jane Doe repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 15 above.

29. Epstein used a facility or means of interstate commerce to knowingly persuade, induce or entice Jane Doe, when she was under the age of 18 years, to engage in prostitution or sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense.

30. Epstein's acts and conduct are in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2422.

31. As a result of Epstein's violation of 18 U.S.C. §2422, Plaintiff has suffered personal injury, including mental, psychological and emotional damages.

32. Plaintiff hired Herman & Mermelstein, P.A., in this matter and agreed to pay them a reasonable attorneys' fee.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Jane Doe No. 7 demands judgment against Defendant Jeffrey Epstein for all damages available under 18 U.S.C. §2255(a), including without limitation, actual and compensatory damages, costs of suit, and attorneys' fees, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND


Plaintiff demands a jury trial in this action on all claims so triable.


Dated: September 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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(d) CIRCLE COUNTY WHERE ACTION AROSE: **PALM BEACH** *9:08CV 80993-Harley-Hopkins*

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ACTION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER 18 U.S.C. §2422 AND STATE LAW

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