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A spokeswoman for Reiter said, "We think our investigation speaks for itself."

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IN THE NAME OF AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

For Palm Beach County, at the Spring Term thereof, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six, to-wit: The Grand Jurors of the State of Florida, inquiring in and for the body of said County of Palm Beach, upon their oaths do present that JEFFREY E. EPSTEIN in the County of Palm Beach aforesaid, in the Circuit and State aforesaid,

**COUNT ONE
FELONY SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION**

on or about or between the 1st day of August in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four and October 31, 2005, did solicit, induce, entice, or procure another to commit prostitution lewdness, or assignation, contrary to Florida Statute 796.07(1) on three or more occasions between August 01, 2004 and October 31, 2005, contrary to Florida Statute 796.07(2)(f) and (4)(c). (3 DEG FEL)(LEVEL 1)

against the form of the statute, to the evil example of all others, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I hereby certify that I have advised the Grand Jury returning this indictment as authorized and required by law.

State

Assistant State Attorney of the
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of the
of Florida, prosecuting for the said
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**Jeffrey E. Epstein, Race: White, Sex: Male, DOB: January 20, 1953,
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New Details On Jeffrey Epstein Arrest

Written By : Al Pefley

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New details are emerging in the case of a wealthy Palm Beacher facing sex charges.

Jeffrey Epstein has been indicted on charges that he solicited prostitutes three or more times between last year.

News 12 now has the documents that detail what police say Epstein was doing.

Palm Beach Police have just released over a hundred pages of their report on Epstein.

News 12 is still going through it but the reports I've seen so far contain some eye-opening revelations.

Turns out police have been watching Jeffrey Epstein, a wealthy money-manager with homes in Palm Beach at least the past year and a half.

According to the police reports, Epstein met a 17 year old girl and started paying her to bring him to encounters at his home.

In one case, the report reads quote: "Supposedly the man has a lot of money and often has young women start with a massage. If he likes them, he keeps them around and does more."

Detectives interviewed a number of these teenage girls, one of whom quote: "...admitted getting paid."

Other girls told police they too were paid 300-dollars per visit to Epstein's house. And the young woman who brought the girls there received 200-dollars from him each time.

Police say the young woman remembers bringing 6 girls to Epstein's Palm Beach home.

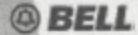
While being questioned, she compared herself to Heidi Fleiss.

Fleiss, of course, is the former Hollywood madam who arranged girls to provide sexual favors for clients.

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July 25, 2006 – THERE was no happy ending for massage-loving New York financier **Jeffrey Epstein** over the weekend - the eccentric New York billionaire was busted on a sex charge.

Epstein, once named by Page Six as one of the Big Apple's most eligible bachelors, was indicted for soliciting a prostitute at his luxurious home in Palm Beach. "He asked for a 'happy ending,'" a friend of the money manager said. It's believed that one masseuse called the cops earlier this year, sparking an investigation.

Epstein, 53, isn't sure yet exactly what he's accused of because the indictment is sealed. The billionaire, who was **Mort Zuckerman's** partner in the second coming of Radar magazine, surrendered at the Palm Beach precinct Sunday after he was informed that a Florida grand jury had indicted him last week. He was released

on \$3,000 bond after hiring high-powered West Palm Beach attorney **Jack Goldberg**.

Oddly, Epstein was charged with a third-degree felony instead of a misdemeanor - the more serious charge usually being lodged when a defendant has at least two past solicitation convictions, although Epstein has no previous busts for soliciting.

The moneymen, who has been known to date top models, refused to comment. But a pal told us he's only being prosecuted because he's an affluent outsider. "This is one of the dangers of being wealthy," said the friend. "It's sort of strange that people give a [bleep] about this stuff."

Epstein's nightmare weekend was made even worse by a story about his arrest in yesterday's first edition of the Palm Beach Post, which said he'd been busted in 1993 for stealing his neighbor's mail, convicted of postal fraud, and given five years probation. It turns out that was a different Jeffrey Epstein, and the paper fixed the error in later editions.

The bust is the latest strange twist in the life of a man whose rise to fabulous wealth is somewhat of a mystery. Epstein was a math teacher at the ultra-posh Dalton School when he started handling the money for **Leslie Wexner**, who owns The Limited, Victoria's Secret, Express and Henri Bend

He lives now in a 21,000-square-foot Manhattan mansion and owns a private Boeing 727, which he plans to take **Bill Clinton** and **Kevin Spacey** to Africa on a charity mission.

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