

# ***Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-386)***

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## **Application of the *Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000* in the Criminal Cases Against Both Epstein and Maxwell**

### **One Count of Sex Trafficking Conspiracy**

#### **Statutes Applied:**

18 U.S.C. § 371. Conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud United States.

18 U.S.C. § 1591 (a) and (b) (2). Sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion.

#### **Statutes Respectively Created by:**

Ch. 645, 62 Stat. 701, June 25, 1948.

Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Public Law. 106–386.

#### **Statutory Allegation Against Epstein:**

*“From at least in or about 2002, up to and including in or about 2005, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, JEFFREY EPSTEIN, the defendant, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit an offense against the United States, to wit, sex trafficking of minors, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591 (a) and (b).”*

*It was a part and object of the conspiracy that JEFFREY EPSTEIN, the defendant, and others known and unknown, would and did, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, and obtain, by any means a person, and to benefit, financially and by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture which has engaged in any such act, knowing that the person had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591 (a) and (b) (2).”*

#### **Statutory Allegation Against Maxwell:**

*“From at least in or about 2001 , up to and including in or about 2004 , in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, GHISLAINE MAXWELL, the defendant, Jeffrey Epstein, and others known and unknown, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit an offense against the United States, to wit, sex trafficking of minors, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a) and (b).”*

*It was a part and object of the conspiracy that GHISLAINE MAXWELL , the defendant, Jeffrey Epstein , and others known and unknown, would and did , in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce , recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, and obtain, by any means a person, and to benefit financially and by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture which has engaged in any such act, knowing that the person had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act , in violation of Title 18, United States Code , Sections 1591(a) and (b) (2).”*

## **One Count of Sex Trafficking**

### **Statute Applied:**

18 U.S.C. § 1591 (a) and (b) (2). Sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion.

### **Statute Created by:**

Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Public Law. 106–386.

### **Statutory Allegation Against Epstein:**

*“From at least in or about 2002, up to and including in or about 2005, in the Southern District of New York, JEFFREY EPSTEIN, the defendant, willfully and knowingly, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, did recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, and obtain by any means a person, knowing that the person had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act, and did aid and abet the same, to wit, EPSTEIN recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, and obtained numerous 11 individuals who were less than 18 years old, including but not limited to Minor Victim-1, as described above, and who were then caused to engage in at least one commercial sex act in Manhattan, New York.”*

### **Statutory Allegation Against Maxwell:**

*“From at least in or about 2001 , up to and including in or about 2004 , in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, GHISLAINE MAXWELL, the defendant, willfully and knowingly, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, did recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, and obtain by any means a person, knowing that the person had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act, and did aid and abet the same, to wit, MAXWELL recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, and obtained individuals who were less than 18 years old, including but not limited to Minor Victim- 4, as described above, and who were then caused to engage in at least one commercial sex act with Jeffrey Epstein, and aided and abetted the same.”*

**Maxwell was subsequently found guilty of sex trafficking and sentenced to 240 Months Imprisonment (20 Years).**