



# Who Is Leon Black, the Billionaire Investor Who Wired Epstein \$50 Million?

One by one, the dominoes fall.

Billionaire and private-equity giant Leon Black wired at least \$50 million in payments to deceased pedophile Jeffrey Epstein, which raises questions about the relationship between the two.

According to *Forbes*, Black, who co-founded the private equity firm Apollo Global Management in 1990, kept close personal and financial ties with Epstein almost a decade after he was first convicted for sex crimes. The pair knew each other for more than 20 years, and Black reportedly visited Epstein at both his New York mansion and his private island in the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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The report comes after Denise George, the attorney general for the U.S. Virgin Islands, revealed that she would subpoen Black as part of her investigations into Epstein's dealings.

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"Apollo never did any business with Mr. Epstein," a spokesperson for Black told Fox Business. "We understand that the U.S. Virgin Islands attorney general is seeking information from Mr. Black, several major banks and others as third-party witnesses in a civil probe of entities set up by Mr. Epstein in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Mr. Black intends to cooperate fully with any such inquiry."

The statement added, "He deeply regrets having any involvement with [Epstein]."

The \$50 million Black wired to Epstein was reportedly related to financial consulting services from Epstein, joint charitable efforts, and at least one company both men invested in, according to the *New York Times*.

#### Forbes notes:

This relationship continued until at least 2017, nine years after Epstein's first indictment for soliciting prostitution from a minor, and it could help explain how Epstein maintained a nine-figure fortune even after most of his other business partners cut ties with the disgraced financier, the *Times* reported.

Despite these extensive financial and personal ties, Black claimed in an Apollo earnings call last year that his relationship with Epstein was "limited."

A spokesperson for Black told *Forbes* his ties with Epstein — which ended after a 2018 fee dispute — included personal financial advice and philanthropic work, but Epstein did not do business with Apollo.



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Black's net worth is \$8.1 billion, and includes a 23-percent stake in the publicly traded Apollo. He is also known as a connoisseur of the arts, with an extensive art collection, which includes one the original versions of Edvard Munch's infamous pastel composition *The Scream*.

Notably, Black is Chairman of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York, which has hosted exhibitions of controversial artist Marina Abramovic, including from her infamous "Spirit Cooking" collection.

Apart from being <u>mentioned</u> in the e-mails of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta as having hosted a dinner for him, Abramovic notoriously organized a gala at the Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles attended by dozens of A-list celebrities in which guests donned doctors' robes and sat around witnessing simulated beheadings and disembowelments while surrounded by skulls—then cut up and ate cakes made to look like naked women (a collection of photographs from the event <u>can be found here</u>).

Abramovic was recently featured in a Microsoft ad promoting the company's new mixed-reality device. Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, is also deeply connected to Jeffrey Epstein.

"Unlike many others," meaning the other Deep-State bigwigs who partied with Epstein, "Mr. Gates started the relationship after Mr. Epstein was convicted of sex crimes," the *New York Times* reported.

"In fact, beginning in 2011, Mr. Gates met with Mr. Epstein on numerous occasions — including at least three times at Mr. Epstein's palatial Manhattan townhouse, and at least once staying late into the night, according to interviews with more than a dozen people familiar with the relationship, as well as documents reviewed by the New York Times," the newspaper reported.

Moreover, Epstein secured a \$7.5 million donation for MIT's media labs from Gates.

Although Epstein died in a federal jail cell (allegedly by suicide), government prosecutors are working on a case against his longtime confidant and alleged sex-trafficking recruiter, Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of deceased British publisher and alleged Israeli spy Robert Maxwell.

The wide circle of rich and powerful figures surrounding Epstein demonstrates clearly that the global elites seeking to destroy America are not just motivated by arrogance or power hunger, but by evil in the truest sense of the word.





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