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Former Prince Andrew Arrested for Spilling Secrets to Epstein

[British police have arrested](#) former Prince Andrew, the brother of King Charles, on the suspicion that he passed state secrets to deceased Wall Street financier Jeffrey Epstein, the [Deep State rapist](#) at the center of the Epstein files controversy.

Now known as Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, the former prince was disgraced years ago after revelations by Virginia Giuffre, a sex slave whom Epstein loaned to Andrew and others.

If convicted, the former prince faces up to life in prison. But however long the sentence, little will change for the disgraced royal. He will have gone from doing nothing in public as a prince, to doing nothing in private as a subject, to doing nothing in prison as a convict.



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Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor in 2016



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Breaking News: Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, formerly known as Prince Andrew, was arrested in Britain on suspicion of misconduct in public office over his links to Jeffrey Epstein, the BBC said.



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The British police on Thursday arrested Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor on suspicion of criminal activity linked to the Epstein files.

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The Arrest

Mountbatten-Windsor's latest trouble involves his duties as a trade diplomat for England, *The New York Times* reported.

The latest dump of Epstein files includes "a number of emails that suggested the former prince may have shared confidential documents when working as a British trade envoy," the [newspaper reported last week](#):

In one, an email from an address that appears linked to Mr. Mountbatten-Windsor forwards several official reports to Mr. Epstein of visits he made to South Asia. The reports were sent to him by a special assistant who supported him in his trade role.



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The case is similar to that involving top Labour Party politician Peter Mandelson. He faces allegations that he too passed secrets and “market-sensitive information” to Epstein. “The political turmoil has undermined the leadership of Britain’s prime minister, Keir Starmer, who appointed Mr. Mandelson to the role of ambassador, and even led to calls for him to resign over the decision,” the [Times continued](#). [NBC News explained](#) what will happen with the prosecution of Mountbatten-Windsor for “misconduct in public office.”

Proving a crime requires four elements, the network reported, citing the Crown Prosecution Service. They must prove that he was a “public officer” when he committed the crime, that he “willfully” neglected his duties or broke the law, that his acts were “an abuse of the public’s trust,” and “whether those actions did not have any ‘reasonable excuse or justification.’”

Maximum penalty: Life in prison.

On learning of the probe last week, [King Charles promised](#) that the royals would cooperate fully with authorities.

As for the Epstein files, the imbroglio over their release has shaken the Trump administration and alienated President Donald Trump from key supporters such as [GOP Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky](#) and [former GOP Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia](#).

“The UK has arrested Andrew because of the Epstein files and over here the President signed an EO protecting cancer causing Glyphosate in our foods and we have zero Epstein related arrest[s] and investigations since release of the files,” Greene [wrote on X today](#):

And we are on the verge of going to war against Iran. That’s the current state of MAGA and MAHA.

Sexual Abuse of Giuffre

In 2022, Mountbatten-Windsor [settled a lawsuit](#) with Giuffre for £12 million (about \$16 million). The late Queen Elizabeth paid £2 million of that total to Giuffre’s sex trafficking charity. Then Prince Charles paid the remainder, which he expected Mountbatten-Windsor to repay after selling his ski chalet in Switzerland.

Though Prince Andrew denied the allegations at the time, [Giuffre’s lawsuit detailed](#) monstrous sexual crimes.

The suit alleged that Giuffre was “lent out by Epstein to other powerful men for sexual purposes,” one of those men being Andrew, the Duke of York. It also fingered jet-setting socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein’s procurer, [now serving](#) a 20-year stretch in federal prison.

It further [claimed](#) that Mountbatten-Windsor sexually assaulted Giuffre when she was 17, stating that she was

forced to have sex with Defendant, Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, at Epstein and Maxwell’s direction.

The suit [continued](#):



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On one occasion, Prince Andrew sexually abused Plaintiff in London at Maxwell's home. During this encounter, Epstein, Maxwell, and Prince Andrew forced Plaintiff, a child, to have sexual intercourse with Prince Andrew against her will.

And it alleged that Andrew sexually assaulted Giuffre at Epstein's mansion in New York.

Citing flight logs, the suit also detailed Prince Andrew's [many flights](#) on the Lolita Express, Epstein's sex plane.

After [Giuffre told](#) her story on the BBC's *Panorama*, the then-[prince answered](#) her allegations during a disastrous interview with the BBC. That inspired his mother to sack him, which terminated his royal salary.

[Giuffre first accused](#) Andrew in a lawsuit against Maxwell in 2015, six years after she settled a suit against Epstein.

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Worst Royal Crisis Ever

Royal historian Ed Owens [told NBC News](#) that the arrest is the most serious calamity to hit the royal family since [Edward VIII abdicated](#) the throne in 1936 to marry [Wallis Simpson](#), a two-time divorcee whose previous husbands were still alive. Indeed she was not yet divorced from her second husband when Edward told Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin he wanted to marry her.

Owens also discussed the death of King Charles' first wife, [Diana, who died](#) at age 36 when the automobile in which she was traveling crashed in a tunnel in Paris. In the car with her was her "companion," Dodi Fayed. Diana's divorce from Charles was also a scandal.

"This is much more severe than the immediate aftermath of the [Princess] Diana crisis in 1997 following her death," Owens told the network:

It's definitely more severe than 1992, which was the so-called Queen's annus horribilis, which pales in comparison to what is going on now. And then, we've got to go further back in time again to discussions around Princess Margaret's private life, and going further back again to the abdication crisis in 1936.

While [Queen Elizabeth fired](#) Mountbatten-Windsor as representative of the royal family and ended his salary in 2019, not until last year did [King Charles strip](#) the man known as "Randy Andy" of his royal titles, [which included](#) the Duke of York and Earl of Inverness.

The king also booted little brother out of the [Royal Lodge](#) at Windsor.



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