TRUTH COMMISSION

ZORRO RANCH | STANLEY, NM

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WHAT IS A TRUTH COMMISSION?

A truth commission is a temporary, non-judicial body established to investigate and report on past human rights violations or atrocities. Main goals are to uncover the truth, acknowledge the scale of abuses, provide a platform for victims' voices, with recommendations for reforms to prevent future violence and promote reconciliation. Key functions include:

- **Gathering testimony**: They collect statements from victims, witnesses, and perpetrators through public hearings and private interviews.
- **Documenting abuses**: Commissions research and document patterns and practices of abuse through a variety of sources, aiming to establish a detailed historical record.
- Identifying causes and consequences: They seek to understand the root causes of the violence and the long-term impact of the abuses.
- **Making recommendations**: Reporting includes recommendations for institutional reform, reparations, and other actions to help prevent recurrence and foster peace.





NM SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For 26 years, Jeffrey Epstein was a property owner in New Mexico.

Our Truth Commission will investigate the role New Mexico played in failing to identify the sexual abuse and trafficking of underage girls, and other crimes, at Jeffrey Epstein's Zorro Ranch in Santa Fe County, New Mexico.









Contributions

Epstein gave extensively to politicians and philanthropic organizations in New Mexico

Property Ownership

Epstein used his property for possible criminal activity, human trafficking, and sexual abuse.

Survivors In & Around NM

Victims have described being abused and trafficked by Epstein.

Survivor Stories

Very little information coming out of NM.

ZORRO RANCH

- Purchased Zorro Ranch in Santa Fe County near Stanley in 1993.
- Built a large compound with airstrip and guesthouses.
- Alleged site of sexual abuse and trafficking of minors.
- Epstein was not required to register as a sex offender in NM after his 2008 plea in FL.
- Jeffrey Epstein died in custody in NY in 2019 while facing federal crimes.
- Zorro Ranch sold in 2023 for an undisclosed price.
- Case raised oversight gaps in remote, high-wealth enclaves.
- There was never an investigation





WHY ZORRO, WHY NOW?

- For 26+ years, Epstein visted and lived in NM, interacting politicians, scientists, and other people of interest
- Little to no information about what occured in New Mexico, despite victim accounts of being trafficked or abused
- International implications for Epstein's illegal activity
- Important for policymakers and the public to understand what and how his enterprise operated
- Looking to potential legal loopholes that allowed him to operate in New mexico

GENERAL TIMELINE

2008 1993 2019 2023

2008-2019 - In the aftermath of his 2008 sex trafficking conviction,

women at Zorro Ranch (Reported by NYT, Reuters)

1993 - Purchased 7 orro from Fmr. Gov. Bruce King

1993 - Realtor: Fmr. Rep. Rhonda King

1997 - State land leases

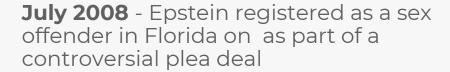
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Mid-1990s - U.S. sentencing memo states "Jane Doe" traveled with Maxwell & Epstein to New York and the New Mexico ranch, where she was sexually abused. U.S. sentencing memo in United States v. Maxwell

> 1999-2000- Rachel Benavidez alleges abuse on Zorro Ranch

> > 2000-02 - Virginia Roberts Giuffre visited Zorro Ranch. Accused Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell of sex trafficking her.

1996 - Two sisters, Maria and Annie Farmer claim sexually abusive encounters with Epstein and his long-time partner Ghislaine Maxwell.



Feb/March 2019 - AG Balderas starts investigation of Zorro Ranch

July 2019 - Epstein Federally Indicted

August 2019 - Epstein Dies in Prison



Epstein hoped to "seed the human race with his DNA by impregnating Dec 2021 - Ghislaine Maxwell guilty on five counts related to her role in the sexual exploitation and abuse of

> multiple minor girls with Jeffrey Epstein

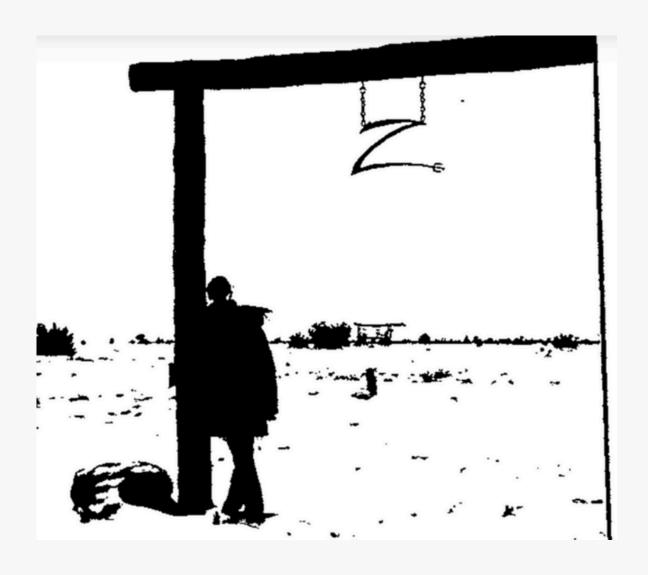
> > June 2022 - Maxwell sentenced to 20 years in prison on

> > > **2023** - AG Torrez Settles with banks \$4.95 earmarked

2023 - Zorro sells to unknown buyer, San Rafael Ranch, LLC.



HOUSE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



2-2 House Committee with Non-Partisan 5th Vote

The committee shall investigate Zorro Ranch and the related allegations of criminal activity and public corruption for the purpose of determining whether legislation or other legislative action is needed to:

- Prevent and properly punish crime;
- Protect children and other vulnerable persons;
- Establish sufficient procedures for securing civil justice;
- Ensure proper use and stewardship of public money and resources;
- Address and prevent public corruption and to ensure public accountability for state officers and officers of the political subdivisions of the state who engage in misconduct; and
- To otherwise provide for the peace, health, safety and welfare of the state
- Work with NM DOJ for victim vetting and testimony
- Offer resources for survivors
- \$2.5M budget proposed "to fund personnel and other resources for the State of New Mexico to prevent, address, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking."

COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Convene commission in April 2026 and hire investigative team
- April 2026 October 2027: Course of investigation and begin reporting after 1-year of investigations.
 - o 18 month timeline to report back
- Recommend legislation to support victims and hold perpetrators accountable.
- Working with DOJ on any crimes still active

August 19, 2010

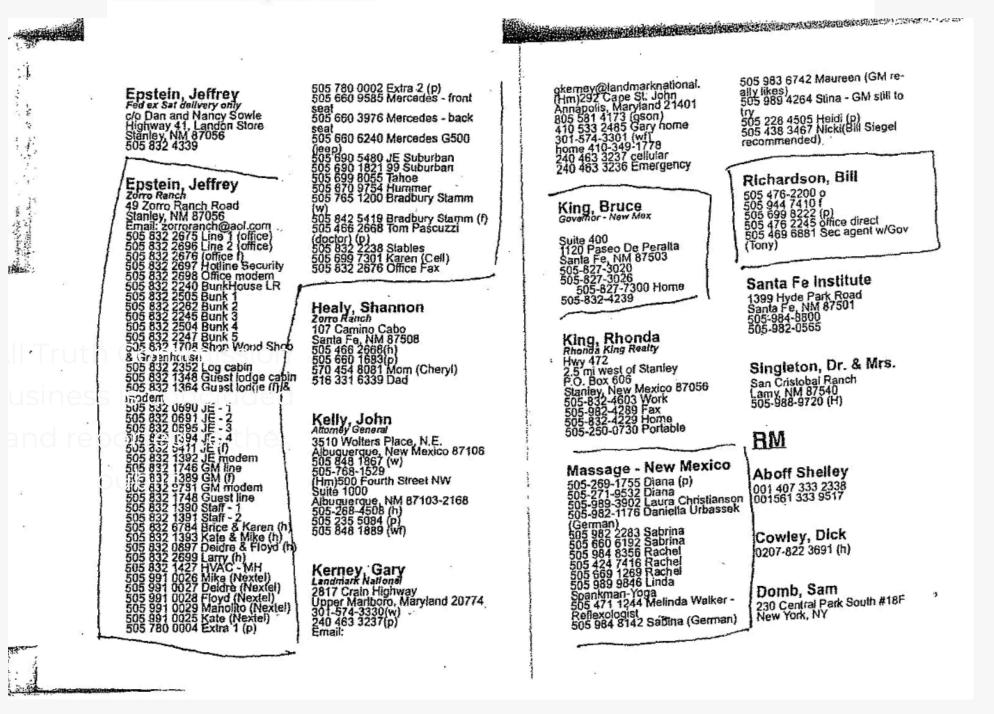
Jeffery E. Epstein



RE: SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT

Dear Jeffery E. Epstein:

After reviewing your file it is our determination that under the current NMSA 29-11A you are not required to register with the State of New Mexico at this time for your 2008 Florida conviction of Procuring Person Under 18 for Prostitution. However, while you reside temporarily in New Mexico you may be required to register per Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.



QUESTIONS