



## Get this paper on your tablet or phone for **JUST £1.26\* A WEEK**

WHEN YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE MAIL'S DIGITAL EDITION \*Terms apply. Online access required. See page 30 for details

### Socialite set to die behind bars as she's convicted of luring underage girls for paedophile Jeffrey Epstein ... so will Prince Andrew be US lawyers' next target?

# GUILTY GHISLAINE, CHILD SEX PREDATOR

**GHISLAINE Maxwell was last night facing up to 65 years behind bars after jurors declared her a child sex predator.**

The British socialite was found guilty of sex trafficking schoolgirls for her and her paedophile boyfriend Jeffrey Epstein to abuse.

The guilty verdicts in New York will intensify the pressure on her friend

By **Sam Greenhill, Stephen Wright** and **Daniel Bates** in New York

Prince Andrew to speak to US prosecutors about his time with Epstein.

Victims sobbed with relief and vowed Maxwell's 'powerful co-conspirators' should also face justice.

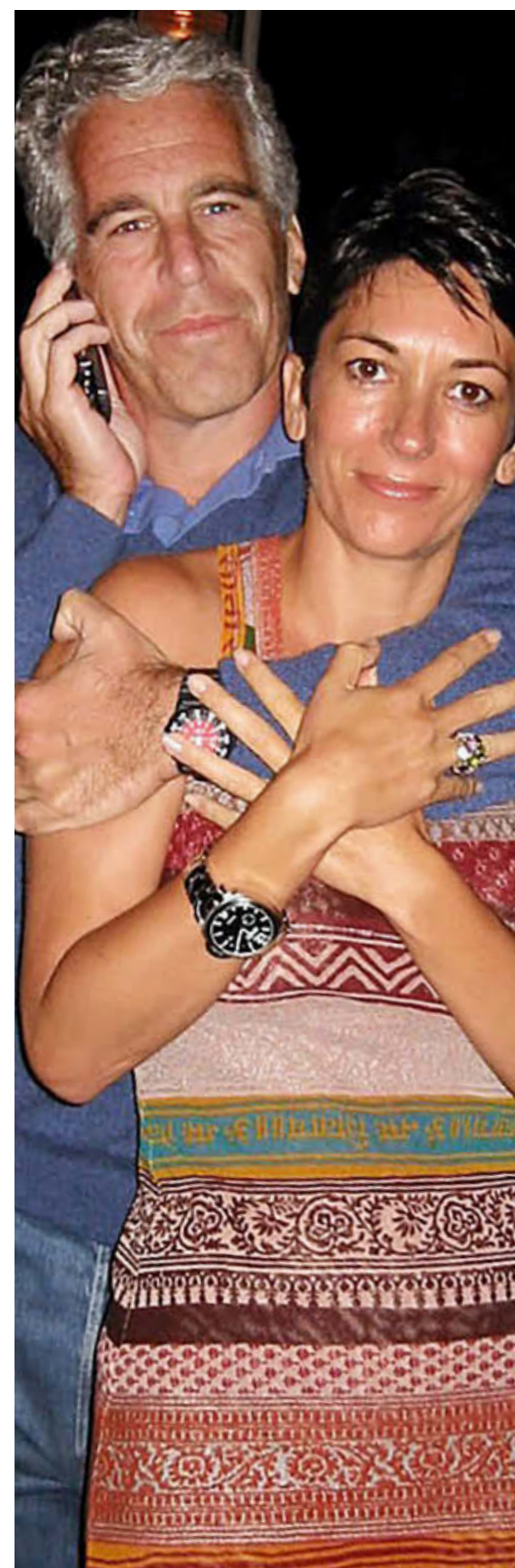
British accuser Kate, who told jurors that Maxwell dressed her in a schoolgirl uniform aged 18 to be molested by Epstein, yelled 'finally' and would not stop crying, accord-

ing to her lawyer. The jury took just over 40 hours to find 60-year-old Maxwell guilty on five of six charges. She was already working on an appeal last night.

One of the charges Maxwell was guilty of related to Andrew's own accuser Virginia Roberts Giuffre, suggesting jurors may have believed she was a sex trafficking victim too.

Miss Giuffre is suing the duke for alleged rape, which he strenuously

**Turn to Page 2**



Sex trafficker: Maxwell with Jeffrey Epstein



Continued from Page One

denies. She tweeted: 'My soul yearned for justice for years and today the jury gave me just that. I will remember this day always. Having lived with the horrors of Maxwell's abuse, my heart goes out to the many other girls and young women who suffered at her hands and whose lives she destroyed.'

'I hope that today is not the end but rather another step in justice being served. Maxwell did not act alone. Others must be held accountable. I have faith that they will be.'

Following the verdicts, Maxwell simply poured herself a glass of water and leaned into her lawyer, Jeffrey Pagliuca, who put an arm around her. Her sister Isabel sat behind her with her head bowed, while siblings Kevin and Christine stared into space.

Maxwell was led out of court by two female US marshals, barely looking back to see her family. Kevin, Isabel and Christine left the courthouse arm in arm, and later issued a defiant statement saying: 'We believe firmly in our sister's innocence. We are very disappointed with the verdict. We have already started the appeal tonight and we believe that she will ultimately be vindicated.'

But US attorney Damian Williams said: 'A unanimous jury has found Ghislaine Maxwell guilty of one of the worst crimes imaginable - facilitating and participating in the sexual abuse of children.'

'Crimes she committed with her long-time partner and co-conspirator, Jeffrey Epstein. The road to justice has been far too long. But, today, justice has been done.'

Annie Farmer, who was lured into a terrifying sex trap by Maxwell when she was 16, sobbed with joy, declaring: 'I am so relieved and grateful that the jury recognised the pattern of predatory behaviour that Maxwell engaged in for years.'

'She has caused hurt to many more women than the few of us who had the chance to testify in the courtroom.'

'I hope that this verdict brings solace to all who need it and demonstrates that no one is above the law. Even those with

**'Placed on suicide watch'**

great power and privilege will be held accountable when they sexually abuse and exploit the young.'

Her sister Maria, also targeted by Maxwell and Epstein, added: 'We are proud of one another. I have spent every moment for seven years, working towards this verdict. No pay, just due diligence. I never gave up. This is the best thing I have ever had happen in my life. It means I don't have to hide.'

Lawyers for victims vowed to pursue other individuals. David Boies, who acts for Mrs Giuffre and Miss Farmer, said: 'The scope and scale and duration of their sex trafficking crimes depending on many wealthy and powerful collaborators and co-conspirators. They too are not above the law. They too must be brought to justice.'

Sigrid McCawley, the women's other lawyer, added: 'Today's verdict is a towering victory, not just for the brave women who testified in this trial, but for the women around the world whose young and tender lives were diminished and damaged by the abhorrent actions of Ghislaine Maxwell. For too long their voices were ignored and discounted and their characters impugned and disgraced, but no more.'

Maxwell will be placed on suicide watch in jail after jurors agreed she was financier Epstein's 'partner in horrific crimes'. She masterminded a sick scheme to round up schoolgirls on an industrial scale for them and their friends to molest. Epstein killed himself while on remand two years ago.

The daughter of the late tycoon Robert Maxwell, who rubbed shoulders with two US presidents, a pope and a host of global A-listers, was deserted by all her VIP friends, including the Duke of York, during her four-week trial for sex trafficking vulnerable teenagers.

The jury of six women and six men took just over five days deliberating to seal her fate, finding her



Intense: A sketch of Ghislaine Maxwell staring at the court artist as the guilty verdicts were delivered last night

# 'Today, justice has been done ... proof no one is above the law'

U.S. ATTORNEY, DAMIAN WILLIAMS

guilty of five of six charges she faced, which were read out by the trial judge Alison Nathan in Court 318 of the Thurgood Marshall courthouse.

Jurors unanimously believed four women, including a Briton, who gave chilling testimonies of being 'served up' by Maxwell for sexual abuse by Epstein.

The Mail can reveal that Prince Andrew, who is facing renewed pressure to cooperate with the FBI, did not offer any support and Maxwell's husband Scotti Borger-son also snubbed the trial. In the

2000s, Andrew spent weeks as a guest at Epstein's 'House of Sin' villa in Florida - where 'lady of the house' Maxwell forced children to

**'Partner in horrific crimes'**

dress in schoolgirl outfits for underage sex with her boyfriend.

For more than two years, US prosecutors have been asking the British Government to facilitate a formal interview with the duke,

under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty. The Home Office has yet to act on the request, and a stand-off continues between the duke's legal team and US prosecutors over the terms of any interview by the FBI in London.

Maxwell had pleaded not guilty to the six charges she faced, forcing her victims to relive their ordeals in court as her £5million team of superstar lawyers tried to unpick their stories.

Over two weeks of harrowing prosecution evidence, jurors heard how 'giggling' Maxwell had enticed

a 14-year-old known as 'Jane' into sordid orgies after she and Epstein approached her at a 1994 school summer camp when she was eating an ice cream. Maxwell was acquitted of one of the four charges relating to Jane.

Maxwell had bragged of her friendship with Prince Andrew to Kate and told her she was just Epstein's type, as he favoured 'cute, young, pretty' girls.

A third accuser, 'Carolyn', said she too had been recruited as a 14-year-old and that Maxwell had groped her breasts and bottom

## Siblings who stood by her...



## ... and victim who sobbed with joy



Team Maxwell: Ghislaine's brother Kevin and sisters Christine and Isabel leave the New York court last night. Inset: Victim Annie Farmer

and told her she had 'a great body' for paedophile Epstein 'and his friends'.

The jury accepted Carolyn's story that she was trafficked.

Accuser number four, Miss Farmer, described how Maxwell and Epstein had forced themselves on her aged 16 after she was

enticed to the paedophile's remote ranch in New Mexico. She 'froze' as Maxwell massaged her breasts.

Maxwell's shambolic defence focused on Epstein, with her lawyer Bobbi Sternheim telling jurors that women had been blamed for the bad behaviour of men 'ever since Eve was accused of tempting

Adam for the apple'. They painted the four accusers in the case as money-grabbers looking for a 'jackpot'.

Maxwell did not take to the witness stand in her defence, a gamble which did not pay off. She still faces two charges of perjury that will be tried at a later date.

## In thrall to a pervert PAGES 4-5

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE Southern District of New York



**STATEMENT OF U.S. ATTORNEY DAMIAN WILLIAMS ON THE VERDICT IN U.S. V. GHISLAINE MAXWELL**

A unanimous jury has found Ghislaine Maxwell guilty of one of the worst crimes imaginable - facilitating and participating in the sexual abuse of children. Crimes that she committed with her long-time partner and co-conspirator, Jeffrey Epstein.

The road to justice has been far too long. But, today, justice has been done. I want to commend the bravery of the girls - now grown women - who stepped out of the shadows and into the courtroom.

Their courage and willingness to face their abuser made this case, and today's result, possible. I also want to thank the career prosecutors of the Southern District of New York, who embraced the victims' quest for justice and have worked tirelessly, day in and day out, to ensure that Maxwell was held accountable for her crimes.

This Office will always stand with victims, will always follow the facts wherever they lead, and will always fight to ensure that no one, no matter how powerful and well connected, is above the law.

### CHARGES AND VERDICTS

**COUNT 1: GUILTY** Conspiring to entice individuals under the age of 17 to travel in interstate commerce to engage in illegal sexual activity. Multiple victims between 1994 and 2004.

**COUNT 2: NOT GUILTY** Enticing individuals under the age of 17 to travel in interstate commerce to engage in illegal sexual activity. Related solely to accuser Jane between 1994 and 1997.

**COUNT 3: GUILTY** Conspiring to transport individuals under the age of 17 to travel in interstate commerce to engage in illegal sexual activity. Multiple victims between 1994 and 2004.

activity. Multiple victims between 1994 and 2004.

**COUNT 4: GUILTY** Transporting an individual under the age of 17 in interstate commerce, with the intent that the individual engage in sexual activity. Related solely to accuser Jane between 1994 and 1997.

**COUNT 5: GUILTY** Conspiring to commit sexual trafficking of individuals under the age of 18. Multiple victims between 2001 and 2004.

**COUNT 6: GUILTY** Sex trafficking of an individual under the age of 18. Relates only to accuser Carolyn.