Prince Andrew's Disastrous Epstein Interview: The Icing on an Already Poisoned Cake

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Prince Andrew of the infamous British Royal Family may have just accomplished his own "royal" demise. Prince Charles upon becoming king could place Prince Andrew under "house arrest."

Prince Andrew has had a rather shall we say checkered past, but his recent interview with the BBC concerning Jeffrey Epstein may well be his final misstep, the icing on the cake.

"Andrew has been at the center of so many scandals—can we forget his ex-wife Fergie's blatant, caught-on-tape attempt to sell access to him for \$700,000?—it can't come as that much of a surprise to the Queen or to Charles that something like the Epstein Affair would come along." (Source)

In 2012, Prince Charles very publically disinherited his beleaguered brother Prince Andrew and his children, cutting Andrew out of the inner circle of royals, perhaps a rather wise move considering the current situation.

According to <u>Slate.com</u> Prince Andrew has known Epstein for quite some time and defended his friendship with him, even asking Epstein to pay his ex-wife's debts.

"The two first met in 1999 through Epstein's onetime girlfriend and alleged "fixer," British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, and over the years, they became friends. Epstein was awaiting trial for sex trafficking when he died by suicide in August, leaving many open questions about who around him may have been involved in or complicit in his crimes. Andrew stayed at Epstein's homes in New York and Florida as well as

on his private island in the Caribbean and attended dinners he hosted, including after Epstein had served prison time and registered as a sex offender. Andrew in turn invited Epstein and Maxwell to royal parties. At Andrew's request, Epstein even helped pay off his ex-wife's debts."

"He claimed that he had only stayed with Epstein in 2010, after Epstein was convicted of soliciting a minor for prostitution, in order to end their friendship. In response to photographs of him with Epstein the following year, he said, 'That's the bit that, as it were, I kick myself for on a daily basis because it was not something that was becoming of a member of the royal family. We try and uphold the highest standards and practices, and I let the side down, as simple as that.' The prince didn't say that he regretted his friendship with Epstein overall, noting that Epstein introduced him to interesting people and things."

Prince Andrew was accused of having sex with (then) underage Virginia Roberts Giuffre in 2001 and 2002. Prince Andrew of course denied these claims, even saying he did not know her. However, it's pretty hard to dispute this <u>photograph</u>.

According to <u>Sky News</u>, several UK businesses have distanced themselves from Prince Andrew, and the University of Huddersfield; which Prince Andrew is the chancellor of, is also considering cutting ties.

<u>Vanity Fair</u> is reporting that there are "rumors" that Prince Andrew wants to do another interview. Well, in this author's opinion, that could only add fuel to an already blazing fire the royals are having no luck putting out.

According to The Daily Beast">Daily Beast:

"Prince Andrew is named in a cache of secret legal documents detailing explosive new allegations against Jeffrey Epstein that could be unsealed by a U.S. judge before the end of the year."

"Andrew is facing growing calls to voluntarily co-operate with the FBI and is being dropped by sponsors and charities, fearful of damage-by-association after a BBC interview in which he said he didn't regret his friendship with the billionaire pedophile, suggested a notorious image of him with his arm around Virginia Giuffre Roberts was fake, and bizarrely claimed he doesn't sweat."

One almost has to feel sorry for the royals after all the scandals and issues involving the family. At the same time, it seems Prince Andrew has long been a magnet for scandal and inappropriate behavior, and seemingly has chosen not to change his behavior.

Yes the chickens have come home to roost, and the icing has been liberally applied to an already poisoned cake.

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