

# The shocking similarities between Diddy and Epstein revealed in latest allegations

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Friends and collaborators of Sean '**Diddy**' Combs continue to disassociate themselves from the Bad Boy mogul — just as others have done when billionaire **Jeffrey Epstein** faced similar criminal charges.

On the latest episode of **DailyMail.com's** podcast '**The Trial of Diddy**', attorney Lisa Bloom, who is representing former Danity Kane singer Dawn Richard against the music producer, said there were plenty of 'complicit' enablers around Combs.

'It reminds me very much of Jeffrey Epstein,' said Bloom, who represented 11 of the business mogul's victims in lawsuits. '[Epstein] had a whole operation with **Ghislaine Maxwell** and other recruiters.

'And similarly with Sean Combs, we think there's a lot of people and companies who were complicit and we named them. Well, of course, those people don't like being named.'





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**Federal prosecutors allege Sean 'Diddy' Combs (center) ran an enterprise where he allegedly sex trafficked victims for his 'freak off' parties. Shawn 'Jay-Z' Carter (left) also has been hit with allegations he and Diddy sexually assaulted a woman when she was 13-years-old in 2000**

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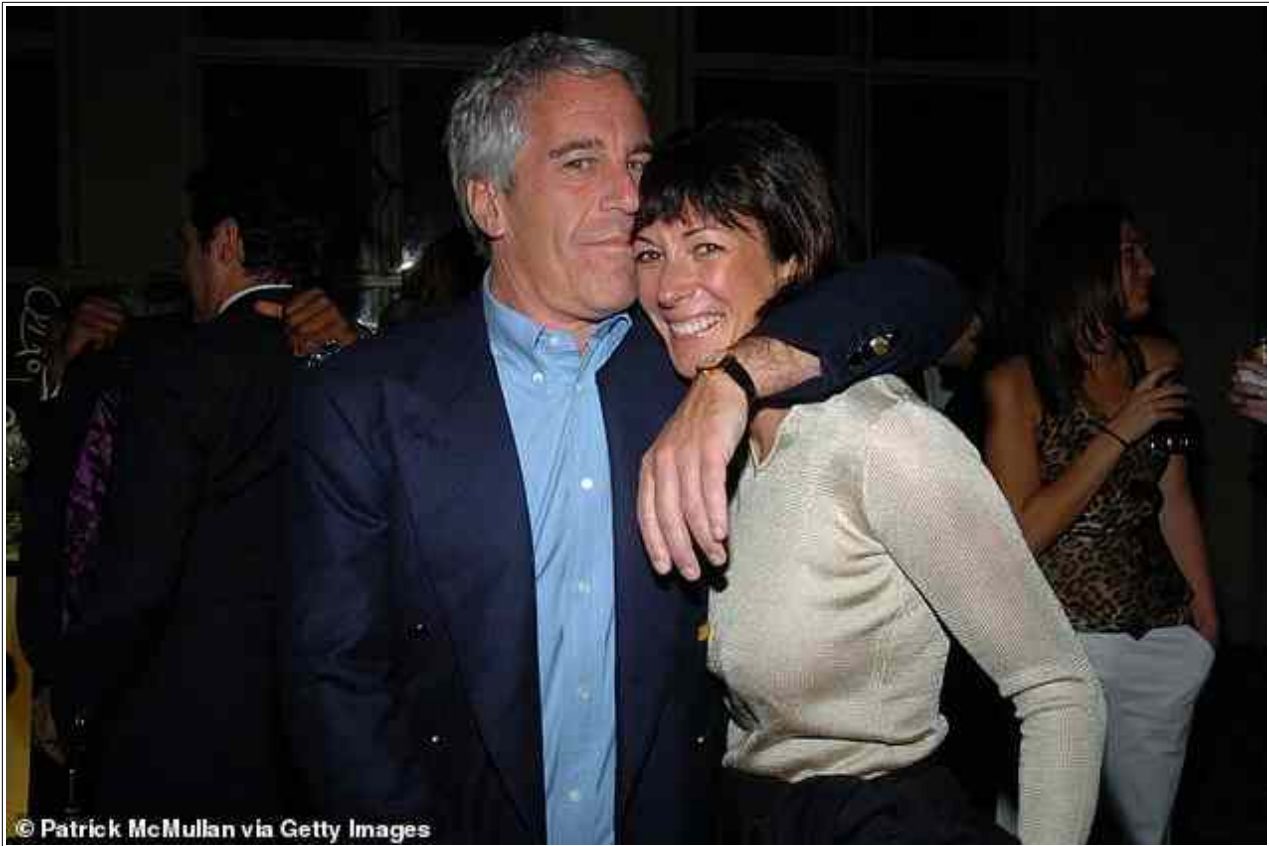
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**Millionaire Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell pictured together in New York in 2005. Epstein committed suicide before he could face charges, but Maxwell was found guilty and is serving her sentence in a low-security prison in Tallahassee, Florida**

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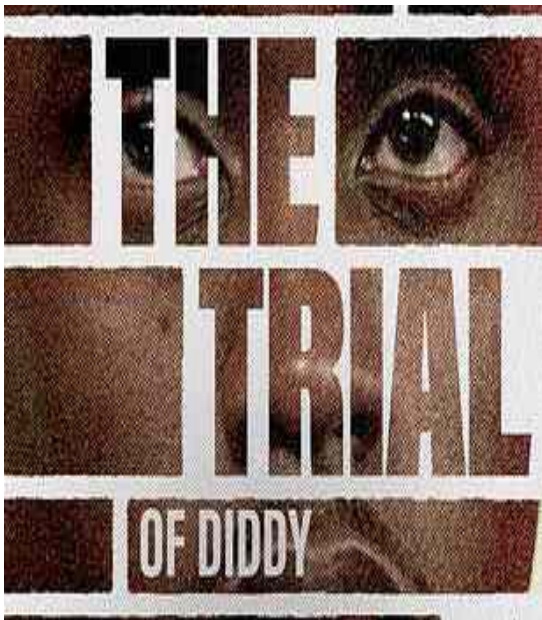


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Bloom said since Richard **filed the lawsuit against Combs and his associates in September**, some have responded against the allegations and have tried to distance themselves from the 'Bad Boy for Life' rapper.

Richard is suing for sexual assault, breach of contract, false imprisonment, forced labor, violation of sex trafficking acts and battery.

Combs, 55, remains **locked up at a Brooklyn jail and has been charged by federal prosecutors** in the Southern District of New York for sex trafficking and racketeering charges.

Epstein faced similar charges of sex trafficking and conspiracy charges, but unlike Combs, Epstein was accused of trafficking and engaging in sex acts with dozens of minors — some as young as 14.

Epstein never faced those charges in court and **died by suicide on Aug. 10, 2019**. His longtime friend and 'madam' Maxwell, however, was **sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiring with Epstein** to groom and sexually abuse minors.



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**Attorney Lisa Bloom, who represented 11 victims of Jeffrey Epstein in civil lawsuits, told DailyMail.com that Diddy had many 'enablers' just like Epstein**



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**Dawn Richard (right) joined Combs in a band called Dirty Diddy Money in 2010. She alleges Combs made sexual advances towards her and groped her during her years working with the music producer and rapper**

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**Richard said she was in fear for her life and was subjected to threats by Combs**

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**Richards (left) with Combs (center) and fellow Diddy Dirty Money member Kelenna Harper (right). Prosecutors accused Combs of tampering with witnesses and claimed he recently tried to reach Harper from jail**

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According to the lawsuit: 'Ms. Richard screamed as loudly as she could, but no one responded. It was late evening in the wintertime, the windows were heavily tinted, and the interior of the car was dark except for faint interior lights. Ms. Richard's belongings and winter coat were in the studio, while the ignition was off and there was no heat.

'With Mr. Combs' prior threats and violence running through her mind, Ms. Richard felt sheer panic, terror, and feelings of claustrophobia at being locked in a small, dark, enclosed space with no way to communicate or call for help. She began to feel cold and feared for her life, not knowing when or if she would be released'



Outside of Combs, Richard has sued his companies Bad Boy Entertainment, Sean Combs Music, Inc. and Love Records. Janice Combs Publishing Holdings — a company helmed by Combs mother, Janice — and Universal Music Group are also named in the lawsuit.



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**Combs' push for perfection was highlighted in the MTV reality series *Making the Band* in 2005, where Dawn Richard became a member of the pop group Danity Kane**

Other companies who were initially filed as co-defendants, including Sony Songs, Epic Records and Diageo — the company that distributed Combs' Ciroq venture — have been dropped from the case.

'They don't like being associated with Sean Combs,' Bloom told DailyMail.com. 'Many of them have come to us and said, "We shouldn't be in the case. Here's why you have to dismiss us."

'So, we've had a lot of back and forth with them. We're willing to listen to evidence. I've always said just because somebody was at a party or did business with Sean Combs does not mean that they were complicit.'

Bloom added, 'They may not have known, but if they did know and they turned a blind eye to it and they funded him, then they were complicit and then we're not letting them out of the case.'

Bloom said they will be back in front of a judge in January for Richard's case.

One mega star who is staying clear from Combs is former collaborator Jay-Z.

The 55-year old 'Empire State of Mind' rapper — real name Shawn Carter — was named in a civil suit with Combs accusing both men of raping a then 13-year-old girl after the MTV Video Music Awards in September 2000.

On Monday, Jay-Z's lawyer Alex Shapiro **insisted Carter 'doesn't know anything' about the allegations against his client** or the criminal charges against Combs.



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**Jay-Z's attorney, Alex Shapiro, deny the '99 Problems' rapper and Combs' close association. The two are pictured here at Combs' Fourth of July party in 2000 at East Hampton, NY**

'Mr. Carter has nothing to do with Mr. Combs' case or Mr. Combs,' the Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP lawyer said. 'They knew each other professionally for a number of years, just like in all professions, people know each other.'

Shapiro continued: 'At the Music Awards, they support each other. If you go to the NBA All Star game, they support each other. That's just how professions work.'

'There is no closer association between any of them, that's also a matter of fiction. That's all that there is.'