

# **“EPSTEIN IS DEAD:” PAM BONDI IS NEGLECTING LIVE SEX TRAFFICKING PROSECUTIONS TO CRIMINALIZE DEMOCRATS**

A week ago, on January 8, Donald Trump bitched out his US Attorneys (as well as those play-acting as US Attorney) – some, apparently, by name – because they are not focusing enough on prosecuting his perceived adversaries.

Dozens of U.S. attorneys, who lead prosecutors' offices around the country, went to the White House Thursday for what was supposed to be a ceremonial photo shoot. After Attorney General Pam Bondi introduced the group of prosecutors, Trump criticized them as ineffective, saying the group was making it difficult for Bondi and Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche to do their jobs, the people said.

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Among his grievances with prosecutors, Trump complained that the Justice Department hadn't yet brought a case against one of his most prominent Democratic adversaries, Sen. Adam Schiff of California, the people said.

The department has been investigating whether Schiff engaged in mortgage fraud. The senator has called the probe a bogus attempt at political retribution.

The president criticized some specific prosecutors by jurisdiction and said he

felt betrayed, the people said.

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Trump's blowup at Justice Department prosecutors comes as the president ramps up pressure on the agency to more aggressively pursue his priorities. He has complained repeatedly in recent weeks about Bondi, calling her an ineffective enforcer of his agenda.

As WSJ noted in its story on this, the day after Trump's tantrum, Jeanine Pirro sent a subpoena to Jerome Powell, setting off a crisis for Trump.



Also in the wake of that attack, the Minnesota US Attorney's Office decided to investigate Renee Good's network rather than the guy who shot her, Jonathan Ross, leading to the resignation of six AUSAs in MN and possibly some in the Civil Rights Division in DC, though Pam Bondi – who looked stunning for a 59 year old a year ago but now looks like shit – now claims *she fired* those MN AUSAs and Harmeet Dhillon claims the Civil Rights attorneys left for other reasons.

Donald Trump has made it the top focus of his DOJ to prosecute his enemies, and as a result, DOJ has been hemorrhaging experience for a year now.

That's on top of the singular focus on Stephen Miller's jihad against immigrants, which has led DOJ to reassign lawyers from national security cases to immigration cases (indeed, that's one of the stated reasons why Bondi fired Robert McBride, because the First AUSA for one of the key national security divisions in the country didn't sufficiently chase immigration cases).

But there's another staffing choice that became public in recent weeks.

As multiple outlets have covered and as Jay Clayton detailed in two letters (January 5; January 15) to Judges Richard Berman (who presided over the Epstein case) and Paul Engelmayer (who picked up the Ghislaine Maxwell case after Alison Nathan moved to the 2nd Circuit) – DOJ has dedicated up to 580 people (the 500 reported last week, plus another 80 added this week) to replicating the review that over a thousand FBI personnel did a year ago, this time accounting for victim privacy and "independent privileges" not permitted under the act.

To date, the Department has employed over five hundred reviewers to review and redact millions of pages of materials from the investigations into Epstein and his convicted coconspirator, Maxwell.<sup>2</sup> The SDNY alone, in conjunction with the Department, has dedicated significant resources (including AUSAs as well as other SDNY personnel), which this week has been supplemented by approximately 80 attorneys from the Department's Criminal Division, who will coordinate and work with SDNY during the review of documents identified as likely to contain victim information. As part of that review, the Department is identifying not only those materials the publication of which are required under the Act, but also those that carry independent privileges as well as the need to redact victim-identifying

information, among other things. Act, § 2(c).3

3 Any materials withheld on this basis of course will be disclosed in a report to Congress. Act § 3.

We still have no explanation for what the hell Bondi did in the last review, such that she has to dedicate 580 attorneys to replicate the review (though the explanation probably lies in the matters DOJ plans to claim privilege over).

But not only is the need to replicate the work that taxpayers already paid for drawing from national security cases, but it is drawing from other high profile sex trafficking cases.

On Tuesday, Judge Valerie Caproni, who is presiding over the prosecution of the Alexander brothers – who are accused of trafficking seven women and a girl (with more victims accusing the brothers) using means not that dissimilar from Epstein's modus operandi – laid into prosecutors for delays in turning over discovery for a trial currently due to start this month.

On Tuesday, another federal judge in the Southern District of New York told prosecutors to hold off of the Epstein assignment to focus on another marquee sex crime prosecution: the case of Oren, Alon and Tal Alexander – a trio of wealthy brothers in real estate accused of using their status to rape and traffic dozens of women.

With that case set to head to trial later this month, U.S. District Judge Valerie Caproni told prosecutors that they need to focus on expeditiously sending over discovery materials.

“A few people can be strung from the Epstein case given that these people are on trial,” said the Obama appointee. “Epstein is dead.”

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So here's how Pam Bondi has used the resources at DOJ.

DOJ has been firing or chasing out personnel – about 5,500 people, according to Justice Connection, not all of them lawyers – since Trump started. A great many of those ousted were ousted, whether by choice or firing, because they refused to pursue Trump's unethical weaponization.

That's not good enough, Trump said last week. He needs the hollowed out DOJ to pursue his enemies faster.

Meanwhile, Pam Bondi is so incompetent or corrupt, she has to replicate work she already did, reviewing the Epstein files. 1,000 FBI personnel last March, 580 attorneys now. As a result, she's neglecting current sex trafficking prosecutions.

And we have yet to tally what the impact of the reassignment of attorneys who focus on real national security issues. Many of them are chasing Stephen Miller's fever dreams.