Child sex abuser Jeffrey Epstein requests release on bail ahead of sex trafficking trial



New York, July 14 (RHC)-- In New York City, serial child sex abuser Jeffrey Epstein asked a federal judge to release him on bail while he awaits trial on sex trafficking charges. Epstein, who has been held at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Lower Manhattan since his arrest last Saturday, July 6, offered to put up his \$77 million New York City mansion and private jet as collateral. The multi-billionaire also offered to pay for security guards in his home and to pay for electronic monitoring.

If the deal is approved, Epstein would await his trial in the same Manhattan townhouse where he allegedly raped teenage girls from at least 2002 to 2005. Epstein's bid for bail came as at least a dozen new women came forward to say they were sexually abused by Epstein in the past.

In other news, an Air Force general nominated by President Donald Trump to be the next vice chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is facing allegations of sexual misconduct. The Associated Press reports that an unnamed senior military officer accused General John Hyten of making a series of unwanted sexual advances and touching in 2017 while she was one of his aides.

The military officer says that when she rebuffed General Hyten's advances, he tried to derail her military career. Unnamed Air Force officials told The Wall Street Journal that an internal investigation found no evidence of sexual misconduct by General Hyten. The Senate has yet to schedule a hearing for his confirmation.

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