



**EXCLUSIVE:** Arkansas cops rule suicide in death of Clinton aide linked to Jeffrey Epstein – who was found shot and tied to a tree with an electrical cord around his neck – despite no sign of weapon

## Description

The grisly scene where a top Bill Clinton adviser was found hanged from a tree with a gunshot wound to his chest has finally been revealed nine months after he died.

But the sheriff's report into Mark Middleton's mysterious death raises more questions than answers as it rules he died by suicide – despite no sign of the weapon that killed him.

Middleton, 59, was found dead last May at the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, an hour west of Little Rock.

Release of the report was held up after members of his family petitioned a judge. They were worried that pictures from the gory scene would be made public.

The judge eventually ruled that details could be released but photographs could not.



Bill Clinton's special advisor Mark Middleton, who signed Jeffrey Epstein into the White House several times, killed himself in May 2022



Middleton's body and car were found at the Heifer Ranch, which is owned by an anti-poverty nonprofit called Heifer International, in Perryville, Arkansas





Middleton was Bill Clinton's special advisor who admitted Jeffrey Epstein to the White House on seven of the at least 17 times the late pedophile visited. Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell and Clinton are seen in 1993 at the White House

The report, written by Perry County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Lawson, says he was called to the ranch by worker Samantha McElroy who had found Middleton's abandoned black BMW SUV.

McElroy, 46, then walked around a cottage on the ranch.

'Almost immediately after stepping around the corner of the cottage she started yelling,' wrote Lawson.

'Upon reaching the back of the cottage she pointed towards the rear of the property and asked if that was a person.

'I could see what at first appeared to be a man sitting near a tree, as my eyes focused better, I could see a rope of some type going from the tree limb to the male.'

Lawson said it was clear that Middleton was dead.

'I could see that he had a gunshot wound to the chest and that he had a knot tied in an extension cord that was around his neck and it was attached to the limb directly above him.

The deputy said a search of Middleton's vehicle turned up three boxes of buckshot and a gun case – but no weapon.

The details give fresh insight into the death of Middleton, a married father of two daughters aged 18 and 20 who was found dead on May 7 last year.



The married father-of-two, who lived in Little Rock, Arkansas, shot himself at the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, 30 miles away from his home



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Little Rock, AR, 1962 - 2022

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Mark Edward Middleton, 59, of Little Rock, went to be in the loving arms of God on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Mark was born in Little Rock on October 12, 1962.

Mark is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Rhea; daughters, Lindsay and Lauren; father, Charles (Chuck) Middleton; mother, Anita Middleton-Kellar; brother, Steven Lawrence (Larry) Middleton; sister, Sandra Leeann (Sandy) Middleton-Marshall.

A private family celebration of life will be held May 12, 2022, at 1 p.m. The Middleton Family would like to invite any interested to join the live feed via Facebook Live @RFHome.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Navigate Counseling and Wellness, a mental health ministry of NLC. Checks mailed to 633 South Country Club, Conway, AR 72034. For full obituary please visit [www.RuebelFuneralHome.com](http://www.RuebelFuneralHome.com).

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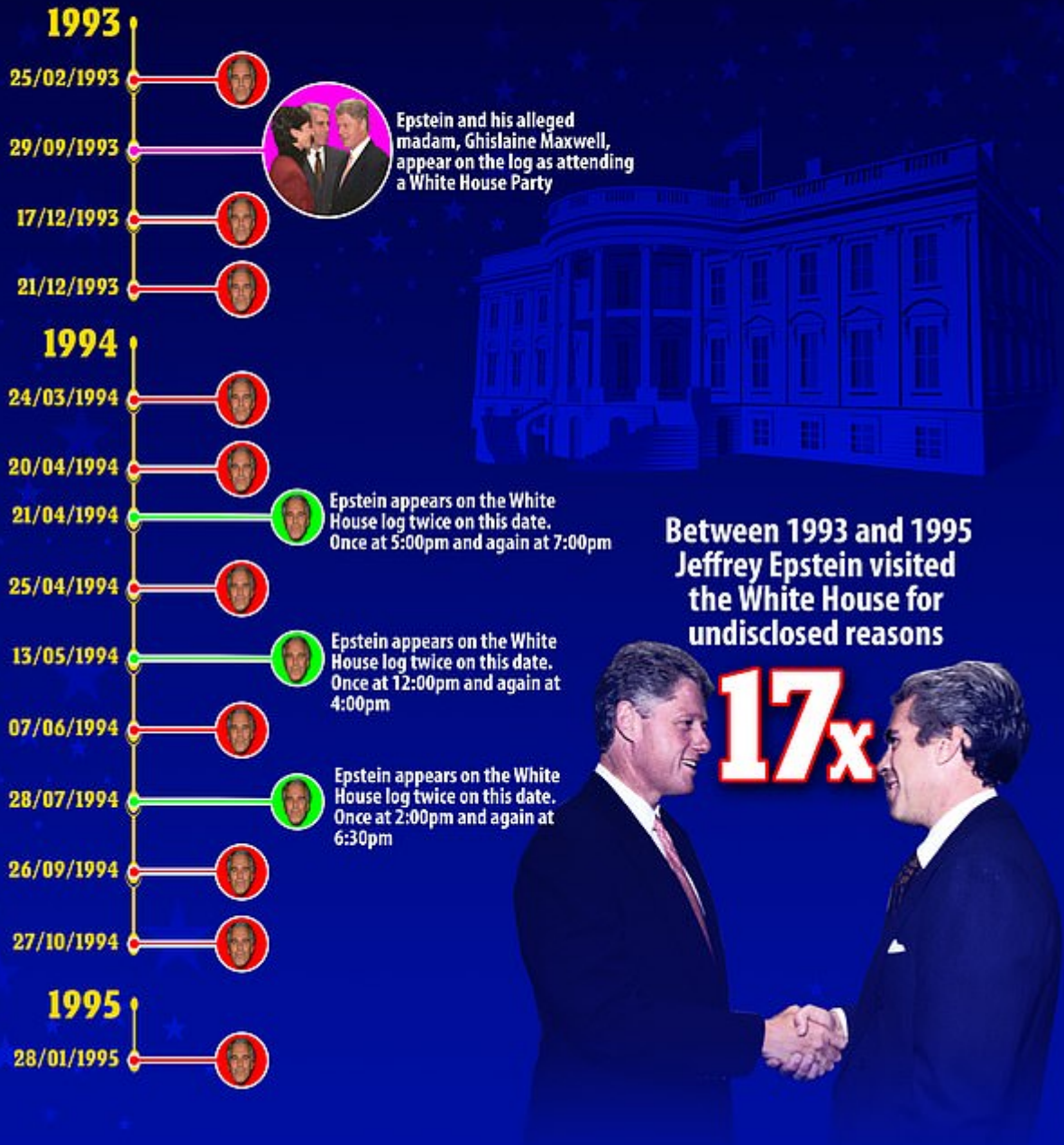
In Middleton's obituary, his family requested that, instead of flowers, well wishers donate to a service that specializes in counseling and therapy linked to the New Life Church, which is based in Arkansas



The police report obtained by DailyMail.com gives fresh insight into the death of Middleton, 59, a married father of daughters aged 18 and 20, who was found dead on May 7 last year. Middleton with his wife Rhea and daughters, Lindsay and Lauren



# JEFFREY EPSTEIN'S VISITS TO THE CLINTON WHITE HOUSE



DailyMail.com previously revealed Epstein visited the White House on 14 separate days and stopped by twice in one day on three occasions during Bill Clinton's first term. Middleton admitted him at least seven times

Middleton was a special advisor to Bill Clinton in the 1990s and signed Jeffrey Epstein into the White House on seven of the 17 times the late pedophile visited.

Middleton also flew on Epstein's jet, nicknamed the 'Lolita Express'. More recently he had been

working for his family's HVAC business in Little Rock.

The police report was released to DailyMail.com by the Perry County sheriff's office.

According to the Arkansas Times, Middleton's family said he was suffering from depression.

Middleton's life in recent years was a world away from the power he enjoyed in the 1990s.

White House visitor logs previously reported by DailyMail.com showed that he appears as the authorizing signatory on seven of Epstein's White House visits, most of which were to the West Wing.

In addition to being a special assistant to the President, Middleton was also assistant to the chief of staff, Thomas 'Mack' McLarty.

Middleton left the White House in February 1995 and was accused of setting himself up as an international deal-maker, exactly the kind of person that would appeal to Epstein.



In addition to being a special assistant to the President, Middleton was also assistant to the chief of staff, Thomas 'Mack' McLarty. Clinton and McLarty are pictured in the White House in 1993





Middleton flew on Epstein's plane and appears to have acted as a conduit between Clinton and Epstein. Clinton and Ghislaine Maxwell are seen on the plane



Middleton had for decades run an air conditioning business in Little Rock but in the 1990s he was a special advisor to Clinton and finance director on his Presidential campaign





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On 05/02/2022 at approximately 1:00 PM I responded to the Heifer Ranch for an abandoned vehicle. Upon my arrival I met with Samantha McElroy who called dispatch. While looking at the vehicle Samantha requested that I make contact with dispatch to call for a wrecker as she was unfamiliar with any towing companies in the area. Deputy Brewer arrived on scene and shortly after Blessed towing arrived as well. I turned over the vehicle to blessed for removal. While attempting to locate a pull point for the vehicle, Samantha stated that she was going to walk around the cottage that the vehicle was parked in front of. Almost immediately after stepping around the corner of the cottage she started yelling asking for myself and Deputy Brewer to come with her. Upon reaching her in the back of the cottage she pointed towards the rear of the property and asked if that was a person. I could see what at first appeared to be a man sitting near a tree, as my eyes focused better, I could see a rope of some type going from the tree limb to the male. Deputy Brewer and I walked out to where the male was seated, as we were approaching him, I could see the male was obviously deceased. I could see that he had a gunshot wound to the chest and that he had a knot tied in an extension cord that was around his neck and it was attached to the limb directly above him. At this point I secured the scene and made contact with dispatch, Sgt Carter, Chief Deputy Finley, Sheriff Montgomery, and Coroner Bill Greene. Upon Chief Deputy Finley's arrival, I turned over the scene to him. Returning to the vehicle, I began an inventory search and upon searching the vehicle, I was able to locate the purchase agreement that had Mark E. Middleton's name on it. There were few other items located in the vehicle. I opened the trunk lid and located a gun case that had three boxes of 12GA buckshot but no weapon. I was able to ascertain that Mark Middleton had something to do with Middleton Heat and Air. I called the company trying to find a good phone number for him but was unsuccessful. After CID and Coroner finished with the scene, we allowed Blessed Towing to leave with the vehicle and I went back into service.

Deputy Jeremy Lawson PC11

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Perry County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Lawson said in his report of Middleton's death that buckshot and a gun case were found in the dead man's car, but he found no weapon

In 1996 an investigation by the White House found that Middleton had abused his access to impress business clients and was barred from the executive mansion without senior approval.

Middleton denied the claims.

A number of Clinton's former associates have died over the years in unexpected circumstances, including deputy White House counsel Vince Foster.

His 1993 death was ruled a suicide but sparked a slew of conspiracy theories about the involvement of the Clintons.

After Epstein hanged himself while awaiting trial in 2019, Donald Trump retweeted conspiracy theories that Clinton was involved.

Others whose deaths have been linked to the Clintons without foundation have been Seth Rich, the Democratic National Committee staffer who was murdered in 2016 with no culprit having been found.

DailyMail.com has reached out to a spokeswoman for the Middleton family.

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