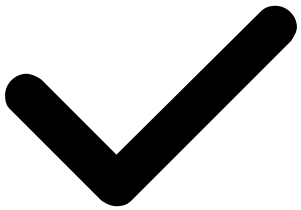
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Thames Valley Police is continuing an investigation into misconduct in public office

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On 19 February 2026, a man in his sixties from Norfolk was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office. He was interviewed under caution and released under investigation on the same

day. Two addresses, in Berkshire and in Norfolk, were searched.

Following the arrest and search activity, we have been working with the United States Department of Justice to get further information that may be related to this investigation. We have also been working with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in the United Kingdom and have sought early investigative advice from them as we would in serious, complex, or sensitive cases.

The investigation is examining a number of aspects of alleged misconduct following the release of files under the Epstein Files Transparency Act in the United States. We are also speaking with a number of witnesses, however as per national guidance we cannot confirm or deny the identities of these individuals.

Thames Valley Police Assistant Chief Constable Oliver Wright said: “Our misconduct in public office investigation is continuing. Misconduct in public office is a crime that can take different forms, making this a complex investigation.

“Our team of very experienced detectives are working meticulously through a significant amount of information that has come in from the public and other sources. We are committed to conducting a thorough investigation into all reasonable lines of enquiry, wherever they may lead.

“We encourage anyone with information to get in touch with us through the normal non-urgent contact channels, such as the Thames Valley Police online portal.

“I understand the high level of interest in this work, but please be patient as we continue to actively progress our investigation. We will provide further updates to the public and media when appropriate.”

We will continue to work with the National Police Chiefs’ Council and other police forces to coordinate the national policing response to the Epstein Files. As part of this Thames Valley Police is actively supporting national policing in contacting Epstein victims and survivors. We hope that anyone with relevant information will come forward whenever they are ready to engage with us; our door is always open.

Update on assessment

In addition to the investigation into misconduct in public office, the assessment of reports that a woman was taken to an address in Windsor in 2010 for sexual purposes is ongoing.

We have engaged with the woman’s legal representative to confirm that, should she wish to report this to police, it will be taken seriously and handled with care, sensitivity and respect for her privacy and her right for anonymity.

We recognise how difficult it can be to speak about experiences of this nature, and any contact with police will be led by her wishes, when and if she feels ready and able to do so.