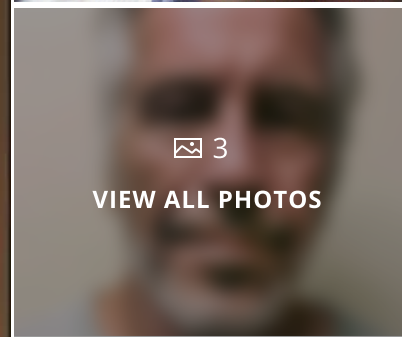


Up-and-coming model killed herself 2 years after visiting Epstein's island, documents show

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Ruslana Korshunova (AP Photo)



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WASHINGTON (TND) — An up-and-coming model killed herself two years after visiting Jeffrey Epstein's private island.

Ruslana Korshunova jumped from her ninth-floor apartment balcony in June 2008. She visited Little St. James in June 2006.

Korshunova flew to the island with Epstein and his assistant, Sarah Kellen, bodyguard, chef and a former UFC fighter on the sex offender's jet, the "Lolita Express." She was 18 years old.

Ghislaine Maxwell's sentencing judge identified Kellen as a "knowing participant in the criminal conspiracy," according to the Sun.

Korshunova killed herself after longing for her home and family and struggling with her love life, according to the New York Post.

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Her ex-boyfriend, Artem Perchenok, claimed the model "bottled up" her problems and toiled with achieving a work-life balance.

"I think she just gave up," Perchenok told the New York Post.

Less than three months before Korshunova's suicide, she shared her distress on social media.

“*“I’m so lost,” Korshunova stated. “Will I ever find myself?”*

The model reportedly joined Rose of the World after feeling hurt by her coaches and modeling gigs began drying up. Critics refer to the group as a cult for “dehumanizing” its followers and “emotional domination,” according to the Sun.

One of Epstein's accusers, Virginia Giuffre, received an email inquiry regarding her history with Korshunova at Little St. James from her legal team in 2011.

“*“I think it's a long shot you would recognize her, but read the article I attached and then look at the pictures and see if you recognize her,” attorney Brad Edwards requested.*

Giuffre never met the model.

"I am so sorry to hear the news of Ruslana, and my condolences are with her family and friends. I can say that I have never had any meetings with her, sorry not to be of any help there," the accuser responded.

Korshunova gained prominence in the modeling world after her discovery in a feature about the model's hometown of Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2003.

She looked like something out of a fairytale: talent booker Debbie Jones told British Vogue.

Korshunova became featured in ads for Marc Jacobs, DKNY, Vera Wang and Nina Ricci, the New York Times Style magazine and signed with IMG.

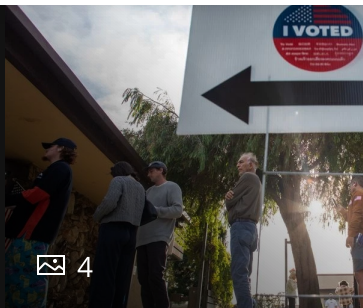
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