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# Was Ghislaine Maxwell hiding out at this \$1 million home paid for in cash?

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Before Jeffrey Epstein's confidant [Ghislaine Maxwell](#) was arrested Thursday, she was hiding out at a 156-acre property in rural New Hampshire that was paid for in cash through a limited liability company, according to federal prosecutors.

The description matches a [luxury home](#) purchased last year for \$1 million in a deal shrouded in secrecy, according to two people familiar with the transaction.

The home on East Washington Road in Bradford was bought in December through a limited liability company, Granite Reality LLC, set up the previous month, records show. The sale price was \$1,070,750.

The previous owner did not know the identity of the buyer, and neither did the previous owner's agent, according to people familiar with the transaction.

"The buyer was anonymous," a person familiar with the deal told NBC News.

"It was always this mystery woman," the person added. "I was like, 'Is she an actress?'"

The whereabouts of Maxwell, a British socialite who went into hiding after Epstein, the disgraced financier, was charged with sex trafficking last year, had remained a mystery until her Thursday arrest in the tiny rural town of about 1,600 people.



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Maxwell was charged with recruiting and grooming underage girls for Epstein, who died by suicide in 2019 while awaiting trial.

The 4,300-square-foot timber frame house sits on 156 acres of land, at the top of a half-mile driveway, making it an ideal location for someone looking to stay out of view.

“If you’re looking for a place to hide, boy, you can’t find a better one,” a person familiar with the deal said. “It’s a lovely house on a lot of turf and it’s up a driveway that’s a little bit more than half a mile long. Nobody comes up there to bug you or poke or pry.”

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The [listing for the home](#) described it as “an amazing retreat for the nature lover who also wants total privacy.” Its features include a great room “with floor to ceiling fieldstone fireplace, cathedral ceiling, and a spectacular chandelier,” as well as a “fabulous barn for square dances and hoedowns!” the listing says.

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Granite Reality, LLC, was set up by Jeffrey Roberts, a lawyer based in Boston, records show. Roberts did not return a request for comment.

Local residents said the home is one of the nicest in town.

“It’s a beautiful estate, private, with very nice mountain views,” Ann Hallahan, a local realtor who was not involved in the deal, said.

She was among a handful of residents said they never saw Maxwell in town - and had never even heard of her until Thursday’s arrest.

“There are plenty of places like this all around the country that she could have gone to,” Hallahan said.



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