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Ten Thousand Waves denies allegations of Epstein ties

Santa Fe spa refutes it provided 'off-premise house calls' to Zorro Ranch



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A Santa Fe spa and resort has denied on social media allegations it sent massage therapists to disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein's New Mexico ranch after the business appeared in various files released by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Social media users have accused Ten Thousand Waves — a Japanese-inspired resort that offers massages, hot tubs and skin care services — of sending masseuses and “supplying girls” to Zorro Ranch, a property Epstein owned in Santa Fe County.

In response, Ten Thousand Waves refuted all claims that the business was associated with Epstein in any way and said the spa has never “provided therapists for off-premises house calls,” according to a social media post from Ten Thousand Waves.

“We never tolerate any behavior that would jeopardize the health or safety of our massage therapists and guests,” according to the statement.

Sara Bean, chief operations officer for Ten Thousand Waves, said that she had known since February that the business had been mentioned in the Epstein files but it wasn’t until the end of April that there had been “less reasonable implications” toward Ten Thousand Waves.

“We don’t farm our massage therapists out to third-party locations or to other businesses," Bean told the Journal on Monday. “Our massage therapists are all independent contractors and we’re perfectly happy if they take work outside of the Waves. That’s something we encourage but we also don’t control what they do outside of the work they do here on erty.”

The Epstein files mention Ten Thousand Waves 20 times, although some of the documents are duplicates. A majority of the mentions come from FBI investigation documents and two emails from Epstein where he mentions going to the spa for a massage.

“I’m going to Ten Thousand Waves tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.,” Epstein wrote in an August 2015 email.

Another document in the files details a transcribed interview between the FBI and Epstein's former chief pilot Larry Visoski, in which he describes the scheduled massages Epstein would receive at Zorro Ranch.

“When the masseuses showed up, they were from a professional salon in Santa Fe,” asked an FBI agent. “That was called the Ten Thousand Waves; is that right?”

“I know that salon existed and it was famous for massage service, yes,” Visoski said.

In one of the documents, an FBI investigation detailed that Epstein acquired masseuses from Ten Thousand Waves or by referrals. Records state that there have been “approximately five different therapists used in the past,” though it is unclear how many, if any, worked at Ten Thousand Waves.

“We do our best to create a safe space for our massage therapists and our clients, and we have always done that,” Bean said. “We were not involved directly in providing any sort of services to Jeffrey Epstein while he was here.”

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