

EXHIBIT N-9: FBI Director Patel Congressional Epstein Testimony

1. **FBI Director Patel:** Now, I know that there's a lot of talk about Epstein, and I'm here to testify that the original sin in the Epstein case was the way it was initially brought by Mr. Acosta back in 2006. The original case involved a very limited search warrant or set of search warrants and didn't take as much investigatory material it should have seized. If I were the FBI director, then it wouldn't have happened. The search warrants were limited to small time periods to include 2002 to 2005 and 1997 to 2001. Mr. Acosta allowed Epstein to enter in 2008 to a plea and nonprosecution agreement which then the courts issued mandates and protective orders legally prohibiting anyone from ever seeing that material ever again without the permission of the court. The non-prosecution agreements also barred future prosecutions for those involved at that time of those individuals.
2. **FBI Director Patel:** Still, this administration, at the direction of President Trump, has done more to turn over all the credible information we are legally able to do so, and we will continue to work with Congress to achieve that end. Under the direction of the president, we excuse me, thank you for your support for our mission to working to jointly deliver transparency and congressional oversight to the United States.
3. **FBI Director Patel:** Lastly, I want to close with the president's initiative here in Washington DC as an example of what we're doing around the country. And I think our next city is Memphis. 21,000 arrests in DC with our federal partners. A huge decrease in violent crime. 60% decrease in gun crimes in Washington DC in the last month. 74% decrease in carjackings in Washington DC in the last month. 53% decrease in homicides in Washington DC in the last month. The drugs are disappearing. People are freely walking around the states and restoring the nation's capital to its glory.
4. **FBI Director Patel:** That work is through the inter agency process that the FBI is proud to be a part of and the initiative spearheaded by President Trump and the attorney general. And perhaps most notably for investigations in Washington itself, it was the intelligence that the FBI gathered through our source network here in DC that helped us identify the suspects in the horrific murder of the DC intern Eric Tarpinian. We're proud to be a part of that investigation. We're proud to put the resources to bear of the FBI. And in closing, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee and ranking member Durban, I'm honored to be the ninth director of the FBI. I'm not going anywhere. If you want to criticize my 16 years of service, please bring it on. Over to you.
5. **Chairman:** U I've observed uh when whether it's Republican or Democrats want a yes or no answer that the witness and the senators talking over each other. So, I thought what I'd do this time rather than have that happen, if there's something you don't get a chance to answer uh because of the demeanor of a Republican or Democrat senator before we when we get done with that uh questioner, I'd give you a chance to fill in if there's something you didn't didn't get a chance to say.
6. **Chairman:** Uh since 2019, I've sought greater transparency about Jeffrey Epstein and the government handling of the matter. I've continued to investigate during this Congress.
7. **Chairman:** Director Patel, was Jeffrey Epstein an intelligence asset for the United States government or the foreign government? And if so, which agencies or governments?
8. **FBI Director Patel:** Mr. Chairman, I can only speak to the FBI as the director of the FBI and Mr. Epstein was not a source for the FBI.
9. **Chairman:** Uh would you commit to providing my office with all classified non-classified records relating to the Epstein matter?
10. **FBI Director Patel:** I will commit to providing all records I'm legally permitted to do so under the court orders.

11. **Chairman:** Uh uh it seems to me that uh I accept your answer to my question, but the broader intelligence community ought to answer these questions as well. Uh victims deserve an answer.

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