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A 1997 photograph of Jeffrey Epstein and Donald Trump hangs June 15 in Los Angeles. Congressional Republicans released nearly 23,000 pages of documents from Epstein's estate this week, and House Democrats seized on emails mentioning Trump.

Bondi to probe Epstein ties to president's political foes

Clinton among those to be investigated at Trump's insistence

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Acceding to President Donald Trump's demands, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said Friday she ordered a top federal prosecutor to investigate sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's ties to Trump political foes, including former President Bill Clinton.

Bondi posted on social media

that she assigned Manhattan U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton to lead the probe, capping an eventful week in which congressional Republicans released nearly 23,000 pages of documents from Epstein's estate and House Democrats seized on emails mentioning Trump.

Trump, who was friends with Epstein for years, didn't explain what supposed crimes he wanted the Justice Department



Clinton



Bondi

to investigate. None of the men he mentioned in a social media post demanding the probe has been accused of sexual misconduct by Epstein's victims.

Hours before Bondi's announcement, Trump posted on his Truth Social platform that he would ask her, the Justice Department and the FBI to investigate Epstein's "involvement and relationship" with Clinton and others, including former Treas-

ury Secretary Larry Summers and LinkedIn founder and Democratic donor Reid Hoffman.

Trump, calling the matter "the Epstein Hoax, involving Democrats, not Republicans," said the investigation should also include financial giant JPMorgan Chase, which provided banking services to Epstein, and "many other people and institutions."

"This is another Russia, Russia, Russia Scam, with all arrows pointing to the Democrats," the Republican president wrote, referring to special counsel Robert

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COLONIAL PARKWAY MURDERS

Police link killer to another cold case

VSP announces DNA evidence ties Wilmer to the killing of Powell

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Virginia State Police on Friday announced that investigators had solved a decades-old cold case, linking the 1988 murder of Laurie Powell to several of the so-called Colonial Parkway

murders.

Police in January 2024 said Alan Wilmer Sr. of Lancaster County — who died in December 2017 — had been decisively connected via DNA evidence to the 1987 killings of David Knobling and Robin Edwards, and was a suspect in the 1989 death of Teresa How-



Powell



Wilmer

ell. Those three deaths, along with six still unsolved murders, became known as the Colonial Parkway murders because of their proximity to the highway.

"If Wilmer were alive today, he would be charged with Powell's homicide," VSP spokesperson Robin Lawson said during a

Friday morning news conference in Suffolk. She thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Hampton Police Department for their help in closing the case.

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UVA PRESIDENT

Youngkin rebukes Spanberger over letter

He cites 'breach of protocol' over call to delay search

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In a sharply worded letter, Gov. Glenn Youngkin rebuked Gov.-elect Abigail Spanberger for calling on the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors to pause the selection of its new president.

Youngkin asserted Thursday night that Spanberger's letter to the leaders of UVA's board was an ill-informed "breach of protocol" and he underscored that Virginia has one governor at a time.

On Friday, UVA's former

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BON AIR

Juvenile jail guard gets plea deal

He avoids prison time, accepts charge for sexual battery

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Earlier this year, Chesterfield police arrested a longtime guard at Virginia's sole juvenile prison. Prosecutors later charged Cedric Alonzo Thomas, 60, with sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl whom he was tasked with protecting.

During the course of the investigation, law enforcement discovered Thomas had two other relationships with inmates and had conceived a child with one after she turned 18 and had been



Thomas

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