

Hunt for proof of Epstein's crimes turns to '*paedophile* island' after FBI *raid*

FBI investigators yesterday raided Jeffrey Epstein's private *hideaway* in the US Virgin Islands.

paedophile 恋童癖

raid 突袭; 搜捕

hideaway 隐匿处

vow 发誓

Despite the disgraced financier's suicide on the weekend, Attorney General William Barr has *vowed* to continue the federal sex-*trafficking* case against him and "any co-*conspirators*".

traffic 交易; 买卖

conspirator 同谋者; 反叛者

Little St James Island has gained a variety of *sinister* nicknames over the years, including 'Paedophile Island' and '*Orgy* Island.'

sinister 阴险的; 凶兆的

orgy 狂欢; 放荡

He purchased the island in 1998 for \$7.95 million, and his 75-acre property there is now ringed with *towering* 40ft *palm* trees, dotted with large *parrot* structures, and protected by security guards.

towering 高耸的; 卓越的

palm 手掌; 棕榈树

parrot 鹦鹉

villas 别墅

The billionaire built roads, *villas*, and a mysterious white square *edifice* that looked like a temple with a golden dome.

edifice 大厦

ferry 渡口; 摆渡

One former employee said Epstein once had a large *ferry* in which he transported up to 200 workers from the larger island of St Thomas to his island every day for construction work.

Another former worker told Bloomberg he saw women sunbathing naked and there was a "**zen**-like" atmosphere.

zen 禅宗

There was also a **steel safe** in the main house, with such a high level of security it was suggested the lock box "contained more than just money."

steel safe 保险箱

Epstein's stone mansion on the island has cream walls and a bright **turquoise** roof. Nearby is a maids' quarters.

turquoise 蓝绿色

One alleged Epstein victim has claimed to have seen former US President Bill Clinton on the island.

A Clinton spokesman has issued a statement saying he never visited there.