

Escape Artist Michael Griffin, Only Known Noose Hanging Survivor, Doubts Epstein Hanging Story

Greatest Living Escape Artist Speaks From Firsthand Experience Surviving A Noose Hanging: I Don't Think Epstein Died By Hanging



Columbus, Ohio Feb 27, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Michael Griffin, a two-time World Magic Award-winning escape artist known for extreme restraint escapes, is offering firsthand experiential insight as public discussion continues surrounding the 2019 death of [Jeffrey Epstein](#), which was officially ruled a suicide by hanging by the New York City medical examiner.

Griffin is the only living person to have survived a [historically accurate noose hanging](#) from the back of a horse while his hands were secured behind his back twice; a configuration modeled after 19th-century execution methods.

"Based on the pictures I have seen purporting to be Epstein after the alleged hanging, I do not believe that was a hanging; the marks are all wrong."

"I am not a forensic pathologist, and I respect the official ruling made by authorities," Griffin said. "I am speaking strictly from lived experience. I know what it feels like to have a noose compress the neck under full body weight. I know how rope tension behaves when gravity is involved. And I know what the marks look like in the days afterward."

Griffin's comments focus on biomechanics rather than legal conclusions.

"In vertical suspension, tension typically pulls upward toward the anchor point," he said. "From publicly discussed descriptions and images that have circulated in media commentary, I understand why some observers have questions. My perspective is based solely on what I have personally experienced surviving full noose compression. And because of that I call BS on these pics showing the marks on Epstein's neck "

Epstein's death at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York in 2019 has remained the subject of continued public conversation, media analysis, and online forensic debate.

Griffin emphasized that he is not alleging misconduct or presenting new evidence.

"I am not offering a medical conclusion," he said. "I am offering perspective from someone who has physically endured a noose under vertical load and survived. Rope mechanics are not intuitive to most people. They are very specific."

A Unique Biomechanical Perspective

Griffin's survival stunt involved:

- A 13-knot noose configuration
- Hands secured behind the back
- Suspension from the rear of a moving horse
- Full neck compression under body weight

The event was documented and photographed, with visible ligature marks that remained for days.

His professional background includes high-risk escapes from airtight enclosures, police restraints, chains, and straitjackets, and he is the only two-time winner of TV's World Magic Awards for Best Escape Artist.

Respect for Official Findings

Griffin reiterated that official determinations regarding Epstein's death were made by licensed medical

authorities.

“My comments are not an accusation,” he said. “They are experiential. When the public discusses ligature direction or tension angles, I can speak to that because I have lived through it.”

He is available for media interviews focused on biomechanics, rope compression, and how vertical suspension affects the human body.

WHO: Michael Griffin — Two-Time World Magic Award Winner and Noose Hanging Survivor

WHAT: Experiential commentary on ligature mechanics amid ongoing public discussion surrounding the Jeffrey Epstein case

WHEN: Available immediately for interviews

WHERE: National media appearances and studio discussions

WHY: To provide firsthand biomechanical insight into noose suspension and ligature pattern formation

About Michael Griffin

Michael Griffin is a two-time World Magic Award-winning escape artist known for pushing the boundaries of what’s possible. From breaking out of handcuffs and straitjackets to surviving dangerous stunts, to maintaining a \$100,000 challenge worldwide to anyone who can keep him prisoner. Griffin has performed his astonishing feats around the world. His show, *Weird Things*, blends magic, comedy, and danger into an experience unlike any other.



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