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Britain's Prince Andrew has "categorically" denied having any sexual contact with an American woman, who says she was forced to have sex with him aged 17. Answering questions about his links to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein in a BBC interview broadcast on Saturday night, Prince Andrew said the alleged incidents "never happened". Virginia Giuffre, one of Epstein's accusers, claimed she was forced to have sex with the prince three times. The prince said he was at home with his children on one of the occasions. Prince Andrew, 49, who is Queen Elizabeth's third child, has been facing questions for several months over his ties to Epstein, a 66-year-old American financier who took his own life while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges. Virginia Giuffre - then called Virginia Roberts - has said she was forced to have sex with Prince Andrew between 2001 - when she was 17 - and 2002, in London, New York and Epstein's private island in the US Virgin Islands. Speaking to BBC news programme Newsnight reporter Emily Maitlis, the prince said: "It didn't happen. I can absolutely categorically tell you it never happened." "I have no recollection of ever meeting this lady, none whatsoever." He said Ms Giuffre's account of him "profusely sweating" and "pouring with perspiration" when they danced at the club on the night in 2001 when she says they first had sex was impossible, because he had a medical condition preventing him from perspiring.

OPS: Prince Andrew interviewed by the BBC's Emily Maitlis at Buckingham Palace on November 14 and broadcast in full November 16

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