



EPISODE 46: Dick and Jim Strike Again...But Will Their Scheme Work?

Liz Farrell 00:03

Happy Tuesday everyone. This is Liz. I'm filling in for Mandy, who is literally making her way back to South Carolina as we speak. And we have a really great episode for you today. So I think it's safe to say that we're officially back in crazy town where Alex Murdaugh is the Mad King and every day is now being spent having to talk about him and his nonsense again, these past two weeks. It's been one thing after the other with him and his team of Esquire's, but I have to say this time feels a little different. On today's episode, we break down Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin's latest strategy, which is a motion for new trial, which they're basing on serious allegations that Collington county clerk of court Becky Hill tampered with the jury that found Ella guilty of murdering Maggie and Paul, we cover a lot of ground in this episode, including what a clerk of court does, what the accusations against Becky look like, and whether we think this might be the one time Dick and Jim see a win. For premium members. We've included a conversation about what it was like working with Becky Hill during the murder trial last winter, and our observations about her behavior. Needless to say, we are disgusted by this latest performance in Alex. Ongoing never ending circus and we're rightfully and righteously suspicious of the claims these two jurors have made against Becky, if the allegations proved to be true, then there should be consequences for Becky. But if the allegations don't prove to be true, then there better be consequences for Dick and Jim because enough is enough. All right. Let's get into it. What's up guys? How are you doing?

Mandy Matney 01:47

Cups up.

Liz Farrell 01:48



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I'm gonna have a sip right now because I'm in there's no alcohol on this, but I feel like I need a drink and I don't usually feel like I need a drink. I think Dick and Jim are driving me to at least some sort of desire to drink I haven't drank yet. But enough so we have a lot to talk about today obviously with what happened this past week and I just before we get started I want to say that I've seen a lot of things in my career. And a lot of them are Murdaugh related where you're just like I cannot believe this happens or this is happening and how do I explain this to people? How do I even articulate what's happening and it is so comforting that the entire world is getting to see how these people operate and just how lowdown and dirty they are. So Mandy, I'm going to start with you. When we heard that there was something going on in our wildest dreams we did not think they would come for Becky but obviously they've come for decades so what are some of your initial thoughts upon hearing this

Mandy Matney 02:47

so I've been in Europe for the past two weeks I'll start preface with that because I not to be like oh I've been in Europe but like I've been running around like it's been actually the this is the best possible time that this could have happened for me because otherwise I would be in your position just like flustered and annoyed and just super angry but like I was helping my friend get ready for wedding when like going down so I had just a million things going on. And I am horrified by the entire thing I don't know. I don't know what the word is beyond the audacity but we're there like it is the goal, the disgust and How dare them. We heard a couple of weeks ago that there was going to be things going on with Dick and Jim and making accusations about the jury. And I always thought that it was going to be just not this because Becky Hill was the one person who was really really nice to all of these people who are



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involved in this and she was a lot nicer than I could ever that I could ever be and this is another lesson that's like this is what happens when you play nice with the bad guys like you will get they will slaughter you too. And not to say that this is Becky's fault by any means but they are destroying her career here and they are making bombshell wildly surprising accusations with again, such little credibility to go off of we have to like that's where I started when somebody said that a motion was filed by Dick and Jim and they were accusing Becky of all of this misconduct. My first response was like why do we believe in Dick and Jim now and that's where I'm at and after really going through again and the cab on the way here piecing apart a little that I could I don't see that they have the credibility to back this up. What do you think Eric?

Eric Bland 04:58

Well, these are very serious allegations, you know, as I said, from the start, the system has to work for the worst of us. So it works for the rest of us. And certainly Alex is the worst of the worst. And I wouldn't want him to a trial and an outcome that didn't afford him with all of his constitutional rights and his rights granted under the law. That's the beauty of our system. By the same token, these are troubling allegations. And if true, they have to be dealt with. And that's the question of how are they going to be dealt with at a minimum, there is going to be an investigation. At a minimum, I do expect that the appellate court will defer back to the lower court, but so much has been advanced by Harpootlian and more so than Jim, that it really complicates the procedure. And that is they seem to have tried to conflict out Judge Newman even before this got back to him by saying he's a witness who is heard, or saw Becky talking to the juror or jurors, and therefore he wouldn't be able to hear it. And I fully expected we're going to hear about his Today Show Interview. I would have hoped that



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Becky was going to wait to write her book until the appeal process ended. I haven't read her book, but um, I'm told that she has disclosed some things that happened in camera that does bother me because stuff that happens in camera should stay in camera.

Liz Farrell 06:23

However, we'll explain. Can you err, can you explain for people what that means? Like what specifically you're talking about when you say that there

Eric Bland 06:28

were situations when Judge Newman was talking to some of the jurors that he brought them back in chambers? It was not in the presence of the jury. It was not in the presence of any of us in the audience. It was back in chambers, and that's called in camera meaning in private,

Liz Farrell 06:45

and when that'd be public information, though. No, not

Eric Bland 06:48

necessarily. Some of that can be not put on disclosed court record by the judge, he does have that discretion. So I don't like that aspect of it. But the fact that she wrote a book, you know, it's her choice. What bothers me is the genesis of this came from the egg juror. So all this was spawned from the egg juror and her affidavit. Now, I do realize that they do have an affidavit from an existing juror, what does concern me is I don't want a system where jurors make a collective decision, and then vote guilty, then are individually polled, where the judge asked them is this your true and just verdict without duress or coercion? And they say it is. And then three months later, whether it's because of



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external pressure they're getting from their community or external pressure from the defense, they start to change their mind and say things that they could have said at the time. Remember, there's a four person and that four person has an obligation to communicate with the judge, either orally by asking to meet with the judge, or through notes, and none of this took place. Now, what happens if there's 10 jurors that disagree with the two that obviously have given affidavits? I don't put any way to Holly Miller's affidavit, not because she's not credible, but because under the law, it's hearsay, and all she's doing is giving her recollection of conversations that she had. So that affidavit is worthless. So we're focusing on are the two filed affidavits? What if we have eight or nine or 10 jurors who say it categorically did not happen? What happens then? I don't think you get a new trial. under that circumstances, I think you're going to have to have five or six jurors talk about what Becky may or may not have done or may or may not have said. And then there's going to have to be the question, although it's not the ultimate question is did that have an effect on a verdict whatsoever? I mean, I can't believe that 12 People would convict somebody of murder simply because of what the clerk of court may have said in passing. Well, especially not in three hours, right. I'm not going to reveal the attorney client privilege that I have with my two juror clients. But I'm confident that when they testify under oath, they are going to disagree with what Dick Harpootlian said at the microphone.

Liz Farrell 08:59

So there's a lot here. One thing I will say when you read the motion, it's obviously very strongly worded and worded in the most favorable light to the defendants. After reading that motion. You cannot walk away from that without thinking we're going to have a new trial because you



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look at that, and you say these are horrible accusations, but they are huge breaches of her crossing the boundary. And obviously Becky Hill is a different type of clerk of court. Eric, will you tell us just a little bit about what a clerk of court does and what that expectation so we can understand where the line is like how what they're actually accusing her of doing in terms of overstepping that boundary. Sure.

Eric Bland 09:37

She is so much more than how Dick described her from the microphone. She's not just ordering food and making travel arrangements. That was demeaning. It's similar to the people who call Gloria Satterfield just a housekeeper. She is the person at the court that makes it run. She receives all filings. She manages the court file. She manages evidence she marshals it, she keeps it secure. She deals with the bailiff, she interfaces with those that are going to be participants. She issues subpoenas, sometimes she completely schedules everything. So she is a coordinator. She is not someone, though, that is entitled to give instructions to a jury. She can give ministerial instructions to the jury about when to show up about what we were dealing with issues of medical appointments and communicating with the judge on behalf of jurors, she does a tremendous amount, including the court staff and court reporters. By the same token, though the judge owns the trial, and he owns the jury, and they can only take direction from the judge. She can't instruct the jury on who to believe what is credible, what is not credible, what evidence is good, what evidence is not good. How you're supposed to receive testimony, however, there's a gray area, if there's a juror who's upset, she can calm that juror down, she can say to the jury, look, I want you to take a deep breath, I want you to go back in there, state your position. Those things are appropriate, but they're Gray, she starts to cross the line. And what



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we don't want is for her to impart any of her opinion, she cannot communicate her opinions of which side is more credible, what evidence is more probative, what is good, what is right, what is wrong. So these allegations you are right are very, very serious because she has invaded the jury room. Now I look the cigarette stuff. There's no constitutional right to a cigarette. But I do understand that some people equate it with well, it's like telling somebody they can't go to the bathroom in jury deliberations that their need for nicotine is so powerful, that they'll do anything just to get the cigarette meaning they will make a decision quicker

Liz Farrell 12:03

and meaning put a man behind bars for the rest of his life because they can't get a cigarette in three hours. Is that what you're saying?

Eric Bland 12:10

I disagree with that. But I was just on a news nation interview and the person who interviewed me took umbrage with how I equated the cigarettes is not that serious of an issue. She says it's the rest. It's coercing somebody. She said that her rumors are that Becky told the jury and told some people that there will be a verdict tomorrow that she met alone with the four person in a bathroom. So all these are very, very serious allegations, she can only meet collectively with all the jurors, you can't start separating them out. So there needs to be an investigation. It needs to be open and obvious. My two jurors are going to sit and be interviewed by SLED, I'm just a buffer for that. I'm trying to keep the defense away from them from intimidating them or anybody in their community or the media, getting to know them and just to be a buffer. And the only reason I got involved is because I was disgusted. When Harpootlian said to the jurors on Tuesday, you all better lawyer



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up. I mean, come on, man, these people gave six and a half, seven weeks of their life. And now all of a sudden, they gotta go start spending money for lawyers. So I offered to represent any juror who needed representation or felt that they did or felt that they needed a buffer for free.

Liz Farrell 13:25

Nice. Mandy, are you at all concerned that some of this might be true? Yeah, of

Mandy Matney 13:30

course. And I was a little I was torn and a little Becky having a book was a little weird to me. But this whole thing has been weird. I mean, it's not like we have any playbook to go off of it's not like anybody has ever been in anything anywhere close to this. But my thing, again, is just that Dick and Jim would at this point would do anything for Alex Murdaugh. And we've seen that over and over, we've seen the lies and the lies and the lies. And we have seen the lengths that these guys will go to, for this murder and, and not even in removing him being a murderer. He's stolen from a lot of people. He is a bad person I across the board, and the links that they have gone to has been wildly concerning and way beyond what a lawyer should be doing for their client, a lawyer fighting for their client, like we passed that a long time ago. And again, like I was just starting to think of the lies and Oh, remember when these guys told us that there was an assailant who was shooting and Alex Murdaugh on the side of the road and remember when these guys said that there was evidence that Paul wasn't driving the boat, in the boat crash all of these things. So that's where I'm coming from. And



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Eric Bland 14:50

remember, Jim said that he wasn't at the kennels and

Mandy Matney 14:53

now that in that solid alibi, there was a rock solid alibi and alibi thing after thing after thing that these guys Is it's you just have to approach it very, very differently than anybody else. And so people I'm seeing things on Twitter from people saying things like, Well, how could this person line how could that hurt like that would be a lot of people lying and it's like you don't understand Dick and Jim and you don't understand this beast that they are working for. And you don't understand the power that the Murdaughs still have in this area and how terrified people are of them. And I also saw a lot of chatter about people saying like, Haha, there apparently is only six lawyers in South Carolina. No, it's ironic that like Eric and Justin are representing jurors and Becky Hill, and people do not understand how scared people in Walterboro are and how few lawyers that they can actually trust. In this game. Let

Eric Bland 15:50

me address that Mandy. I am representing these jurors because it's consistent with everything that I've done to date, and that is, from day one. I've represented only the victims of Alex Myrdal, seven of them. From day one, I've supported the prosecution's case and during the trial, I was one of the few voices who got on TV to contradict Sara Ziri, Joma kala Marquis Geragos. Now I'm representing victims who are being jurors who are being attacked by Dick Harpootlian, my position has been consistent. Joe McCall, his position can be construed as being inconsistent because he represented Connor cook against Alex Murdaugh. During the trial, he took notes every single day and conferred with the defense. Now he's representing two jurors, who are



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maybe siding with Alex Murdaugh, one of the troubling things that I'm starting to see is there's a relaxation of Alex Murdaugh in the sense that people are starting to say, Well, maybe he was convicted because of the financial crimes that the trial was about the financial crimes and so very little about the murders. What Come on, man that financial crimes were only a week, the entire murder of all the technology of all the, the what happened at the scene in the phone mapping. That was six weeks. And, you know, if we were to all three of us were to go out and and sit at a stoplight and watch an accident. And three months later, we were asked to say exactly what happened. The three of us may have different recollections, it's our truth, we may see it the way we wanted to see it, or we thought that we wanted to see it, or we're being suggested how we should see it. It happens all the time. And so now three months, four months later, we're asking jurors to remember conversations and stuff gets compressed together, it's so difficult to do. And I'm worried that decisions are going to be made, not based on what happened at the trial. But based on what people's memories are now,

Mandy Matney 17:59

yeah, I want to hear Liz's opinions. But I just want to say something really quick on that is that like something that we've known all along. And a basic thing in criminal trials is that the further that you get out from a situation, when there's witnesses, the better it is for the defense because like Eric said, it's very, very difficult. And that's one for people to remember exact moments in time, the more time that passes, especially with something as compact and complex and emotional as this trial was. And it raises my suspicions even more that they didn't get this thing going back in May back in April. And that's it's just again, it's another red flag for me. So what are the red flags? You're seeing lists?



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Liz Farrell 18:48

So I'll talk first about the one that really concerns me, which is that Becky Hill came up under the 14th circuit. So she worked for Judge Perry Buckner, who, as we know is one of the judges who has had to recuse himself because of how close he was to the Murdaugh family and to PMP D. And in fact, Judge Bruckner's practice was apparently sold to PMP D before he became a judge or around that same time that he became a judge plus his office building his office building. Yeah. So that's a system that Becky came up under. And it's a system that we know from not just lore, but from actual examples of what gets done. This is a this is a place where the relationship with the jury is incredibly important, right? And the Murdaughs have had have been accused many times of exploiting that relationship with their juries and the people of Hampton County and in fact, Eric, you're quoted and Becky's book as saying that one of the things that the Murdaughs did was ingratiate themselves to the community by paying for funerals, doing just what might be random acts of kindness but very significant acts of kindness for people of a certain income. So this is this is what she sees. So I As a clerk of court, I wonder, I worry does she think that this is like a normal thing to do? The second thing that concerns me is Joe McCullough, actually, from what I understand, and I don't saw like I seen the receipts on this. But the night of there were two parties. There was one that occurred at the Wall Street Journal reporters, Airbnb, where Becky attended with a bunch of media, apparently. And then there was they, what they called What to me was referred to as Becky's birthday party, and that was being held at the Wildlife Center. So I was we went to that you and I went to that we went to that exactly. You and I, and I, you know, immediately was told that Joe McCullough was paying for everything, which is why I didn't drink. So I had water, which I normally do anyway. But one of the things in journalism that I cannot



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get out of my head is that you just don't take favors from people. Like I just didn't want to be seen, like having his alcohol, eating his tacos, just like so I just went there to say hi to people, but like I said, like, let's not skip over that. Joe McColloch allegedly paid for that party for Becky Hill. So you have this attorney, Joe McColloch. I'm not sure why you need to be there every day for six weeks. That's a long time to take out of your own practice, I would assume now becoming the attorney for two of the jurors. And somebody on Twitter asked me like, so what like, what, what is the big deal about that? And I think it's just one and going back to. It's not like an alligator at the pool party. But kind of like you. Becky might not have known that this person was there for other reasons, not just to enjoy the pool, but to eat the guests. You know what I mean? So that that's one of the things that worries me. Another thing though, what do we call like red flags that are actually positive? Like gold flags? I don't know. But I'm happy flags, green flags, green flags, right. Okay, so a green flag for me right now would be that Judge Newman did pull the jury so each individual member attested to their decision. I do not believe in a world where somebody feels pressured after six week trial to come to a conclusion within three hours. I feel like those are your true and honest beliefs about what you saw over this past six weeks. I don't believe that. Juror 630 can say that she felt pressured to vote this way. And if she did, and this is the thing, so I don't believe that she could feel pressure to vote this way, within three hours. However, let's just pretend that she felt pressured. You're telling me that you're the kind of person who would send a man who you think in your heart didn't do the crime after taking this oath after serving faithfully and dutifully on this jury, you're cool with sending a man to prison for the rest of his life. This man whose family sat in the courtroom day after day after day, you're cool with a three hour deliberation and you changing your vote, allegedly, whatever you want to try to say you're dead, automatically, that person



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is not a credible person to me. Because of that. I don't want to hear from the kind of person who would change their vote about sending a man now labeling a man a murderer. Like it's not credible to me. So back to what I was saying earlier, though, the motion is incredibly serious. You read it, you walk away from it, you're like, Oh, my God, I'm going to be sitting in this trial for another six weeks is going to be worse than before. This is like Jaws to I don't want to see this eagle. I already know the sharks in the water. Like, I don't need to see this the sequel. But you start to look at the attachments, the affidavits and you realize that at least one of them is from Holly Miller who is Dick's paralegal. One of them is from Phil Barber. There's it's sort of padded with other things. But the longest one is from juror 785, who is what we call the egg lady or the monkey farmer. And that's a person who is just not credible. And and Dick and Jim seem to rely, I mean, their press conference. Guys, can we talk about that for a little bit? Yes,

Eric Bland 23:58

I want to I want to just

Liz Farrell 24:01

say like, I want to say something that I'm gonna regret saying. And it's not that I believe that these men are geniuses I don't. But what they're doing right now is brilliant. Because they control the narrative. They have controlled this narrative. You're absolutely right. They've controlled this narrative. But beyond that they like they are still for some reason able to say things as if what they're saying is the truth. And if you watch after their press conference, you can see the media talking with them and getting further quotes. And even though John Munk did ask them during it, because one of their their assertions is that Becky did this for this is the motivation, right? Becky did this for fame and money and for



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this book deal that she had. So John monk pointed out like, Well, I wouldn't call self publishing a book a book deal. And it had this press conference, like allowed Dick to be the fullest form of his first name, because he's like, Well, I'm not writing book reviews, but it wasn't very well written. And maybe this was part of our scheme. I can't speak to just because their scheme wasn't successful in any way. Were there any how I like oh, yeah, press conference, too. It was very hard for me to watch the press conference because I don't want to hear from these people. I don't want to look at Phil Barber. I don't want to look at Dick Harper. Julian, though. Kudos to him for getting bigger sunglasses. And definitely, you know, not not trying to see these people again. So thoughts, Eric, what did you What did you What were your impressions of this press conference?

Eric Bland 25:19

One, I don't think it was proper, because it wasn't in response to anything that the Ag did said or filed. This was their own filing. And then to do it with a press conference, implicates the Rules of Professional Conduct and pretrial publicity. It was designed to shape the public to mold the public to move the public in a certain way to be more disposed to Alex who and in no other situation, would anybody be disposed to him that so they accomplish that, too, I thought he crossed the line when he talked about judging him and that was highly inappropriate to say that Judge Newman was a witness and probably wouldn't hear this. I think if Becky Hill survives this, she has the best case of defamation against Deckard Paiute land that I have ever seen. He is not privileged in what he said, lawyers are privileged to say anything we want when there's a court reporter in the courtroom, I can say anything I want and be immune from it. When I file a document with the court, I can basically say anything I want and be immune, but I



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am now at the microphone. That is not a judicial proceeding. I have no privilege. And I've heard somebody say, well, Dick had the right to do that. Because he got affidavits from jurors, well, if you get affidavits that are false, that have falsely accused somebody of a crime. You just can't go out and republish that. And that is what Dick did. I think this whole thing has been orchestrated guys, since the summer, I think when the unleashing of the Buster documentary on Fox nation was intentionally released at that time. I think the podcast that Jim Griffin and Sarah Ziri did discussing the juror issues before there was a filing before there was a press conference was done. I think this press conference was done. At this time. Don't forget, Alex is pleading guilty on September 21. And so let me tell you what chessboard exists right now, Dick is hopeful that they're going to reverse and remand for a new trial. Therefore, Alex is no longer a convicted criminal of anything. He's going to play him guilty on September 21, to the financial crimes, within five months, there's going to be a pre sentence report by probation and parole, and they don't care if they give Alex 40 years, he's going to now go from state prison to federal prison. And he's going to serve all those 40 years. Remember, the new murder trial, if there is one won't be till the fall of 2020. For the state court, Financial Crimes won't be to the fall of 2024 or later. So they want to load Alex up with federal court time. So he goes and serves in in federal prison, if he gets 30 years, that's going to be a life sentence because nobody lives in prison. Basically, after 75 Because of the health care and food, he will only begin serving state time once the federal time runs out. So Dick Harpootlian's goal here is to get him a new trial, which gets him from state prison to federal prison. That's all this is about. Alex, we'll never get a breath of fresh air to our listeners here. Take a collective deep breath, Alex will never get a fresh breath of air outside of prison. He hasn't had one. It's not going to happen. The



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question is, is he going to serve his time for murder? Or financial crimes? And will he serve it in a state prison or federal prison?

Liz Farrell 29:02

So maybe I have a question for you. Are you do you think that this was a smart move by Dick and Jim?

Mandy Matney 29:07

Yeah. And I'll tell you why. And this is what makes me really, really angry at the core of all of this is that Alex Murdaugh became Alex Murdaugh, because he grew up in the land of no consequences. He grew up in this world where people like him, lawyers like him, could get away with literally anything and he thought he could get away with murder. That is a true statement. And now we have these other lawyers, Dick and gem making these absolutely horrifying allegations in making again people question our justice system, people question judge Newman's integrity, Becky hills, integrity, all of the jurors who served there six weeks, a long time of their lives, their integrity, politics, county and general all of this makes it makes the AGs office look bad. But people from the outside world see all of this as well, a lawyer would not lawyers would not go out of their way to make insane there has to be some truth to it because a lawyer would not do something like that. And this is Dick and Jim in the land of no consequences. They've had no consequences so far from everything that they have done everything that they've done all of the crazy accusations they've made about you they've made about our podcasting, and how much how many, they've spread lies about us before too. And the ODC has done absolutely nothing, nothing, zilch. Nothing. And so and people are saying, would, would anybody really sign an affidavit? If it wasn't true in the land of no



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consequences? They would? Absolutely. Because so far, this has just been a free for all. And anybody can say anything

Eric Bland 30:54

in the egg jurors pissed, Mandy, the egg jurors pissed. She's mad, right.

Mandy Matney 30:59

And she has zero credibility, she was taken off a jury, zero credibility. Because of that Judge Newman decided that she didn't have credibility and Judge Newman decided that she could not make a right decision for the court. And that is the bulk of their motion in another reason. So going back, I think it is smart what they're doing, because nobody has showed them otherwise. Nobody is nobody has stopped them so far. So might as well they could just do this and just keep it going at this point. Right before this happened. Jim did something horrible with he got in trouble with the Fox News doc, or was supposed to get in trouble. There's he didn't get in trouble. He never gets in trouble for anything. And that was just days before all of this happened. And so

Eric Bland 31:48

can you imagine if I did that? Yeah, if I did that, Mandy, you know, I get reported every addict twice already.

Mandy Matney 31:54

And my attorney friends, Nami attorney, friends would immediately be in and they would be terrified to make any moves from that moment on because they would know that the ODC would be after them, but not Dick and Jim, the ODC apparently has given them a green flag to do anything that they've wanted. And I'm so tired of it and attire, and I'm also tired of the media in the way that again, this has just been a



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complete circus in the last two weeks as if, and it's funny how all this happened right around Labor Day weekend, like, Oh, guys, remember two years ago when these same fools were telling us to look for a random guy who shot Alex Murdaugh on the side of the road? Like did we all forget that that happened? Like, come on in nobody's waking up and nobody is even even like the headlines. Even the way that Dickens Jim's story is still presented. They do not deserve it. And the media has got to wake up and realize that they're being used in all of this.

Liz Farrell 32:54

I had to laugh because did you guys see that the state newspaper wrote a story about how rare it is for new trials to be granted because of jury tampering. And I knew before I even clicked on the story. I was like, I bet you that this is Jack swirling and I clicked on it and that is the lawyer that they quoted throughout is Jack swirling. Who is Deckard? booleans former law partner but his current friend which they do mention that their friends, you know who

Eric Bland 33:23

let's talk one second. Will Lois is representing Becky Hill with Justin Bamber will Lewis his mother is Mary Lewis, a federal judge Decart Boolean got, Mary Lou is basically appointed put him up during the Obama years to get get her appointed. His best friend was Ken Lewis, which is we'll lose his father who passed away in 2014, or 15, I think, fabulous lawyer. It's just all so unbelievable the connection of everybody in this case, it just really is. When

Mandy Matney 34:02

we're talking about the circles and how tight they are. i We gotta go back and talk about Joe Mercola for a minute because Joe McCall is



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presence. And all of this has bothered Liz and I have for a very long time. We have been skeptical of him from day one, because from the day that he entered and started representing Connor cook. We started getting all these tips and all of these messages, you know that he eats lunch with Dick every Thursday, you know that they're seen around town doing this through their besties it's like a fact that they're besties and I have been watching him very closely in the last couple years. He's he has he contacted me to come on the podcast originally years ago. Yeah, literally years ago at this point. And I there was a lot going on. I just never called him back and I was always just kind of weird of him just inserting himself in always being in front and center of the limelight and any chance that he could. And during the trial, Liz and I were like, huh, Joe Mercola and his big giant white hair every day. Sam front and center, right for the camera, and he had a media badge. Becky Hill was nice enough to get that man a media badge. Why did he have a media badge? For who was he working for? What? No, Becky was probably just being nice. And now I really am angry about the whole and again with Joe McCullough, we were the only media that ever was relatively skeptical when they everybody else just took his word as gospel. And hardly ever pointed out the fact that Joe and Deke were besties I've can't remember really seeing that many places. And it's like, no, that's a big part of this. And we also have to consider like the Murdaughs have all been playing from the same playbook for a very long time and one of their biggest moves is putting a lawyer on the other side as a plant. So are we surprised that Yama cola was representing the ager and he's in the middle of all of this on the Murdaugh side? Absolutely not but got it it again, it makes me so angry because why wouldn't he of course he would Lana no consequences might as well do something. Keep getting your name out there, keep doing your best T Dec a solid and get a little bit more fun. And one more thing I have to say. I'm really,



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really tired of the whole everybody else besides Dick and Jim are doing this for money and fame. I mean, they what are they doing this for money and fame report or covering up for Alex Murdaugh. We don't know what they're we don't know why they're doing it at this point. But for them, they've accused us of doing this for money and fame. They've accused everybody else in the entire Murdaugh universe of just only being an including Becky Hill. Now she's on that list of only being in this for money and fame. And it's disgusting because it takes one to know one.

Liz Farrell 37:07

So it is funny that they are accusing Becky of trying to go after fame and money. And I know that there's they're capitalizing also on sort of this, because she was on Orthodox and something that we weren't used to as a media.

Eric Bland 37:22

What do you mean by unorthodox she was she was kind she was she was

Liz Farrell 37:27

kind verbal polites very country very welcoming. And she wasn't she didn't bristle at the idea of media being there. She didn't bristle at people asking her things. That's and that's kind of what we're used to, I would say. So when I say unorthodox is probably you're right, Eric, that's probably not the best word for that. But unusual, pleasantly surprised that she was unusual. So the media sort of could note that take note of the fact that oh, she's, you know, in a good mood and laughing and having a good time doing her job and doesn't hate us. And yeah, that's weird that she's writing a book. I don't know about that. But so I think



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it's sort of easy for media. Now reading this to picture Becky having these sort of casual, unprofessional type, maybe conversations with the jurors. And so Dick and Jim are really capitalizing, I think on that. The second thing is, I wasn't aware of this, I knew that Becky was under an ethics investigation for her book, I was not aware that she went to the Ethics Commission prior to writing the book to get permission, basically, I shouldn't say permission, I don't think they can grant permission, but to sort of weigh in and get their their thoughts on it. And one of the things they they came back with was that it can't be something that, you know, we would pay you to do otherwise meaning like writing a book is not part of her job as a clerk of court. So obviously, it doesn't conflict in that way. But there were two other things, which is one of them, I believe, was like she is using information that she would only have been privy to as a result of her job. Obviously, that's true of the book. Right. So one of the things that Dickon Jim had mentioned in the press conference was and God she is so bitchy, like and I don't want to use that word, but she's so big Dickies like the bitchiest stick I've ever like, I take about in front of him for work, because he knows what he's doing. We know what he's doing. But he just says he just throws things in in the in the most spectacular ly bitchy way, and this is one of them. In the book, she talks about going to Moselle, and she uses the pronoun we to describe her and ostensibly according to Dick The jurors, which is a little disturbing, right? Because you're like trying to be part of the crowd there, Becky. But actually, when you read that line in her book, it's grammatically has nothing to do with her thinking that she's part of the jury. It says, while the jury was doing x, comma, we had, you know, thought that realized that we were seeing Alex's guilts play out in front of it. You know what I mean? Like we're not talking about the jurors but he gets Saturday. There, he got that in there. And so after reading the motion after seeing the press conference, of course was like, we're



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gonna have a new trial for sure. But now that I've read the affidavits now that I've seen just sort of the the impressive way that these people splice language and splice, use their examples to the fullest extent if their fullest, to their fullest favor. Yeah, to their fullest advantage. I feel less worried about there being a new trial. There. Do you think that that I'm crazy for not being worried?

Eric Bland 40:33

I think you should be guarded. I don't think you should be worried. But I think we all need to be on our guard. We need to be vigilant we need to be make sure that everything is done out in the open. You know, one thing I thought I heard Dick, say, and I may be wrong, so you guys will correct me because your memories are much better than mine. But did I hear Him say at the press conference, that he even saw Becky talking to the jurors? And he never said anything? Did I hear him say that? Or am I the spirit

Liz Farrell 41:01

of that? I can't remember specifically what he said. But that does ring familiar with me, Eric, that because there's a lot of that though. There's a lot of that.

Mandy Matney 41:08

So

Eric Bland 41:10

then if that is true, if that is true, if he did see Becky talking to the jury in a way that would have raised the, you know, the hair on the back of his neck? Why didn't he do something there? I feel like all of this was



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planned in the sense that they were going to use this as a weapon. They are weaponizing this jury situation, it was just another arrow and

Liz Farrell 41:35

they didn't object to 785 stepping down. Right? So there's gonna be a lot of that though with them. I think coming it's sort of like, I always think this Eric, like when I'm eating a piece of food that does not taste right. And I continue to eat it. And I'm like, Well, what if I get food poisoning? And now I sue somebody and I go, you know, are they gonna then ask me like, why did you eat the rest of that steak? Ma'am, if it didn't eat right, if it didn't taste, right. Well, that's that's kind of what I'm seeing here with with not just Stig and Jim, but with the jurors now saying like, I don't know. And one of those things. Mandy, do you believe? Has

Eric Bland 42:08

any juror said though, Liz has any juror said that they were forced to make a decision because of what Becky said, I don't think any jurors.

Liz Farrell 42:19

But the implication would be that her saying that you should watch Alex body language and sort of take take what he says with a grain of salt would be, you know, the jury 636 30 said that she took what Becky was saying as meaning that Alex was going to lie on the stand. So that's in her affidavit.

Mandy Matney 42:38

Another reason why I think all of this was planned. And all of this was in the master plan, including the Fox News documentary was they mentioned a production company in the motion several times in how



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Becky signed a deal or something with this production company back in May, what what production was going on back in may fall of the Murdaugh dynasty by Fox News that we talked about in the last episode, and I look up the production company and like the third thing that comes up is, it's the same production company that they're talking about. So they're basically saying in a roundabout way that Becky as one of their reasons for as one of their like, points of proof that Becky was doing all of this for money and fame and to ensure was inappropriate and blah, blah, blah. They are mentioning their own little production that they were in charge of, they completely orchestrated the entire narrative. And it would not surprise me at all, if they had that production company go to Becky Hill and have her do this and have her be a part of the documentary as so that they could later use it against her. And that was so dirty, and so wrong. And again, I think it's I think they saw the weakest link that they possibly could in this entire thing, the weakest link with the most power and they are doing everything they can to destroy that.

Eric Bland 44:04

They knew they were going to make a documentary guys, because some of the filming took place at night during the trial from their soiree, that the hotel soiree that they weren't all that was scripted. They knew they were going to be making a documentary Who films that who films your work product that you're doing, the discussions that you have amongst the attorney, you would never film that it'd be crazy to. Right. And

Mandy Matney 44:29

so if you look at the last couple of weeks in stripped them apart, we have this documentary that comes out that kind of rewrites all of



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Murdaugh history. And it's very, very different from pretty much every other film that we've seen so far. And again, everyone has a side to a story, I get that and Buster has his side and he has his right to do all of this, but it's very weird that they put that narrative out there and kind of start breaking things apart and start Making Alex look like little bit or trying to make him look like more of a sympathetic character and making them their side look more believable. And then they have this motion that just slides on in perfectly. And guess who was in the center of that documentary, Becky Hill. And I'm and I also know for a fact how convincing these documentary companies can be and how they can twist your words. And they can completely approach they can completely lie about their reasoning for filming you and all these things. And they hand you with these contracts that are like the size of the Bible, and you don't have any time to go through them. I can see all of that happening. So I'm just extremely, extremely suspicious of that part. And this is another part that I was looking at and was like, if they had a lot to go off of, they wouldn't include any of that, including the Facebook posts that they talked about, that they really dove deep into this Facebook post about this juror and claiming that Becky Hill was made this Facebook post up, blah, blah, blah. But the Facebook post was not the reason why the juror was removed. And why put all of that in. It's like there's extra sauce. I'm in Italy. So I'm thinking about pasta all the time, lots of extra sauce, but where's like the meat, and it's just covered in sauce. And when you remove all of it, there's just not that much to go off of. And again, considering the lack of credibility from these guys. They need a lot more meat to go forward with to get them to get a retrial. And one one more thing I want to say is that absolutely none of this makes Alex look any left guilty. It just shows the lengths that they will go to forehead, and we're not sure why.



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Liz Farrell 47:01

So one of the things that Dick and Jim, I've said repeatedly in this whole thing is that these jurors came forward reluctantly, and that they came forward because of the book. So they've put it squarely on Becky's book that she said some things in the book that upset them infuriated them. Joe McCollum was asked on the record by I believe it was the state newspaper what the jurors whether the jurors regretted their their vote, and he wouldn't answer the question. And he also didn't want to speculate about the jurors motives and coming forward why they decided now was the time Do you guys believe that the book is what brought jurors is particular these two 630 and 785? No, what made them come forward?

Eric Bland 47:45

I think this has been in the works.

Liz Farrell 47:47

I've read the book. Mandy, you've read the book. I mean, I don't really I guess like you said, Eric, like she did breach talking about in camera discussions she did she did cross that line. I'm wondering if conversely, Dick and Jim use the publication of the book as a reason to convince these like as a way to convince these jurors like she's out there putting herself out there. To get them to finally talk. One of the things I noticed was in law and crime during that's that's the station I watched for the press conference and Janette Levy who is a correspondent there, she mentioned that she had heard during the trial like out and about rumblings about Becky crossing lines during the trial that she had heard this during the trial. She



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Eric Bland 48:33

interviewed me this morning. She interviewed me this morning. Did she

Liz Farrell 48:37

mention that? So? I don't Yeah, she did. Okay. And I don't really I I've spoken with a few people. And nobody is sort of saying obviously they can't believe that Becky would do this. And it's I think kind of based on that impression is that there were rumblings but again, I don't think we should lose sight of the fact that Joe makalah had a media pass. He was very much a part of the group, I would say as far as it seemed pretty comfortable with the media pretty comfortable going over to the wilderness center. Just like ah, Jim John Marvin feeling like remember during the bomb threat, John Marvin walked himself over the wilderness center where the media center was.

Mandy Matney 49:20

Joe McColloch left his dog with reporters during one of the days that's right. I forgot about that. And his dog looks exactly like him. Never forget that photo. He's a fluffy white dog. And but that's how comfortable he was with reporters. Like here's my dog. I'm gonna go in there. See you later. It's just an again some of this is very small town folksy stuff that's like everybody knows everybody and that's just Joe and he leaves his dog with us and it's cute and whatever. But the other layer Write that is that we're all it's just way too connected at this point. And I am just highly, highly suspicious of everything that that man does.



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Liz Farrell 50:11

I just hope Becky has receipts, I hope that she is able to tell us whether she got any advice about publishing this book from any of her lawyer friends, if anyone pushed her to read the book, if anyone highly encouraged her to write it, if they gave her feedback, I'd be really interested because I do know that it sounds like Becky did give her manuscript out to a few people to read prior to publication. So I'd just be interested to see who's on that list of people and whether one of them is from the defense ministry didn't realize that

Eric Bland 50:43

I have two things I want to say first Dick shit all over Colleton County like no lawyer ever did in my life that I've seen and did it on national TV now you really do to talk about dirt roads, and you know, I dread to drive my Mercedes down dirt roads, do I believe Dick Harpootlian and knock on 12 doors? I'm not sure. I doubt that. I think he has people that would do that. I think Jim Griffin might I definitely think that Holly Miller would definitely do do that because she's an earnest paralegal. That's one thing. The second thing is we must not forget that this entire case makes fame for everybody. Me included. I I can tell you, you know, Becky, the some form of fame may have gone to her head just like some form or fame may go to the jurors head goes to Jim's head look, I was a good lawyer before all this. Yes, I was on TV occasionally. But this elevated me and fame to some extent has gone to my head it go You can't help it. It goes to everybody said I got a podcast luckily with you, too. I get on TV almost anytime I want. I you know I have a voice on Twitter. It goes to people's heads. It's just a natural fire, you know, consequence of all this? And so let's not be so hard on on Becky. It was an unusual situation. Yes, she acts in a very homespun way that most clerk of courts don't they're there detach. But you know, I can



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remember during break, she would tell us about the courthouse and the portraits on the courthouse wall and how it was renovated a couple of years before to modernize it at all. So let's just keep our powder dry. The poor woman can't talk right now she's had handcuffed. You know, you saw that she was filed to a parking lot the other day by some reporter who was asking her say this say that she couldn't even respond. She didn't even say no comment. Justin hasn't said anything yet. He's keeping his powder dry. So his will Lewis let's just let this see this play out. Because again, they are taking a headshot for the king and they better not miss because if they do, they're in the clerk of court in this state that's going to do a thing for Jim Griffin IndyCar pletely and ever again, in every judge is going to be really suspect of them. So

Mandy Matney 53:04

Eric, you know, Dick very well. You have worked with him very closely. And remember a very long time. How much money do you think he would need to drive his Mercedes up and down dirt roads knocking on doors in Collin County? Do you think that he would do that at the goodness of his heart? And just because he believes Alex Murdaugh is not guilty? Why do you do you think he would do that and be how much money would be required for Decart boolean to do something? I don't think

Eric Bland 53:35

they could do that. I think you would order somebody to do it. And he would want to know what the results are. But I don't see him doing that. Well, he



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Liz Farrell 53:43

was definitely there. Guys. I just want to throw that out to both of you. He was definitely there. At least once. Maybe so maybe, you know, South Carolina being a one party state of recording people. I hope he gave that some consideration.

Eric Bland 53:56

Do I think he went to all 12? I doubt it. It's not his style. Look, he is a very wily, very connected, very devious in a in a good way in a strategic way. Not devious in an illegal way. He is always thinking antics about Dick. I mean, he is a you know, you got to stay in front of him. He's Uh, he's he's a guy that will only look out I believe for himself and those that are close to him. And he's a very good lawyer at times. He's very well connected. But the fact that he did that at the statehouse, that bothered me, I felt he was using his office as a senator. The fact that he did it in front of the court of appeals was sending a very strong signal. I couldn't set up microphones in front of the court of appeals and do that. You kidding me? Court Administration would shut me down in a second and I get a grievance to the OD said significant

Liz Farrell 54:51

Eric what you just said because I was wondering when you see that little collection of microphones and when I say little there was a huge collection of microphones and front of them, which is something I think Dick likes to see. Because remember how disappointed he was when they left the college and county courthouse and we were there. But we weren't hovering around like waiting for speak. It seems like they were very disappointed that no one had really stuck around to hear them. It was just like, remember, he said, he's like, where's everybody? So everybody



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Mandy Matney 55:22

go there was?

Liz Farrell 55:26

No one's interested in what you have to say,

Mandy Matney 55:27

sir. Right. And we do know more about what Dick was doing than I think Dick knows that. We know, I just want to say that. And we're going to dive into that more, and hopefully soon. But again, I was hearing rumblings weeks ago of things that he was doing in Collin County, and that were very concerning. And I can't say anything more than that at this point. But it all made me even more suspicious of this entire thing. And again, everyone in the whole world knows that I do not like Dick, Harpootlian I never have, I never will. And that's the approach and I'm very transparent about that as where I'm coming from. I don't like him, but I also don't see that he has luck going on here. The other thing that I really want to say before we wrap up today is that Listen, I've said this a couple times in the last few days. It's just kind of hitting me again. How powerful and vicious to carpooling is and how we always heard from even 2019 Like, wow, you're going hard against the Murdaugh family and Dick Harpootlian, like, you better watch your back baby like this guy is vicious. And oh, you're talking trash to about Dick Harpootlian on Twitter. Oh, my God, like nobody does that. People have been saying these things to me for years. And I guess ignorance is bliss. Because I had no idea of the things that he was capable of at the time, and had no idea just how vicious and deep this man would go for things. And I'm glad I didn't know it. But I'm also just appalled. What do you think was like, Are you? Are you shocked that he's doing this? Or is it just par for the course? Like, of course he's doing it? Oh,



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Liz Farrell 57:20

no, it's it's par for the course. Because, you know, I'm obviously have the conspiracy brain that I do believe, again, not with receipts. But I do believe that the drug price Todd Rutherford thing was in, in concert, it had something to do with the Murdaugh case. And I'm not sure what it is. But there's just this like little spidey sense in me that's been telling me that and it's it's, I just see a chess, I see a list of chess moves like, Did you ever watch the show the Queen's gambit. And like she, the girl, the main protagonists, she goes to bed at night, and she can see the pieces moving on the ceiling of the chess game. And she can sort of plot out. So I sort of picture Dick in that way. I really, I don't respect him at all. But I have respect for that way of thinking like if you're not just thinking about, okay, if this happens, if that happens, it's you have to very much confront the worst case scenario. So like what Eric said earlier in the episode about this being an effort to get Alex out of state prison and into federal prison. This is what they're left with. Right? This is this is what Dick and Jim have now to work on. They're not there's no world in which, like Eric said, Alex is going to be taking a fresh breath of air, which is good, because there are a lot of people I want to also mention that is that when we're talking here, I don't know that we're actually conveying the fact like that we speak with people who are very much affected by what happens in this case. And do you hear somebody sobbing? Because they're afraid that Alex is gonna get out? Or that Maggie's not gonna get justice? That's hard. And that that's, that's hard. Like you can we can talk about, make fun of Dick's glasses, make a video and talk about how he looks like Grumpy Cat, all those things. But at the end of the day, the things he's doing to people who have some real stake in real blood in this matter, it's upsetting and you just want it to end for their sake.



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Eric Bland 59:09

I just wanted to say that. I think they were looking for a hook to open this up and they got their hook and he's running hard. What the fuck yeah, the book and everything. The hook is that you're the hook to get one jerk.

Liz Farrell 59:21

I also wonder if they've had this plan from the beginning, Eric just to create the hook

Eric Bland 59:25

to get that hook set. And now they're running with that fishing line. You can hear the real gone. And they're already gone. They're awakened a boat. It's already like we got a new trial. It's already the system's broken. Look, South Carolina looked awesome. Judge Newman looked awesome. The staff looked awesome. The flooring was good. The civility between both impro Murdaugh anti Murdaugh was good. There was no riding. We showed the nation that we can look good now we look like crap again. So somebody's got to salvage it

Liz Farrell 1:00:00

is true. I'm just but one more point I wanted to make Mandy to your question you and I have not had anything to lose in this matter. It's not just a matter of ignorance you said before like ignorance is bliss. I think that is true. Like in our wildest dreams, we could never have imagined what this man was capable of right? Like we couldn't look at that we can't see the ceiling that he's looking at when he falls asleep with the chess pieces on it. But we've also never were unlike other reporters in that we have nothing to lose. And that is come becomes apparent in conversations that were had around the time that Dick made those



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comments about you in court just seeing the effect that that strife because you would not accept an apology you said if he wants to apologize. He can apologize to me in public the same way he insulted me in public. He didn't want to do that the the amount of the times I heard reporters marveling at that or feeling like oh my god like Dick Harper Lee, and you're crossing a line here. They have something to lose. And in they can't have that sort of reaction to Dick and things that he's done. Because the thing that they lose is this treasure trove of stories and access. It's access journalism, you know, so I just wanted to throw that out there that like sometimes not having anything to lose professionally or personally, is the thing where you can draw your bravery from? Because it is I think that a large part of our careers is based on the fact that the things that a lot of other reporters in South Carolina value we just have never valued. So that made it easy. Right?

Mandy Matney 1:01:30

Right. And like yeah, I've I've never considered Dick Harpootlian being a, a helpful part of my career. I've never even considered that possibility. But a lot of people have and there's this really quick great quote that I keep, I keep going back to from the DC Baltimore, the wire I always the wire wire, love that show. God, I love that you're one of the early seasons, McNulty is yelling at this prosecutor for letting for making a deal with the dirty defense attorney. And he is just screaming at her. He is a detective. And he's just like, we could get these guys behind bars. If if everybody in this town wasn't worried about their own careers. And it was just such a moment for me because the prosecutor was only making this deal with the defense attorney because she knew that this dirty defense attorney was connected to everybody in the whole town. And she said I don't want to be a US Attorney for for the rest of my life. I have to think of my own career. And he's like, everybody in this town is



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thinking their own careers. And if they would stop doing that, then maybe we could actually get some justice for people. And I go back to that over and over. Because the same South Carolina is the same way. It's people thinking of their own careers and their own future and their own connections beyond just like, well, maybe we just should start thinking of the right thing to do. No,

Liz Farrell 1:02:55

it's 100% True. And I think that that's why this was a perfect breeding ground. Like Eric said, they set the bait and the hook like and now it's just whizzing the line is peeling off right now because the media is the perfect place. Like it doesn't matter how many times Dick and Jim have terrible credibility and have been proven out terrible credibility there. They're always reset to zero. And yeah, let's see what they have to say on the steps of the statehouse. Is anyone questioning in their stories? Like what Eric said, which is, why is the state senator allowed to have this collection of microphones hooked up for him and have like, who did the IT work on all that? Who did the gathering? Like? Who initiated the plant like the parking for these trucks? And these, like, where did all of that come from? Who is managing that? That's that's Don't you

Eric Bland 1:03:41

have to get permission from court administrators or the State House,

Liz Farrell 1:03:44

I would imagine you would need some sort of I'm saying

Eric Bland 1:03:47

this has nothing to do with your Senate duties. This is part of the people's work as your own practice.



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Mandy Matney 1:03:54

It's in contract in contract contradicting what the people of South Carolina need and want. He is working on behalf of a murderer. I'm like, what the like, guys, again, it's it's another what?

Eric Bland 1:04:08

upside down world George do we live in?

Mandy Matney 1:04:11

We do. But it's again, in South Carolina, where everybody's thinking about their own careers. And no one is thinking like, Hmm, maybe, maybe this is wrong. And maybe we all shouldn't be playing this game along with these guys.

Liz Farrell 1:04:24

So I have one more question for you guys. And I want to hear from both of you on this. Eric, obviously, from the legal perspective, but one of the things that they stress in this motion is that it has to have had substantive, it has to be immaterial to the outcome of the trial, meaning that like what Becky did, has to have had an effect on the outcome of that like on the verdict. Right? That's that is the test that the court has to use that what she said maybe,

Eric Bland 1:04:52

Maybe

Liz Farrell 1:04:53

what so what do you what do you think? Well, if



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Eric Bland 1:04:56

you listen to Jim Jim says it's the act of interferences enough it's Almost like strict liability if she crosses the Rubicon and the line, then she there's a new trial that you don't have to show the but for effect that but for Becky interfering, the verdict would be different or but for Becky interfering, it wouldn't have caused somebody to be manipulated. Jim says you don't have to show that. I think there has to be some combination of that because you can't we have a thing in the law called harmless error. Harmless errors are often made in trials. They are errors, but they're harmless. They don't have they're not outcome determinative and affect the outcome. Jim Griffin says, just crossed the line new trial, I think we're going to see the prosecution say that it's within the judge's discretion. And and it has to have some kind of materiality. So

Liz Farrell 1:05:49

yeah, the question would be, do you think it's enough that Becky said if she said it that you should be skeptical or whatever the spirit of what she said is that you should pay attention to what Alex is saying, and don't be fooled by him pay attention

Eric Bland 1:06:04

is fine. If she starts to say, don't believe it, I that does trouble me. I gotta be honest. Right? Yeah, it really does.

Mandy Matney 1:06:13

And that might be Yeah, yeah, that would be troubling. And I hope that she didn't. And I hope that we get to the truth of all this. And again, there has to be an outcome Besides, this goes away. There has to be an outcome, no matter what happens in this investigation. That's either



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Becky gets in trouble for what she did. Or if Dick and Jim are making false accusations in this way, they should get in trouble. Like it's instead of, we all just keep rolling on.

Eric Bland 1:06:47

Both sides have to have something to play here, right, Mandy?

Mandy Matney 1:06:49

Yeah, totally. I mean, we just need, we need, as you said, a transparent investigation. And we need a serious outcome, because this is just again, turning our courts into a circus. And for those of us who are just trying to move on and to try, we're trying to get justice for other people, and we're trying to get other cases moving. And this is just a colossal waste of time for a ton of people who should be investing their talents, money time elsewhere.

Eric Bland 1:07:22

How long is this going to go on lists? Before we we know,

Liz Farrell 1:07:26

that's what I want to ask you, Eric, honestly, like how, I mean, if you asked me like, how much longer we're going to hear from Murdaugh, nonsense, that's gonna be a long time. I'm

Eric Bland 1:07:35

talking about just before we have a resolution, the jury issues this could be a long, long time the appellate courts gone. Yeah, the appellate courts got to make a decision. Dick wants full discovery rights, meaning to invade this jury. He said, I want their text messages. I want their emails. I want their phone records. So he intends to depose every one of



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these jurors invade their lives. Look, we have a system where jurors have to be protected. And Dick wants to intimidate these jurors. And so it could be a long discovery period before there's an actual hearing on this. What does a hearing look like? If SLEDs doing the investigation is Dick Harpootlian g gonna bring a lawsuit in federal court to say it needs to be the federal FBI to do this because it's an invasion of Alex's constitutional rights. I feel like this is going to go on for a long time just as jury issue is what I'm saying

Liz Farrell 1:08:30

no one is going to want to serve on a jury ever if this is what it ends up it being what you just described sounds like really truly a dystopian future for college and county and the state of South Carolina All right, well, this is obviously not going to be the last time we we talk about this because we have it's it's just going to be a lot and I imagine we'll be talking about the century sunlight podcast this week. So cups down guys crush them. That

Mandy Matney 1:08:57

sounds great, ya que Mandy and David.

Eric Bland 1:09:01

Thank you sir. Thank you guys and thank you is.

Mandy Matney 1:09:13

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