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[00:00:00] **Liz Farrell:** Cups up. How are you guys doing?

[00:00:11] **Eric Bland:** Cups up. Doing great. Good to see you, guys.

[00:00:15] **Liz Farrell:** Are you in your new office, Eric? You look good.

[00:00:17] **Eric Bland:** I am. I am. Thanks. Yeah. I just showed Mandy and David a little bit of the view I have of an amphitheater and an open air market. It's nice. Hot in nature.

[00:00:29] **Liz Farrell:** Cool.

[00:00:30] **Mandy Matney:** Look at that sunshine. Lots of sunshine.

[00:00:33] **Liz Farrell:** Mandy, how are you doing? We haven't talked today.

[00:00:36] **Mandy Matney:** I know. Doing good. How are you, Liz?

[00:00:39] **Liz Farrell:** Good. I got this stupid tattoo on my arm. I started to get it removed. So I'm very excited by that.

[00:00:45] **Eric Bland:** I had three when I was younger. And I had two removed by it was before laser and they did it with almost like a bologna slicer. And then I had one on my shoulder.

[00:00:59] **Mandy Matney:** Eric!

[00:01:00] **Eric Bland:** And I got drunk and my sister-in-law cut it off with a knife down in my basement. So yeah. Yeah. I had three of them.

[00:01:10] **Liz Farrell:** Okay. Well, mine's more of like a boutique situation, so it was more like a spa situation.

[00:01:16] **Mandy Matney:** Why did you want them removed that badly?



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[00:01:18] **Eric Bland:** Because it was embarrassing and it was a time in the '80s when it really wasn't accepted. And I was a law clerk in a very prominent Philadelphia law firm, and a partner had us over for a swim party, had all the law clerks over. And at that time, I was a big bodybuilder, so that, you know, I stuck out like a sore thumb to begin with. And I remember when I came out, I took my shirt off and put my bathing suit on, and I came out and I had a Yosemite Sam on one leg, I had an eagle on the other and a blue marlin on my shoulder. And all the lawyers and everybody looked at me like, who is this guy? And it was really embarrassing, and so I made a decision to take them off. I got them out of spite because my parents told me I couldn't get them, so that's why I got them to begin with.

[00:02:09] **Mandy Matney:** That's where I differ. My parents told me they wouldn't pay for college if I got a tattoo, so I just didn't get a tattoo. I was terrified of having to pay for college, so I was like, thank you. I appreciate that, and I'm not gonna screw that up.

[00:02:25] **Eric Bland:** I wore high tube socks for like a year before they figured it out.

[00:02:29] **Mandy Matney:** Oh.

[00:02:30] **Eric Bland:** Yeah.

[00:02:31] **Liz Farrell:** Oh, wow, Eric. Yeah, I had the same situation. My dad told me that I had hepatitis. I did not. So but anyway, yeah. So it's not quite as awful as what you just described, but I guess things are a lot different in the legal community. You can now steal money from your clients and probably be looked upon by some people online anyway with less disdain than if you had a marlin tattooed on your shoulder.

[00:02:59] **Eric Bland:** It's been an interesting week. I mean, we've had so much going on. You know, it's just the Alex show every week almost.

[00:03:06] **Liz Farrell:** It is the Alex show every week, and we're trying to not have the Alex show every week. We're trying to move on to other stuff, but he just keeps putting himself in the news. Mandy, do you just want to explain really quickly what we're talking about?



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[00:03:19] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. When was that? Monday? Team Murdaugh, who they have not — there's not been much like talk or anything about the Satterfield case in a long time. All of a sudden, they filed an answer to an amended complaint. I believe that was the technical thing in the federal lawsuit, which is the lawsuit against Nautilus, Alex's insurance company. And Team Murdaugh is now saying that — surprise! — Alex lied about Gloria's death and lied about specifically the dogs tripping her. He said that he made that up. And to me, it's not at all surprising. I feel like they just really enjoy hijacking situations and terrorizing people. And I think that they're really like getting a rise out of the idea that like they could possibly somehow, in a strange, impossible world, get money from the Satterfields out of this because of this. It's insane. But Eric has more to say about that, I'm sure.

[00:04:24] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah. Do you think — I mean, let's clear up the misconceptions. Let's start there because I think we should — we can talk about why we think Alex is doing this and what have you, but it seems like a certain faction of social media took this to mean that the Satterfields would have to potentially give back some of that money. Eric, do you want to talk about that and why that's wrong? Like why that — I think people are mistaking. It seems like they're mistaking what you did as relating to the wrongful death part of this, correct? Like or relating to the accident part.

[00:04:54] **Eric Bland:** Yeah. Let me clean up some misperceptions. So number one: Alex admitted to insurance fraud in a federal pleading, and it was done by his lawyers. So it wouldn't surprise me if more criminal charges come.

[00:05:08] **Liz Farrell:** Meaning this confession that he just did could lead to more criminal charges?

[00:05:12] **Eric Bland:** It could.

[00:05:13] **Liz Farrell:** I never even thought of that.

[00:05:14] **Eric Bland:** He's not the modicum of integrity and honesty and credibility. In fact, this same judge who is hearing the Nautilus insurance case actually in an order for Russell Lafitte two weeks ago said that Alex does not have credibility; that he is a fraudster; that a jury found him to be a fraudster



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and he's not to be believed. And that was in the context that Russell wanted Judge Gergel to let Alex come in and say, "Hey," — just like he did in the trial — "Russell had nothing to do with any of this fraud. I did it all on my own." So we can't believe anything that would — that Alex would say. But regardless of that, the Satterfields never recovered a dime from Nautilus Insurance Company. All the money we recovered is from other sources — from PMPED, from Palmetto State Bank, from Bank of America, from Cory Fleming, from Chad Westendorf, from Moss, Kuhn & Fleming. Those people, if they want to make any claim against the Satterfields, they're the ones that would have standing. The Satterfields actually can sue Nautilus Insurance Company and say, "You never paid me a dime and I signed a release saying that you were going to pay us \$3.8 million and you never did that." So number one: we never recovered anything from this — from Nautilus Insurance Company, so there's no ill-gotten gains.

[00:06:40] **Liz Farrell:** Explain why you chose to sue the people that you chose to sue. Explain what their liability was specifically.

[00:06:46] **Eric Bland:** Some we sued. Some we made claims against. We never sued PMPED. We made claims against them in a letter. They owed independent duties to the Satterfields. They had a duty to supervise Alex to make sure that he didn't steal money. That's what we alleged against PMPED. The bank, PSB, permitted Alex to do, you know, basically to run free in their bank. Bank of America, on the fake Forge account, they had a duty to exercise diligence when he opened the account. And we went through that he put his social security number in the federal ID box instead of getting a federal ID number. They didn't do their due diligence. Obviously, Cory Fleming, who was the actual lawyer on paper for the Satterfields, he had a duty to make sure that the money was dispersed as the way Judge Mullen had ordered. So the Satterfields have recovered money from other sources that had lawyers that decided to pay this money independent from any claim that Cory Fleming made against Nautilus Insurance Company for the dogs causing Gloria's fall. And let's be honest here. The insurance companies are not in the business of paying out millions and millions of dollars when a claim is made. They have investigators. They have adjusters. They have lawyers. Alex had lawyers representing him — Scott Wallinger and John Grantland, who made recommendations to the insurance company to settle after they did their investigation.



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[00:08:25] And please let's not forget — we're going to have a press conference on Monday — but let's not forget that Maggie and Paul made statements to the police and to 911 that the dogs caused the fall. They came out of the house when they heard the commotion and they saw the dogs who were running loose and were wild all around Gloria at the bottom of the stairs. Also, Alex told the family at the funeral in front of Maggie and Paul that the dogs caused the fall. "It's my responsibility, and you're going to make a claim against me. I'm going to send you to Cory Fleming."

[00:09:01] So all this is is Alex just trying to either get back at the Satterfields or his attorneys trying to get back at Ronnie and me. But let me ask you. The question that should be asked is: what was the origin of Jim and Dick's fees — the legal fees that they got, the \$500,000 to represent Paul? If you look at the timeline, it is exactly at the same time that Alex got the money in May of 2019 on the May 13th settlement when he stole \$3.8 million. It's at the exact same time that Dick and Jim are getting paid to represent Paul. So the Satterfields haven't gotten any ill-gotten gains from Nautilus Insurance Company. But maybe Dick and Jim need to add themselves as a party to Nautilus and Nautilus needs to look at them and say, "Hey, did your legal fees come from our money, or did it come from some of the stolen money from Alex's clients?" It's rich that Dick and Jim are doing this. It's a disgrace. There's no depths that those two lawyers will go to at this point in time for Alex, and we're gonna throw it right back in their face.

[00:10:14] **Liz Farrell:** I have to say. I did not need cheering up today. But if I did need cheering up, that would have done it, Eric. That really would have done it. The thought of Dick and Jim again having one of their strategies backfire on them in such a calamitous way, it brings me so much joy. I just — and it's not even personal in the sense of like I don't want to personally see them fail. But at the same time, the cartoonish sort of personalities that they've cultivated over the last few years, I like to see those figures fail. That's hilarious.

[00:10:44] **Eric Bland:** And don't forget that Dick and Jim and Alex gave the Satterfields a \$4.3 million judgment on May 31st, 2022 after we recovered more than seven and a half million dollars. So those very same lawyers gave a confession of judgment for \$4.3 million to the Satterfields. All Alex is trying to do by this pleading, guys, is get out of another \$4.3 million judgment that Nautilus is going to get against him. So he already has the Satterfield \$4.3



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million. Nautilus is going to get another \$3.8 million judgment against him, so that's why he made this statement. It's just pure greed and self preservation.

[00:11:33] **Mandy Matney:** Well, and shouldn't — like, my question is, with the Nautilus money, is there a world where Nautilus could say from the latest filings, "Okay, Satterfields. Give us —" well, it's not their money, so I don't understand why people keep saying that.

[00:11:55] **Eric Bland:** There's no world that we live in where Nautilus can say to the Satterfields, "Give us the money that Alex stole from you and us." You recovered that money independently from a lot of other people that made a lot of decisions that they didn't want to fight our claim, whether it was legally, public relations-wise. They had their own set of lawyers who could have looked into this and say, "You know what? Bland-Richter, go screw yourself. We think that this was made up; that Gloria either tripped on her own or somebody pushed her. But it didn't happen with dogs." Everybody was lawyered up. Everybody had investigators. Everybody had adjusters. So all of a sudden now, Alex, who lied his whole entire life for the last 15 years and a jury in Colleton County in three hours said he's a liar, liar, pants on fire, and then Judge Gergel said, "You're a fraudster and a liar" — now the world's going to believe Alex? Come on, man. Give me something better than that.

[00:13:03] **Liz Farrell:** During this investigation that Eric's talking about that the insurance companies had the opportunity to do, obviously, we found this full of flaws, but one of them is that they never spoke to the Satterfields themselves, right?

[00:13:14] **Mandy Matney:** No, they never did. And the only — he went to the trouble of going through Tony's Facebook post but not talking to Tony. And I just thought that that was really weird and like the only — and, Eric, I think that this is one thing we might disagree on because I think that it's very possible that Alex could have told Maggie and Paul, "This is the lie and you have to go with it." And I think the truth is we're never going to know.

[00:13:40] **Eric Bland:** Well, isn't it funny that the three people that know the truth are dead?



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[00:13:43] **Mandy Matney:** And Alex is a habitual liar. So we're never — I don't think we're ever, unfortunately, going to fully know what happened. But reading the insurance documents for a second time — I haven't read them in over a year, right, and, you know, we go through these phases with Alex, and it's really funny that like a year ago when I was reading them, he was a really bad person but not as bad as he is now. Like he just kept —

[00:14:13] **Liz Farrell:** Well, now, it's confirmed.

[00:14:15] **Mandy Matney:** Now, it's definitely confirmed. It's definitely not in our heads. It's definitely — but we also just found out a lot more. Like he just kept lying and he kept getting worse. Throughout the investigation, that was one thing that was consistent. Alex kept becoming a worse person. And no bottom to this guy, as you said a long time ago. And we hadn't even been near the bottom at that point. We had miles to go on Alex Murdaugh. And so now, I think he's capable of anything, and I see how he was able to really, really manipulate — I mean, not — it was beyond manipulation. He straight up fooled that insurance company.

[00:14:56] **Eric Bland:** Let's game this out. So you're saying, okay, he convinced Maggie and Paul to go along with this. Paul loved Gloria. There's no doubt about that he loved Gloria. But what was in it for Maggie and Paul to go along with this with Alex? Was Alex going to tell them, "Look, let's go along with this and I'm going to steal \$3.8 million from Gloria, and we're going to have \$3.8 million?" Are you saying that he convinced his wife and son to commit insurance fraud? Absolutely not. I just disagree with you. There's no way that he could convince Maggie and Paul, "Let's say the dogs did it so that they can sue us, and I'll steal the money." Why would he do that?

[00:15:40] **Liz Farrell:** But that's not how Alex did that stuff. So I could see him saying to them like, it's really important that when the insurance adjuster calls you that you make it clear that it was the dogs because that is how they'll pay the Satterfields. Like I could see them.

[00:15:55] **Mandy Matney:** Ms. Gloria's family.

[00:15:57] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah, exactly. I could see him doing that — not telling them to lie, but saying it's just really important that you make it clear it's the



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dogs. That's it. It doesn't mean that Maggie and Paul were in on it. But they also aren't here to say whether or not the dog thing is true.

[00:16:11] **Eric Bland:** But they sat in front of the family. They sat in front of the family at the funeral, where Alex told them what was gonna happen. And Maggie and Paul were sitting right there when Alex said to the entire family, "The dogs caused the fall. Didn't they, Maggie and Paul?" And they said, "Yes, they did." I just don't think Maggie and Paul were that dastardly.

[00:16:32] **Liz Farrell:** It's not dastardly to agree with a narcissist. I mean, you've got this guy who's going to tell you what the truth is all day long. They're trained at this point. They're very trained. But what people are saying out there that like you care, like it matters to you whether Gloria was pushed by the dogs or not. And when I say "you," I mean your case. It doesn't matter to your case what her cause of death was at this point, right?

[00:16:53] **Eric Bland:** No. If they exhume her body, it's not going to tell anything different, whether human hands pushed her or whether she tripped or whether dogs pushed her. She has the same injuries. So nobody's concerned about the exhumation other than, you know, the same way with Sandy Smith. It causes a whole bunch of stress and grief. And no. I don't really care. We got our money independent from Nautilus Insurance Company. It wasn't — we didn't commit insurance fraud. And if you read Alex's pleading, he thankfully says that the Satterfields weren't part of any scheme. And by the way, he exonerates Cory Fleming again. So now we know that Cory, if to be believed, is the dumbest lawyer this side of Mississippi who didn't see this coming and didn't see the fake Forge account and dropped a check in an envelope and sent it to a P. O. box. Come on, man. This is all crazy. And Jim and Dick, if they are to be believed, just committed malpractice and walked their client right into insurance fraud.

[00:17:54] **Liz Farrell:** So why would they do that though? It's — Alex getting charged against —

[00:17:57] **Eric Bland:** It's personal. It's personal. They have already said it to some of the lawyers. They're doing this because it's personal against Ronnie and me. They've already said it. That's the manipulation of the justice system. It's manipulating the justice system. It's a disgrace. It stinks to the high heavens.



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[00:18:16] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah, it does stink to the high heavens. But with the rumor out there that Dick and Jim are working on some sort of documentary project with a TV news personality.

[00:18:28] **Mandy Matney:** Who shall not be named.

[00:18:30] **Liz Farrell:** Who shall not be named. Do you think that it's possible that this filing was done in the name of having a storyline? I think one thing if you're a fan of Bravo the way I'm a fan of Bravo, you understand that one of the stressors on the people that sign up for these shows is that you have to have a good storyline. You have to have some sort of conflict that you can resolve. So do you think — particularly given what the news personality's relationship with you is and this person's disdain of you, do you think that that could be a reason why they're filing this?

[00:19:03] **Eric Bland:** Who knows at this point? But I don't believe that it was a come to Jesus moment for Alex where he woke up in his cell and he says, "You know what? I'm going to come clean." That's where he comes clean on the Satterfield case? How about come clean on the murders? How about come clean on all the theft and all the other stuff that you do? That's where he chose to come clean and have his Jesus moment? Give me a break, guys.

[00:19:26] **Mandy Matney:** And it was meaner than coming clean because he said — he didn't say what happened. He said, "Well, I lied about what happened." And it's like that's even worse and meaner to just be like, I lied about what happened but I'm not telling you guys and I'm going to open up all these new wounds for the Satterfield family and make them think about all the possibilities of what could have happened. And I got so mad seeing some headlines saying like, Alex Murdaugh tells the truth in the Gloria Satterfield case. And it's like that doesn't — that phrase should never exist in humanity. Like Alex Murdaugh never tells the truth. And we'll be right back.

[00:20:13] **Liz Farrell:** Okay. So going back to like we know that Dick and Jim do things for the headlines, right? Do we think that they were looking for that kind of headline? Because going back to saying Cory is one of the stupidest attorneys out there if he did what he did without knowledge, then doesn't that kind of make Dick and Jim stupid, too, in that it's very clearly the difference between knowing that this is not a medical malpractice case or your case was not a medical malpractice case and your case was not an



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insurance case. It was simply a legal malpractice case. So they know that. So did they put this out there in the same way they did with the Curtis Eddie Smith polygraph — that they're counting on the media, not getting it?

[00:20:51] **Mandy Matney:** But this is abusing the system. I mean, that — and I don't know at what point the powers that be who are in charge of people like Dick and Jim at what point they don't put their foot down and say like, this is just absurd. If you are doing anything for a storyline or the sake of entertainment and you are using our tax-funded courts in doing that, that is wrong and you shouldn't be a fricking lawyer. I'm just tired of this. I'm really —

[00:21:18] **Liz Farrell:** I'm not saying that's what they did. I'm just saying that that's what people are saying. Like that's the speculation. Is that — is this for that? Because, I mean, I don't know.

[00:21:26] **Eric Bland:** Well, let me ask you two smart women this question: wouldn't the time be for Alex to come clean if he was gonna come clean if something was done where he lied when he gave a \$4.3 million judgment last year? Why would he give a \$4.3 million judgment to the Satterfields in May of 2022 after they recovered over seven and a half million dollars? Wouldn't that be the time to say, "I lied. It didn't happen?" Why would he give a \$4.3 million judgment? Why would Dick and Jim be a party to that a year ago? He wouldn't do it. I wouldn't give a \$4.3 million dollar judgment if I didn't do it.

[00:22:09] **Liz Farrell:** He promised that in January, remember? So that was used to make it look like he was admitting to his crime that he was sorry for and that he was going to make it right so that he could get out of jail. That was the number one thing on his mind. What happened in May, Mandy? Weren't we hearing like a whole bunch of — the buzz turned up that he was about to get charged with the double homicide. So that's why, right? Like don't you think that that might be?

[00:22:35] **Mandy Matney:** The phone came back around that time and they — things were really heating up in the investigation, which again I question like how did Dick and Jim know that? If they did, we don't know. But yeah. But he always — this is a pattern with him — he always admits to the lesser lie. It's like the word. Like there's always two bad things that he did and he admits to the thing that he thinks that will get him out of trouble. But now,



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he's just in this web of lies and deceit and I don't even know what to describe it. But it's — and Dick and Jim are right there with him and —

[00:23:14] **Eric Bland:** They're being used. They're letting themselves be used. They're letting their legal licenses be hijacked by some scumbag in a six-by-six cell. It's a disgrace.

[00:23:27] **Mandy Matney:** And speaking of that, like they are acting — I was talking to Liz about this the other day. They — with these long filings and things like the Nautilus case and whatnot, they're not acting like attorneys who aren't getting paid. They are acting like attorneys who are getting paid a lot of money and have a lot of incentive still invested in this.

[00:23:49] **Eric Bland:** Well, I learned a new fact this week, guys. It's going to shock you. How much do you think out of the \$600,000 they got paid as a legal fee?

[00:23:57] **Mandy Matney:** How much?

[00:23:58] **Eric Bland:** Jim Griffin on Wednesday in court, as an officer of the court, said of the \$600,000, we made \$79,000 as a whopper legal fee. \$521,000 went to expenses in the case for expert witnesses, lodging, and trial costs. So they only made \$79,000. That's why Jim Griffin was trying to get another \$160,000. That'll be part two of our podcast. But do you believe they only made \$79,000? What about the \$500,000 they got from Paul that they didn't have to earn?

[00:24:37] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah. I mean, \$79,000 sounds like a good amount of money. I mean, they should be happy with that. The experts, I don't know — I don't know that we could call those people experts. Like that's a lot. So the 401(k), the argument that they used to get the receivership in the court to agree to cash out that \$2 million and change 401(k) that Alex had allegedly with untainted money, was that they needed the money for experts, remember? And we were like, \$600,000 for experts? What? So I'm actually surprised that any money went toward them when the whole purpose of that was for the experts. So that is — that's the shocking part to me, not that it's a little number. I think that's plenty of money to earn for what they did for a couple, what, six weeks? I mean, I know that —



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[00:25:22] **Eric Bland:** No, no. They prepared for six months. I wouldn't do — I wouldn't have done it for 600 grand. I wouldn't have done it for 600 grand.

[00:25:28] **Liz Farrell:** Fine. That's great. That's \$160,000 a year. I think that's great.

[00:25:34] **Mandy Matney:** But if, I mean, they were also paying like several — that was between several attorneys and —

[00:25:42] **Eric Bland:** I don't have any pity. We don't have any pity for them, guys. They got themselves in this foxhole.

[00:25:47] **Mandy Matney:** Right. Exactly. That's what I was gonna say. Especially at this point, especially at this point. Like when they're trying to defend, all they're going to do is drag out the court's time and try to milk money away from the victims at this point. And I get it that they believe that Alex should have a great defense in criminal court. That's fine, but they do not have to do anything at this — they could have ducked out a long time ago, and I just don't understand why they are still fighting. They don't have to fight all these criminal cases or all these civil cases is what I'm saying.

[00:26:22] **Eric Bland:** Well, the hearing on Wednesday was they wanted \$160,000 to handle Alex's appeal. They said they've already spent \$22,000 on a transcript. And so they said Alex has a fundamental Sixth Amendment right to attorneys of his own choosing on an appeal. And they tried to persuade Judge Hall to say, "If you don't grant us the \$160,000 from the receiver's money," — which they say is Alex's money; the receiver's just holding it — "then the public will end up paying for his appeal." Well, I got up and I said, "Look. Alex should stand shoulder and shoulder with the victims. He needs to make an application at the same time that the victims make an application to the court. If you give him this \$160,000, then you've made him take a preference over the victims. And oh, by the way, we hold a \$4.3 million judgment, Your Honor, that we agreed to not execute on so that the receiver can marshal all the money and then bring it in the court." Because what Jim says is, "Oh, this is legal money. He got it from his law firm and his 401(k)." No, it's not legal money. The illegal money he lived on, the \$8 million that he stole from his clients, that's what he was living on. That doesn't make the money that went to the 401(k) legitimate. It's all illegitimate. And so I argued that to give him this \$160,000 now is to put him in preference over the victims where



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he's already admitted in court that he stole \$8 million from clients. So Jim got pissed off.

[00:28:06] **Liz Farrell:** Isn't a deal a deal though, Eric?

[00:28:08] **Eric Bland:** A deal is a deal.

[00:28:09] **Liz Farrell:** He — they made — they released that money to make — they made a deal because they couldn't get at that money unless they made this deal. So they had to say to the receivers, "Look. We need to cash this out." They knew that once they cashed it out, that really the victims could have tried for all of that money, right?

[00:28:26] **Eric Bland:** They could.

[00:28:27] **Liz Farrell:** Once it was cashed out, it was fair game.

[00:28:29] **Eric Bland:** I think what they're saying is that part of it was Maggie's estate money or Maggie's claims. And Jim tried to say, "This is Alex's money."

[00:28:38] **Liz Farrell:** How?

[00:28:38] **Eric Bland:** I know. I agreed. Mark Tinsley stood up and said, "Look. A deal is a deal. We agreed to accept this money." John lay got paid \$400,000, and then the Beach family got I think a million, Buster got a half a million. And then \$400,000 was supposed to go in the pot for the victims, and now they want to invade it to diminish it another \$160,000. And we got up and said, "Alex doesn't have a fundamental right to have private attorneys. There's plenty of good public defenders that he could get for his appeal."

[00:29:15] **Liz Farrell:** First of all, let's talk about Jim Griffin. How — what kind of tone was he striking there? Like you said that he was making a case for it.

[00:29:23] **Eric Bland:** He was defiant.

[00:29:24] **Liz Farrell:** Defiant, really?



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[00:29:25] **Eric Bland:** Defiant. He's saying, "This is Alex's money. We never agreed to the receiver." And then John Lay stood up and said, "But they forgone their right for an appeal, so now it's binding." Jim said, "We never made an agreement that we would never make a request for additional money." And I said, "That's fine. Alex can make all the petitions he wants for money. But don't put him at the head of the line. Make him stand shoulder to shoulder with the victims. Let's determine what victims have been paid pro rata or have they been paid in full. But if you let him go in the front of the line, you're rewarding him lying, you're rewarding him stealing, and admitting that he stole \$8 million." so Jim was pissed because now they're on the hook for an appeal and they don't have any money.

[00:30:17] **Liz Farrell:** Wow. Yeah. So what — how do you feel like the judge received that argument? Was there any indication of what he was thinking or what his thoughts were?

[00:30:26] **Eric Bland:** Only he apologized for saying — he said it was inappropriate for me to say that if I don't grant this, then the public will have to pay. Let's not forget that Alex has a GoFundMe page.

[00:30:39] **Liz Farrell:** Wait, who said that? The judge said that?

[00:30:41] **Eric Bland:** The judge, yeah.

[00:30:42] **Liz Farrell:** Okay.

[00:30:42] **Eric Bland:** The judge apologized and said no; that he could get it from other sources. Look. He's got rich family members. The fact that he may not get it from this victim, you know, where's John Marvin? Where's Randy? Where's his sister? They inherited \$4 million each from the death of their father.

[00:30:58] **Liz Farrell:** But so did Alex, right?

[00:30:59] **Eric Bland:** Yeah, from the death of their father. Yeah, there's 31 women out there that are in love with Alex. Don't you think they've sent money? Come on. Cut me a break.



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[00:31:07] **Mandy Matney:** Okay. There was something that you were talking about — oh, with the tax people's money. When they say that, that makes me so mad because it's like we all know if Dick and Jim weren't Alex's lawyers and if Alex had public defenders, that trial would have been at least half the time. And if we want to talk about tax money and resources, like —

[00:31:33] **Eric Bland:** No, Jim blamed it on the government. He said we would have had a two- or a three-week trial and it was the government's fault that we incurred all these costs for a seven-week trial. Jim blamed it on the government.

[00:31:44] **Liz Farrell:** Well, then, that makes me pro government.

[00:31:47] **Mandy Matney:** Well, the government was only like, again, it was only that thorough because it was Dick and Jim that they were up against. And, I mean, we could go around all day of whose fault it was.

[00:31:57] **Eric Bland:** They made a motion a day. Dick and Jim made a motion de jure. Every single day, it was a new motion, so the government had to respond to it.

[00:32:05] **Mandy Matney:** Right. And like it was just a lot of — a lot, a lot, a lot of lawyering and effort and they lost. And now at this point, it's like there's — I just can't believe again the audacity that these guys have to even show up in court and beg for more money. They lost. That's their fault. It's not anybody else's problem as to where they're getting their money and why they want to be involved in this. They should do it pro bono. If they — if Jim really believes like innocent project, blah, blah, blah. He loves to be like, Alex is innocent. No, no, no. If he really believes that, fine. Donate all of your time to getting this guy. I don't care.

[00:32:50] **Eric Bland:** Right. They didn't say that they're earning all this money and that Alex, by the way, has a \$4 million trust.

[00:32:57] **Mandy Matney:** So wait, with this \$4 million trust. A) Where the hell did that come from?

[00:33:02] **Eric Bland:** He was a public servant.



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[00:33:03] **Mandy Matney:** Right. Like.

[00:33:04] **Liz Farrell:** Everyone in the line of like that family chain there was a public servant, so where were they getting — where did Randolph Murdaugh get \$20 million dollars to give his kids?

[00:33:13] **Eric Bland:** 16 million.

[00:33:14] **Liz Farrell:** Or 16 million. Yeah, 16 million.

[00:33:17] **Mandy Matney:** That's insane. And then second of all, why can't that money go to victims? Because it's a trust?

[00:33:23] **Liz Farrell:** It's an irrevocable trust. So the way — yeah, the way they wrote it was — or the arrangement for the trust was a way to keep it from civil —

[00:33:32] **Eric Bland:** Attachment.

[00:33:33] **Liz Farrell:** Civil suits like this. But yeah, civil attachment. But Alex can use that money to pay for his lawyer if he wants to. It's his money, right?

[00:33:39] **Eric Bland:** He sure can.

[00:33:40] **Liz Farrell:** Meanwhile, when you read these love letters and you see that there are women out there who are like scraping together \$20 to send for his commissary account, that makes me sick because it's like he has the money, ladies. Like calm down. He's getting his beef sticks. You don't have to contribute.

[00:33:56] **Mandy Matney:** He does.

[00:33:57] **Eric Bland:** These women are bruised. I feel sorry for these women. They obviously have had trauma in their life. They're bruised. Something happened in their life that they would resort to trying to establish a relationship with somebody in prison. I, you know, it's sad that they're, you know, that there are people out there that feel that they have to go to these



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kinds of lengths to establish some kind of love relationship. They're bruised women. They're women that have been harmed in their life in some way either younger or through their adulthood. It's just sad. What are your thoughts about that?

[00:34:33] **Liz Farrell:** Well, hopefully, they're listening. I think that they should not donate any money. That's what I think.

[00:34:38] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. Well, again, it's like Alex is still scheming. That's another scheme that he is doing from jail is convincing these women who are grossly infatuated with him and convincing them that he's poor, that he has no commissary money, and that he needs their money. And they're — I mean, and I read through so many of those emails — whatever they were — and it was disgusting. And like you said, Liz, the ones that bothered me the most were like, "I wasn't able to pick up my paycheck this week, so I wasn't able to send you commissary money. But next week, I'll try." Like things like that.

[00:35:22] **Eric Bland:** My God.

[00:35:23] **Mandy Matney:** And it's — right. It's horrible. It is horrible to do that to people. And like granted. I believe that these women are all mentally ill, like you said. I think they're damaged. I think they are not in a good place. I don't even think it's worth making fun of them because I think that they're in just such a bad, horrible position to be, thinking that Alex Murdaugh — but it's sad. It's sad to read that. And again, it's just another sign of his manipulation and that — and his lawyer — but his lawyers are helping with that lie and that's what bothers me. And like he — they need to not present it like they're not making any money from this and that Alex doesn't have this huge trust that he could pay them. That's just wrong.

[00:36:07] **Eric Bland:** Well, let me ask you this. If Buster and John Marvin and his sister believe he's innocent — and that's what we've been told that after the verdict, they believe it even more, I think is what we heard, that they believe it even more that he's innocent of these charges — then they can pay for his appeal.



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[00:36:25] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah, I would say. Isn't that what everyone else has to do in life? Their family chips in and they mortgage their houses and they — yeah. I mean, they keep like dismissing his financial his alleged financial crimes as like other than the little financial matter that he got himself into — like no. He fund— there's like a fundamental evilness to what he did when it comes to the financial crimes. Like the murders are just cut and dry. We get why that is wrong on every level. But the financial crimes, too, you can't dismiss them as just some little thing he did.

[00:37:06] Let's go back to what you said earlier about the money, the timeline of when Alex got the money from Nautilus and when he was having to pay for Paul's legal representation with Dick and Jim. Is there anything to that? Like is there anything that could be done to show the flow of that money, and do you think that will be done?

[00:37:27] **Eric Bland:** I don't know, but certainly they should. If they're asking us questions about how we got paid and we should be party to the lawsuit, then shouldn't they be asking themselves how did we get paid? Did we get paid through legitimate sources of money, or was this money that Alex stole? They don't want to ask that question.

[00:37:47] **Liz Farrell:** But there's no independent body that could look into that and say —

[00:37:51] **Eric Bland:** No.

[00:37:52] **Liz Farrell:** Okay. Well, what about you? I mean, if they are putting that out there that the — I mean, I guess they were clear that the Satterfields were not part of this scheme. Isn't there something that you can do as Satterfield's lawyer in terms of subpoenaing for that information?

[00:38:09] **Eric Bland:** We don't have an active lawsuit. We're not parties to the lawsuit.

[00:38:13] **Liz Farrell:** Okay.

[00:38:14] **Eric Bland:** So unless we're parties to a lawsuit. But then, we, you know, we would go down that road. I mean, as far as I'm concerned, Dick and



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Jim dropped the gauntlet, and it's full-blown war right now when they did that in that pleading.

[00:38:29] **Liz Farrell:** Can't you add yourself to the Nautilus suit?

[00:38:31] **Eric Bland:** I don't want to. It's not fair to the clients.

[00:38:34] **Liz Farrell:** No, I know.

[00:38:35] **Mandy Matney:** I wouldn't either. Yeah, but it's just — I mean, it just really makes me mad. And it's, again, a colossal waste of time and energy for a lot of people. And it's — it really feels like Alex is still holding onto power from prison.

[00:38:51] **Eric Bland:** You remember Dick — do you remember Dick made that statement, Mandy? After we recovered the money and we were still going after Alex, Dick said, "Yhey've already gotten their money. Alex doesn't have to pay. He gets credit for them getting it from other sources." You remember that?

[00:39:04] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. Yeah. And now look at this.

[00:39:07] **Eric Bland:** Isn't that rich?

[00:39:07] **Mandy Matney:** Right. And now look at this.

[00:39:09] **Eric Bland:** Yeah. Yeah.

[00:39:10] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. He is quite the villain, man.

[00:39:15] **Liz Farrell:** So if this is personal, like if we do think that they — and this is what is behind that... so first of all, Eric, you said when I mentioned let's add — like can't you add the Satterfields to the Nautilus case so that you can get that subpoena power? Your first response to me was, no, I don't want to do that. It's not fair to the clients. That's how you think. You don't exact personal revenge, right? If that is what Dick and Jim are doing and sort of



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taking this out on you and Ronnie Richter and Bland-Richter, I mean, that's pretty much the lowest of the low but —

[00:39:52] **Eric Bland:** It's against the rules of professional conduct.

[00:39:54] **Liz Farrell:** Is that right?

[00:39:55] **Eric Bland:** You're not allowed to be — yeah, you're not allowed to be personally motivated or do things that aren't in the pursuit of justice. This has nothing to do with justice.

[00:40:06] **Liz Farrell:** Well, I feel like we're seeing that with the boat crash case, too, though, right? Like we're seeing — I think to some extent, Greg Parker's attorneys, I think there's to some extent, Greg Parker has it out for Mark Tinsley. And I think a lot of what he does, from my personal perspective and opinion, is motivated by that, and that's why we're where we're at with that case. Do you see that too?

[00:40:30] **Eric Bland:** I do. After listening to the arguments, it was very personal for Mark. I never heard a lawyer argue as long as he did by reading deposition transcript reference after reference of they didn't have policy and procedures. They weren't properly trained. They weren't given a video. They weren't taught to ask questions when somebody gives them a questionable license. Like what's your zip code again? Where are you from in Ohio? What, you know, all these different things that you test people when you suspect that they're giving a fake ID. It was very personal. The attorney for Parker did a good job. But for Mark, it is personal for Mark. You could tell. He was passionate.

[00:41:24] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah, I don't mean personal in the sense that like this is the you take it personally when you represent your clients. I'm saying that like Dick and Jim are making filings to exact revenge in some way, according to what you're hearing out there, right? Well, isn't that sort of the same case with Greg Parker? And maybe you're not seeing it the same way I'm seeing it. It's just that I feel like —

[00:41:45] **Eric Bland:** Oh, yeah. They've attacked Mark.



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[00:41:46] **Liz Farrell:** A lot of that case has been driven by that sort of vendetta feel or I just don't like Mark Tinsley, so I'm going to fight this harder. But do you see that a lot in your cases or cases out there?

[00:41:59] **Eric Bland:** No. This stuff been happening and this Murdaugh is taking on a whole new level. Lawyers just — I haven't seen it be so personal. I've had one case where when we got a \$5.5 million jury verdict against Nexsen Pruet, there was really personal dislike between us and the lawyer on the other side, but that's probably the only time in my career. This is on a whole new level I'm seeing in these cases.

[00:42:29] **Liz Farrell:** What do you think it is, Mandy? Like have we just reached like the apex of male egotism in all of this? Or what's happening there?

[00:42:37] **Mandy Matney:** I don't know. I didn't believe that there was this many horrible people in the world, and horrible people with a lot of power and a lot of money. So and we keep encountering them over and over and over again in this story. So I am left with kind of a depressing outlook on it, which is just like, I had no idea that there was this many, but they're all showing themselves. Like I think that that's the thing that's the most mind-blowing to me with Greg Parker. Like I see people all the time on Twitter and Facebook and everything say, I live in South Carolina, Georgia, whatever, and I'm never stopping at a Parker's ever again because of the things that he's said and done to the Beach family. And the guy just has no — he does not care. He does not care what it looks like. He does not care. It's very clear he doesn't think that it's going to affect his bottom line and I think it would be hard to tell. But it's definitely — I mean, everyone here knows what Parker's is. And they now know who Greg Parker is and that is not a great reputation because of what's happened with this lawsuit. And what's shocking to me is that he does not seem to care about that, and he seems to care more about ruining Mark.

[00:44:00] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah, that's perfectly put.

[00:44:02] **Eric Bland:** Well, look back again at that answer in Nautilus. They're actually saying — Dick and Jim and Alex — "Go get the money from the Satterfield boys who lost their mother. Let me keep the \$3.8 million that I stole. But Nautilus, if you want your money, go to those boys and get it from



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them. They got it from some other source. I'm going to keep my \$3.8 million that I stole." Remember Alex isn't walking into the Nautilus case saying, "You're right. I did steal the money. I'm going to give you a judgment. That's all I can do. I don't have the \$3.8 million, but I'm not going to make you sue me." No, no. He's fighting that case, guys. He's defending that case. And his defense is "Go get it from those poor innocent boys who lost their mother, a mother who raised Alex's kids, who wiped the toilets that Alex took a dookie on, who mopped the floor, and go get it from them and let me keep the \$3.8 million dollars." I mean, it's a disgrace!

[00:45:10] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. And I also — I mean, one thing with that that I really want to clear up is like your lawsuit was — and I went back and I read your original lawsuit. It was about the fraud and the conspiracy and the negligence in handling the lawsuit. It was not about Gloria's death. It was not a wrongful death lawsuit. It was about the people that should have protected the Satterfields and failed to. So I just have to say this again. It doesn't make a difference. Like them saying — they can say whatever they want, but there is no world where Alex can say, "Well, I lied about the whole thing," and then the Satterfields have to pay Alex Murdaugh \$3 million.

[00:45:54] **Eric Bland:** No, that they have to pay Nautilus.

[00:45:56] **Mandy Matney:** Absolutely not.

[00:45:56] **Eric Bland:** They have to pay Nautilus \$3 million.

[00:45:58] **Mandy Matney:** Nautilus, yeah, the insurance company, which is also insane.

[00:45:59] **Eric Bland:** But Alex gets to keep the \$8 million that he stole. What world are we living in?

[00:46:04] **Mandy Matney:** Right. Exactly. And his attorneys, who probably — I mean, the likeliness of them accepting bad money over the last few years especially because of with their representation of Paul is very very likely, so like it's just insane. It's like if you want to track the money — and I thought about that the other day. I was like, maybe this is the way to find out where the money went because maybe the insurance company is saying, "You got



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to find that money to pay us back." Maybe they can find it out. But it's not with the Satterfields and that's the point. The Satterfield money had to do with something else. And we'll be right back.

[00:46:55] **Liz Farrell:** Mandy, when we were writing the episode for MMP this week, we were talking about the fact that all of these insurance investigators, adjusters, generation after generation have acknowledged it seems that Hampton County was a judicial hellhole; that they were going to get these outsized jury awards so they would have to settle at higher than usual rates, right? This was an open secret in South Carolina for, like I said, three generations at least. So why — can we trust the insurance industry in South Carolina, Eric? That's what I want to ask. Because if the lawyers — and I don't want to say they're in on it, but that there is a complacency there that has to be addressed.

[00:47:37] **Eric Bland:** Well, yeah. I mean, can we trust the insurance company? They have duties to policyholders, Liz — policyholders who invest in their insurance companies. Some are captive and they're not policyholder-owned. But some are owned by the policyholders, and they have to make a business decision that they can't go roll the dice on a case that could turn out to be a \$40 or \$50 million verdict when they can get out for \$6 million dollars. It's just — it is the definition of a judicial hellhole. You don't have — you know, it's a Hobbesian choice. If we pay \$8 million, that means that we're going to keep paying \$8 million and more every time a claim comes in. Or if we decide to make a stand and we go make a stand and it's a \$60 million verdict, now the price of admission goes that much higher. They don't have a good choice either way, Liz.

[00:48:31] **Liz Farrell:** But one of those choices is for the insurance industry to get together and say we have to put an end to this, right?

[00:48:37] **Eric Bland:** How do you put an end to it?

[00:48:38] **Liz Farrell:** At some point.

[00:48:39] **Eric Bland:** Stop insuring businesses there? The problem is it's the juries. It's the juries that are returning these big verdicts.



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[00:48:47] **Liz Farrell:** Well, right.

[00:48:47] **Eric Bland:** You know, lawyers can only do so much.

[00:48:50] **Liz Farrell:** Are you saying that there was nothing that anyone could do this entire time to bring attention to the fact that there's a problem in Hampton County? I mean, that problem's corruption, right? If your juries are fixed, it's not corruption?

[00:49:02] **Eric Bland:** It is corruption and we did hear it in Alex's trial, where Mark Tinsley said to Alex, "Don't you try and fix my jury." I've never heard anybody in Richland County or any other county use those words. So people knew that juries were obviously being fixed.

[00:49:25] **Liz Farrell:** Right.

[00:49:25] **Eric Bland:** Mark used those words.

[00:49:27] **Liz Farrell:** So what — I guess what I'm asking is I don't understand how we've gone this long without a solution to that. So when you look at Nautilus, like what Mandy and I were saying, is that they bear some responsibility in this, right?

[00:49:38] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. I mean, if you — I just want to read a couple lines from — because it was crazy again reading this from the report from Wallinger with Lloyd's of London the time we did the investigation. The 14th Circuit is known to be a plaintiff-friendly circuit. Hampton County is among one of the most pro-plaintiff trial venues in South Carolina, largely because of the influence of Murdaugh's firm in pursuing cases there. Colleton County is not considered quite as plaintiff-friendly as Hampton County. Given Mr. Murdaugh's involvement as a party, not as an attorney for a party, I tend to think Mr. Murdaugh would be favorably viewed by a Hampton County jury or in Colleton County. Absent a case being designated complex, cases are not assigned to particular judges in South Carolina. The 14th Circuit has two resident judges, Judge Perry Buckner and Judge Carmen Mullen. These judges know Mr. Murdaugh and Mr. Fleming well. So that is what led to their decision.



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[00:50:37] **Eric Bland:** Wow. Read between the lines on that. Read between the lines on what he just said right there about Judge Mullen and Perry Buckner. What is he saying there, Mandy? Tell me what he's saying.

[00:50:50] **Mandy Matney:** He's saying that they're going to go in favor for Alex.

[00:50:53] **Liz Farrell:** It's predictable. They're saying it's predictable. We can predict this.

[00:50:56] **Mandy Matney:** Yes. It's all predictable. And they're saying we can predict this. And this is not a situation — this is not a normal situation is what they're saying. They're saying this is not a housekeeper falling. They're saying — this is this super prominent lawyer, and his super prominent defense attorney friend is representing the family to sue him, and we could get really screwed here. And you can just tell that every word of this report was Alex feeding this guy; that Alex was in this guy's head and just telling him all these things. And this is what led to that huge payout. And because we ask that over and over in thinking about like that's so weird. They didn't have a lawsuit? Gloria was, bless her heart, she was not making that much money. How did they get to this kind of lawsuit? It is right there in black and white when you read this report. It is because of corruption in the 14th that Alex took advantage of. And again, it's like every piece, every part of his plan just went magically into place.

[00:52:00] **Liz Farrell:** For generations.

[00:52:01] **Eric Bland:** But you could tell it's been a plan that's been, like Liz said, for generations. It's the same plan over and over again. It works like a plum.

[00:52:11] **Liz Farrell:** Whether it's for themselves or on the behalf of others, which is what makes people so beholden to them. But I guess, again, I ask like at what point does someone step in and say we need to look at the insurance industry in South Carolina because — Look. I get it's a business decision. You're gonna obviously want to pay the lesser amount. But how many times are you going to allow that to happen? It's like I just think of it as like old-time like highway robbery, you know? Like the same people are jumping in front of



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your horse and buggy and asking for money for you to pass. Well, at what point do you get with your neighbors and say, "We need to put an end to this?" And you can't come in. It just feels like they're doing it on the backs of the Satterfield family when ultimately, we know who's at fault for this, and I don't put it all on Alex. I put it on a system that allowed them to do it, and Nautilus was a part of that system. Maybe not the insurance industry as a whole, but who was representing them and who was calling the shots there. Because even though it was a good business decision at the time, it's contributing to a system that needs to be stopped. So what do we do?

[00:53:21] **Eric Bland:** I totally agree. I totally agree 'cause don't forget at the mediation for the \$3.8 million in March of 2019, what did they put in the mediation settlement agreement? "We're going to change the caption to take Alex Murdaugh's name out of it." Nautilus had to agree to do that. Remember that, guys.

[00:53:42] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. And so it's like they said that they started their investigation into this matter in July of 2021, and then they didn't file the lawsuit until April of 2022, and they only filed the lawsuit after they started getting subpoenaed from the U. S. Attorney's Office. And they wanted paperwork from Dick and Jim in the Satterfield matter, and Dick and Jim wouldn't give it to them. So it basically — from the history and from their moves and everything that they did, it seemed like they really didn't want to be involved in this to begin with. Like it seemed like they were pretty quiet about this for a long time and only sued when they had to.

[00:54:30] **Eric Bland:** They had lawyers. They had adjusters. They — again, these insurance companies aren't in the business of just paying out money every day. Somebody made a strategic decision here. And now, they want to redo, and you don't get redos in life.

[00:54:44] **Liz Farrell:** No. You deal with the bully who's been taking your milk money head-on or get somebody involved to help you. And don't come years later and say, "Oh, he was stealing my milk money every day and I just let him." No. Sorry. That's how I view Hampton County insurance industry attorneys in South Carolina specifically. It's just — they allowed this bully to take their milk money, this Hampton County bully — whatever you want, whoever you want to put inside of that caricature — this Hampton County bully was taking their milk money. And now years later, when they might be



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in trouble for it or all eyes are turning to them, now they have a problem with it. I don't get that.

[00:55:24] **Mandy Matney:** Right. And the other thing that like, when you read the report again, it is so obvious that I think the biggest question that Nautilus should have had at the time is like, why is this Alex Murdaugh guy, the homeowner and the defendant in this, why is he the one that wants this whole dog thing to happen? Like he's clearly orchestrating the — right. He's orchestrating the entire thing.

[00:55:50] **Eric Bland:** Cory's the one who's — he's the one who should be arguing and being the advocate. Alex is the insured and he's the advocate.

[00:55:59] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. What kind of insured person is like, yeah, I'm pretty sure there's a big claim and like the dog — guess what? The dogs and blah blah blah. Like it's just very clear. This guy got played so hard and whether or not it was negligence or corruption, they definitely had a role in this because, I mean — and it makes me really mad because the rest of us have all filed insurance claims and we know how hard it is, whether that's for medical reasons, auto insurance, blah, blah, blah. Like how many — I went to the hospital for an appendectomy and had to fight that like I needed surgery and that they should pay for the surgery. Like everything — every time I've ever had to make an insurance claim on everything, it's like such a huge struggle. And then the — and then you see this that there's like no evidence of this theory that Alex has. Everything is weird about this. And they're like — millions of dollars.

[00:56:59] **Eric Bland:** Cory wrote two letters. Two letters.

[00:57:01] **Mandy Matney:** Right. That's it. That's it. Right.

[00:57:04] **Liz Farrell:** And made how many thousands of dollars off of it.

[00:57:07] **Eric Bland:** \$683,000, and then lied about the expenses. \$15,000 on the first settlement and \$105,000. How many stamps do you have to send to get \$105,000? There wasn't a filing fee. There wasn't a deposition cost. There wasn't an expert witness. Nothing. It's just — it's pure thievery.



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[00:57:25] **Liz Farrell:** Yeah. It's gross. And the fact that they just can't take it and say, "You know what? You caught us." No, they don't do that. They're fight — they fight every inch of the way.

[00:57:35] **Eric Bland:** Yeah. I'm interested to see what Debbie Barbier says about the expenses and about the three \$9,000 checks that Cory decided to write to himself and steal from his partners. How does he explain that?

[00:57:48] **Liz Farrell:** Do you think he's actually going to go to trial? Or do you think that that's going to —

[00:57:52] **Eric Bland:** Oh, yeah.

[00:57:52] **Liz Farrell:** She's working on a plea deal of some sort?

[00:57:53] **Eric Bland:** I don't know. I'm not in the loop like you guys are. But from everything I've heard, I think she's going to go to trial.

[00:58:01] **Mandy Matney:** Prediction time. I think out of the three — well, of course, out of the three — but out of all the co-conspirators, especially between Russell and Cory, I think Cory's gonna have significantly less jail time than Russell. I think Russell kind of went ahead and made really dumb mistakes fast. And Cory like sitting back like, oh, I get it. I'm not gonna do that. And —

[00:58:25] **Eric Bland:** No, I'm not gonna hire three sets of lawyers.

[00:58:28] **Mandy Matney:** Right. And like and just really piss off the judge. He's like — I think Cory's actually playing this one smart with Deborah. And I think that it's going to be interesting to see the difference in how much jail time he gets.

[00:58:43] **Liz Farrell:** If guilt is a spectrum, I mean, the sad thing is I do think that Russell is probably on the lower end, right, of that spectrum. Like just think of it, the irony of it, that he got cuffed twice on his ankles and has had to go through like three sets of lawyers. I mean, all of it's just —



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[00:59:03] **Mandy Matney:** And is fighting federal and state charges simultaneously.

[00:59:08] **Liz Farrell:** Absolutely.

[00:59:08] **Mandy Matney:** And, I mean, it's ridiculous.

[00:59:11] **Eric Bland:** I believe Russell's sentence is gonna be within the next four to six weeks.

[00:59:16] **Liz Farrell:** Oh, well, good. That's something to look forward to then.

[00:59:19] **Mandy Matney:** That's exciting.

[00:59:21] **Eric Bland:** Exciting.

[00:59:21] **Liz Farrell:** To close this, another thing I'll just say — only thing — this is what I'm going to say. This is how we're going to close this. I think the only thing I can thank Scott Wallinger for and Nautilus Insurance and Lloyd's of London is for the report that they put together that outlined each of the Murdaugh's dogs and gave us their name and their temperament and their history of behavior lessons and discipline lessons and all that because that was a delight to read. So I always welcome an opportunity to go back in that report and read about the dog.

[00:59:54] **Eric Bland:** Alright. Here's your test. Here's your test. Name the four dogs.

[00:59:58] **Liz Farrell:** Okay. Bourbon.

[00:59:59] **Eric Bland:** Bubba.

[01:00:00] **Liz Farrell:** Bubba.

[01:00:01] **Mandy Matney:** Sassy.

[01:00:01] **Liz Farrell:** Sassy. That's right.



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[01:00:03] **Eric Bland:** Sassy?

[01:00:04] **Mandy Matney:** There's a Sassy, and Sassy might be the same as tappy toes. I'm not sure.

[01:00:10] **Eric Bland:** Okay. What's the fourth one? Come on.

[01:00:13] **Liz Farrell:** Who's the fourth? Oh my god.

[01:00:15] **Mandy Matney:** Blue, right? No.

[01:00:16] **Liz Farrell:** Is it blue?

[01:00:17] **Eric Bland:** It could be blue.

[01:00:17] **Liz Farrell:** You got to pull it up, Mandy.

[01:00:19] **Mandy Matney:** I'm pulling it up. It's Blue.

[01:00:21] **Eric Bland:** Which dog was the one that just came back? What was the one who came back from training?

[01:00:26] **Liz Farrell:** Bourbon, right?

[01:00:27] **Mandy Matney:** Bourbon, and Maggie did not like Bourbon.

[01:00:30] **Liz Farrell:** And Maggie liked dogs, so Bourbon must have been a real jerk.

[01:00:34] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah. So Bubba is the yellow Lab. Bourbon is the chocolate Lab.

[01:00:43] **Eric Bland:** Bubba saw the murders.

[01:00:45] **Mandy Matney:** Yeah.



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[01:00:45] **Eric Bland:** If Bubba could talk.

[01:00:48] **Mandy Matney:** And then got blamed for other shit.

[01:00:50] **Eric Bland:** Yeah, he got — yeah, for the — he got blamed for the guinea.

[01:00:53] **Liz Farrell:** Cups down, everyone. Thank you for joining us. Cups down, Mandy and cups down, Eric.

[01:00:58] **Eric Bland:** Cups down, guys.

[01:00:59] **Mandy Matney:** Cups down.

[01:01:10] **Outro:** This Cup of Justice bonus episode of the Murdaugh Murders Podcast is created and hosted by me, Mandy Matney, with co-host Liz Farrell, our executive editor, and Eric Bland, attorney-at-law, AKA The Jackhammer of Justice. From Luna Shark Productions.

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