



EPISODE 32: Jellyfish and Moselle - What Happened to the Money? - Part Three

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I don't know what happened to the millions of dollars Alex Murdaugh allegedly stole from his clients. But we found out more about his previous relationship with an alleged drug smuggler, and the deeper we go into this rabbit hole, the more concerning it gets. My name is Mandy Matney. I've been investigating the Murdaugh family for almost three years now. This is the Murdaugh Murders Podcast with David Moses and Liz Farrell. So up until this week, it has been noticeably quiet on the breaking news front surrounding the seven investigations related to the Murdaugh family. But things are already heating up again, noticeably. I do believe like many of you have said and as much as a hate saying that we're only at the tip of the iceberg in this case, and we still have a really long way to go until all of the people involved are in handcuffs in the victims get the answers and the justice that they deserve. Until then we're digging into property records and the Murdaugh's past as we look for answers to some of the biggest questions in this case, why would anyone need to steal millions of dollars from people who desperately needed it? Where was all of that money going? And did all of this have anything to do with the murders of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh? In the last episode we told you all about Bera T. Boulware, a good friend and business partner of Alex Murdaugh, who died of cancer in 2018. Buller is also the previous owner of the Moselle property, which could be sold soon. And we will get into all of that later in this episode. And the most important thing to know about Barrett T Boulware is that he was a suspected drug trafficker who shared multiple coastal properties with Alex Murdaugh. So we left y'all on a couple cliffhangers. In the last episode, and joining us today, right where we left off is the one and only will folks who was the FITSnews founding editor, as we talked about in the last episode will and our researcher Jin would spent months putting the puzzle pieces together on this bowl were Murdaugh story, and what they found was shocking.

Will Folks 02:31

You know, oh, my God, these people, they're in a lot more than just your typical run of the mill settlement scams, they're into something bigger, at least it certainly looks at way started pulling property records down in Beaufort County in particular, and a lot of properties that we found were referenced islands and they were all around, you know, harbor River and st Halina. And again, for those of you who aren't familiar with the geography here, St. Helena Island is one of three barrier islands down there and Buford county honey now and Fripp Island Pritchards Island. Of those three, Fripp is the only one that's developed honey now and is actually a state park and Purchase Island is completely uninhabited. But this is, again, we were talking earlier about parts of the Atlantic seaboard that are ideal for bringing in illicit drugs. This is like the perfect place, it's the perfect place to bring something in because again, tons of water access and easy access to roads,

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between 1998 and 2003. Murdaugh and Boulware purchased these properties under various partnerships. As time went on, they used more complex techniques in their business relationship to apparently conceal their ownership and properties. One of those examples would be creating LLCs to hide their involvement.

Will Folks 03:51

And so what we started pulling were these properties and again, many of them co owned by Boulware and Murdaugh again, not any sort of separation here they jointly owned these properties and we found nine in particular that were located at what you can only call looking at them on the map strategic access points to St Elena sound to the harbor river down there and literally perfect places for lookouts to watch out for Coast Guard patrols or local law enforcement boats, you know, just the ideal places to signal somebody hey, they're coming or hey, we got a boat here Hey, hurry up and get everything off loaded. You know? I mean literally look out properties. And so one of the things that I found that was amazing was there was one of these properties was a little strip Island and the island was subdivided into four different tracks. Two tracks had homes on them, like, you know, beach houses, if you will, but then the ends of the island were separate properties. And those were the ones that Boulware and Murdaugh jointly owned. So it's like what the hell are they doing buying this little tip of a Yeah, it just made absolutely no sense. And like

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Will said these properties were perfect for drug smuggling, especially 18 years ago when the area was a lot less developed. I should say again, that everything that Alex Murdaugh touches should be looked at critically. I'm sure these properties could have been used for hunting or fishing. But considering the players involved all of this missing money in these particular pieces of land that they chose, we have to look at this with a fine tooth comb. These properties on St. Helena Island, for instance, cannot be seen from the road when driving on the island. The main road going along the water is set back about 2000 feet with Woods blocking the view of the water, many of the properties ended up with deep water dock access while they were owned by Murdaugh and Bo, where have y'all are visual learners like me, check out the link in the description to look at the properties.

Will Folks 06:00

And again, the properties are varying in size, you know, you've got some that are as big as 20 acres. One of them was like an island forest, which by the way, would have been perfect for stashing stuff of various stuff. But then some of them were really small point two, eight acres, that were basically listed as islands with boat access. And so we started plotting all these properties on the map. And once again, they all looked just like perfect lookout properties. And I started showing them to law enforcement friends, I started showing them to friends who are in the fishing business down there in the low country and started showing them to, you know, attorneys who followed these sorts of operations. And they're like, yeah, there's



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literally only one reason to own these properties. And that is lookouts. And then we also found a few properties that looked like offload sites. And again, there was one that was located near Village Creek, which is a little offshoot of the St. Helena sound that cuts into St. Elena from the Northwest. And this was, again, right off of US Highway 21. So it was like the perfect place to, again, offload whatever it is, they're offloading, and have ready access ready access to that highway. And so I was very careful and reporting on this story, you know that I'm not saying he's using these properties for any particular purpose. But what is the purpose and there's just really not much in the way of rational explanation other than they're part of some sort of smuggling operation. And then when you add that, to the fact he co owns them with Boulware, who's the guy who is clearly linked to that activity, you know, the connection becomes even stronger.

Mandy Matney 07:46

And those mysterious properties discovered by the FITSnews team involve certain attorneys at PMPED, or whatever they call the Murdaugh law firm. Now, since they've rebranded themselves as the Parker's Law Group.

Will Folks 08:00

Again, it was very interesting to find another connection to the Murdaughs, which was Ronnie Crosby, who was one of Murdaugh's partners at the patent law firm. And Crosby took out a mortgage, a little over \$150,000 on a piece of property that Boulware was selling to a company that's called Jenkins Creek marine and charters, LLC. And I'm gonna say that again, because we're gonna have another one of these properties come up, very similarly named, but the Ronnie Crosby one was called Jenkins Creek marine and charters, LLC. So a year and a half later, there's another mortgage, almost an identical amount, a little over 150,000 was taken out on another piece of property that Boulware was selling at this time, the company was called Jenkins Creek charters and property management. So again, very similar, similar name, but a different company. Now, I started pulling some of the records on who these properties were owned by and sure enough Jinkins Creek green and charters, LLC, one of the owners is Alex Murdaugh. And so I'm looking at the signature on a piece of paper that one of the researchers had sent and I'm kind of like, well, wait a minute, Surely he's just the Registered Agent. He's like the lawyer who signed off on it. But no, if you look under the line of the signature list, Alex Murdaugh is a member of this LLC. So he's literally one of the owners of these properties. And then again, Ronnie Crosby, the owner of one of the other properties, so we start looking at these two properties. It's like well, wait a minute, what's the deal with these two companies? Why are they getting these two properties from Boulware? What's the purpose

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is basically Crosby loaned himself \$150,000 twice through his LLCs on property the bulwark was selling which is legal, but obviously raises a lot of questions. In total, there were seven



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property transactions with Jenkins Creek marine and charters, LLC. Between 2010 and as recently as September 2021. Now remember Jenkins Creek marine and charters LLC was owned by Crosby and Alex Murdaugh. Also, we found financial transactions between bull wear and Crosby and other counties that don't appear to make any sense.

Will Folks 10:21

And that's when we uncovered this jellyfish operation. And again, part of this has a legitimate connection. Jellyfish are apparently a delicacy in some parts of the East. There are folks who eat it whether it's served as a salad apparently, you can serve it as in Duck salad and with chicken. It's a delicacy I know, I actually did some extensive research on this because I was trying to figure out exactly what these people were up to. So there is a legitimate case to be made that you can export jelly fish for consumption in various Asian nations. That's accurate. Now the process though is very involved. First of all, you gotta catch them, then you have to dry the jellyfish and that process takes as long as six weeks. Basically, you have to cut the tentacles off the jellyfish, you have to dehydrate them. Usually with salt alum, it takes, again, a long time to do this, typically between three to six weeks.

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The proposed plan from the start of the operation was to harvest and clean the jellyfish at the Golden dock Road site which was on the water, put them in a truck and transfer them to Williams farm and island 10 for processing Island 10 You all should recognize because it's a super tiny town where Moselle is located population 44.

Will Folks 11:37

And so the properties that the Murdaugh's were connected to and when I say the Murdaughs, I mean, Alex and Ronnie Crosby, the properties that they owned were two docks that were offloading jellyfish. And there was a company called millenarian, which owned the operation that was going to process these jellyfish, but the Murdaugh whether it was Alex or Ronnie Crosby, they own the properties. So it was sort of a partnership, if you will. And the jellyfish we started investigating. Okay, where are they going? There was an inland property actually near Mozelle near islands in South Carolina, where they were going to be processed. And the Registered Agent for that company. It was another Murdaugh attorney, Mark Ball. Now in this case, he wasn't a member. He was just a Registered Agent. But still it's another connection between the firm and this operation. And so as we dug into this, it sounds like Okay,

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so what we'll is saying here is that Mark ball and attorney who works at the Murdaugh law firm was the registered agent of the island in South Carolina location called Williams farms that was supposed to process the jellyfish there was pushback with the jellyfish operation, as documented in the island packet newspaper several times in 2013. Locals were concerned



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mostly about environmental effects, but guess who represented Crosby's company as they fought the County Council for the rights to process a jellyfish David Tedder, the current staff attorney for Jasper County, which borders Hampton and Buford County. Tedder was convicted of multiple drug charges during Operation Jackpot which we discussed in the last episode. Tedder is the guy who represented the jellyfish operation and his fight against Beaver County Council. However, the jellyfish company whatever it was apparently failed in 2014, after the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control halted operations due to health code violations, the jellyfish processing plants suddenly ceased operations altogether after that, and that was it. The jellyfish thing was done. What's also interesting in September 2021, all seven of the properties were transferred Ronnie Crosby for \$5 When Jenkins Creek marine and charters LLC was apparently dissolved and liquidated and all the property previously owned by Boulware and owned for years by Murdaugh and Crosby's company was given to Crosby and a covenant with bizarre language that said Crosby wouldn't sue Murdaugh what's really odd about that p&p The partners were Crosby who still works filed a lawsuit against Elek that same month

Will Folks 14:17

you know, what's really going on there's been documented smuggling connected to the guy who owned these docks there's been connections between him and Alex on properties that sure as heck look like you know, look out properties. What are they doing with these dogs and these jellyfish?

Mandy Matney 14:39

uncovering all of this was shocking, and led us to more and more rabbit holes. We'll call this the jellyfish Gambit.

Will Folks 14:48

So at this point, it starts getting like okay, where's this rabbit hole going? Yeah, because it's clear that these guys are into something much bigger than just shipping jellyfish over to Asia. And again, At this point, still trying to dig into all of the connections because there's a lot of incorporations that these people hide behind. There's a lot of, you know, export import licenses and things that you have to track and find out. Okay, is that a legitimate license? Who is the person who applied for the license? I mean, it's just a ton of research to get to the bottom of it. But again, at this point, we found at least one Chinese national that has ties to prior money laundering that was linked up with this jellyfish operation. It's like, wait a minute, you know, this is just and it's like everything with this story. It's like, you look at a field of rabbit holes, and you keep thinking, Okay, well, one of these has got to be a dead end, right? But no, it's like, there are no dead ends with this story. And it's just, it's crazy. And again, like the stuff in the 1980s, I'm not saying these guys are running drugs. Okay. Again, I don't have any proof that they're running drugs. But the people who are involved in these companies, and again, whether that's Barrett Boulder, or some of these Chinese nationals, they are, they are and so I



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think that the facts that that we're looking at right now are certainly pointing to a particular conclusion and again, at this point is just trying to follow the rabbit holes all the way to the bottom, which again, just takes time.

Mandy Matney 16:19

And we'll be right back. We are still looking into the jellyfish Gambit and its potential links to criminal activity. By the way, stay tuned for more on that. But 10 days after the story ran and FITSnews about the jellyfish Gambit, we noticed a story emerging about a Walterboro gang known as the Cowboys potentially being connected to the Murdaugh murders. As we said before, it was interesting that these two local newspapers the Post and Courier and the island packet whose reporters have well known favorable relationships with Murdaugh's defense attorneys publish this tip and push this narrative. In a previous episode, we mentioned how this might have been a red herring to distract from the double homicide investigation. But it's possible that it was a distraction from this storyline.

Will Folks 17:19

And it was really interesting that that's when the Cowboys make their brief appearance on the stage as actors in this unfolding drama. And again, I don't know what the point of that was. I don't know whether or not that was a deflection tactic. Like, oh, let's not look at the international drug smuggling operation that we could be looking at here. Let's focus on these gangbangers from Walterboro, you know, and again, I'm not saying that there weren't ties between the Murdaughs and the Cowboys. I mean, they're obviously we're and the grand jury, the statewide Grand Jury is obviously investigating those letters investigating those. But I think my point was, guys, let's not take our eye off the prize here. You know, if these guys are involved, it's going to be at a much lower level, a much lower level. So let's try to keep our eyes focused on the big picture. And, again, I don't see much of a focus on the state level regarding some of these larger connections. I'm hoping that that's going to be something that the feds are going to look into or are looking into. I mean, obviously, we know there's an extensive Murdaugh investigation underway at the federal level, just as there are multiple investigations underway at the state level and just hoping that somebody's pulling these threads because my god they need to be pulled.

Mandy Matney 18:35

I asked Well, if he was scared when he initially published the story about the Boulwares and these connections to drug smuggling, which are showing that this investigation is heading into territory that none of us expected.

Will Folks 18:50

Definitely a little bit. In fact, that was kind of relieved in January, when the island packet newspaper, I guess, four or five months after the fact, published a report, which indicated that the Supreme Court was investigating some of these connections. And again, we don't really



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know the Supreme Court's not really a player in the investigation of the Murdaughs, their investigatory role is exclusively tied to suspending lawyers or despairing lawyers, right. So that's literally all they can do as far as investigating, but they are looking into these connections. And so I'm not gonna lie, it was nice, even though the packet decided not to throw any love to FITSnews, shocker. It was nice to see another news outlet kind of start to talk about this a little bit, you know, and again, the context wasn't particularly encouraging because it's not exactly an entity that's got a lot of investigative pull. But the fact that again, others are looking into this. Yeah, that was kind of reassuring, because for a while, it's like yeah, kind of out there on my own on an island on this particular angle, but I'm glad to see that others are connecting some of these dots. And again, I think the dots aren't. It's not like this is a stretch. It's not like this is crazy speculation. I mean, the common property ownerships the common and corporations, and just the nature of these properties of these assets. And these operations, I mean, what else could it be? And then you add to all that the history of the family and the relations between the Murdaughs and the Boulwares, and again, you just have to step back and look at and say, What else could it be? And again, I'm just glad to see others starting to connect those dots. One thing

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what we've learned in this investigation is that it's important to report this information as we go along, because the dots tend to connect when new sources emerge, which is why we are always asking for people who have information to come and talk to us on our off the record.

Will Folks 20:53

Well, I think the main thing that I started to think about, as these dots started to be connected, the main thing I thought about was, you know, wow, here's a potential rationale for what happened at Mozelle. Because if you've got, you know, a family that's mixed up in this kind of activity, and again, it's all alleged at this point, it's not they haven't been accused of any of this at this point, formally, but you know, if you've got a family that's mixed up in this kind of stuff, it would explain what we saw at Mozelle back in June of 2021. It would, it would be a rationale for that. And again, I don't know what they were into, but they were into something. And I think it was something that got out of their control. And again, with this family, for so long, it was just you know, they did as they pleased, there was no scrutiny, there was no light on them. And obviously in 2019, in the aftermath of the boat crash when Mallory beach died, and again, you look at Maori beaches, death, it's a tragedy of the first order, you know, to see a life cut short like that. But I will say this, the death of Maori Beach, is what really turned the light on. It turned the light on, and all of a sudden, this family was not able to move in the shadows any longer. Again, we don't know the narrative at this point. We don't know what led to that. That night in February, to that night, in June, when Maggie and Paul Murdaugh were were murdered. And we don't know if that is what they are connected with. We don't know how yet though. But one thing we do know is that all of a sudden the light was on and that the things that were happening in the dark, all of a sudden, this family just



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could not keep up that cover. It was all in the light. And I think that again, the tragedy of Mallory Beach's death, in many ways, is what is responsible for turning that light on.

Mandy Matney 22:46

And as we headed down this road in the investigation was money laundering and potential drug trafficking. We're all wondering what the feds are doing since this seems to be right up their alley. I asked Will about this since he has more sources on the federal level than I do.

Will Folks 23:04

Yeah, there's been a lot of discussion. I think it's obvious that the feds are assisting in the state criminal investigation. Certainly we know that the feds are helping with the Mozelle homicide investigation. They're providing forensic support, I believe, and other support as requested by sled, but as far as what they're looking at beyond that very little Intel coming out, as the federal investigation moves toward indictments, hopefully, we will start to get a better sense of what they're looking at my sense is that, you know, their expertise would really be helpful in looking at the following the money. And again, whether or not the settlement scams are part of a broader money laundering operation. If so, who are they laundering money for? Is it connected to some of these alleged smuggling activities? Again, I don't know. Like you said, it's just a huge puzzle. And we've gotten some pretty important pieces on the board. But it's, it's like you're still fumbling through the box. And every time you go in, there's some new crazy piece that doesn't seem to fit anywhere. You know, it's like where the hell does this go? You know, so it is challenging. You guys are digging, we're digging. And the good news is that law enforcement at both the state and federal level, I do think they're digging in the right places.

Liz Farrell 24:22

In December, FITSNews reported that read to heart, the acting US Attorney for the South Carolina district, who was based in Charleston would quietly step down at the end of the year. This is after multiple sources had told well, that there was a turf war happening between state and federal investigators and that Rhett was repeatedly trying to insert himself into the investigation. Why would he do this? Apparently there were backdoor deals being worked out by Alex attorneys and the feds. Anyone familiar with the Jeffrey Epstein case? Should be feeling the hair stand up on the back of their necks right about now before Julie K Brown, amazing reporting at the Miami Herald Epstein's attorneys had worked out a sweet deal at the federal level, and then pressured state officials in Florida to honor it. Epstein had pleaded guilty to soliciting prostitutes. They weren't prostitutes and served his time by basically having sleepovers at a local holding cell in Palm Beach. So with Dick harpoon aliens close connections to the Biden administration and rent to hearts alleged willingness to entertain her booleans wishes some had strong suspicions that a similar flimsy deal might be hammered out for Alex with red gone, we're hearing that the federal investigation into



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Murdaugh might be heating up at a much faster pace. And this is a good thing, because there seems to be a lot of federal angles here.

Mandy Matney 25:40

And we'll be right back.

Liz Farrell 25:57

Over the weekend, FITSnews happened to ask the right question during our preliminary reporting for Monday's hearings. Much to our surprise, we found out that not only has Moselle been up for sale for a couple of weeks, within days of it allegedly being listed. There were already two buyers lined up to purchase it, I say allegedly being listed because sources have told us that there are questions about the timing here. For instance, the property was only publicly posted after we wrote our story early Monday morning. How many real estate agents have pointed out to us in the past two days, that there is nothing unusual about this. I would agree with that under normal circumstances, but we are talking about the Murdaugh family and Palmetto State Bank here so we can't assume that all lines are straight ones.

Mandy Matney 26:39

What we're about to explain to you guys is yet another dodgy situation involving Moselle but we're going to try to make it as simple as we can. So let's start with this. The land belongs to Maggie's estate, it is being rebranded as cross swamp farm, and according to the broker site is priced at \$3.9 million. The listing boasts dog kennels, which you know what happened at those dog kennels in a rifle range in easy river access. What it doesn't mention is a shady role airstrip that we talked about in the last episode. Okay, so Alex is the beneficiary of Maggie's estate and would have been the executor of it, but Alex is in jail. And also his assets are frozen, anything he stands to gain from Maggie and Paul's estates would also be frozen.

Liz Farrell 27:34

As you know Alex allegedly spent the past three years since the boat crash trying to offload or hide his assets as well as hide the fact that he was apparently stealing other people's assets. So due to his very despicable state of affairs, his younger brother John Marvin Murdaugh became the personal representative of Maggie's estate even though Maggie's sister Marian was supposed to be the next in line for that responsibility. Now Maggie's will does not give the personal representative the power to sell her assets. This means that before John Marvin can sell her real estate holdings, which are Moselle and her Edisto Beach home, he will need the permission of a probate judge and as such, we'll have to demonstrate that he is selling the properties at a quite commercially reasonable price.

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Okay, we'll come back to that phrase and how it's going to mean different things to different people. But first, let's talk about the motives marked. Hensley as you probably remember is



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the attorney for the beach family for Morgan Dowdy and Miley Altman, who were survivors of the 2019 boat crash in September Mark put a lien on both of Maggie's properties. He did this not only because there were suspicions about Alex hiding his assets but like I said Alex had just admitted to hiring a guy to murder him.

Liz Farrell 28:49

So basically, Mark saw the sketch show and decided he needed to take action. He put the lien on the properties to make it harder for the Murdaugh family to liquidate these two valuable assets ahead of the beach trial. Mark was thinking ahead should a jury find Alex guilty in the death of Mallory Beach and award the family damages he wanted to make sure money was available for Alex to honor that award, at least in part. Fast forward to today and the growing list of people Alex is going to owe money to and you can see why that was necessary. In November Mark moved to have Alex's assets frozen and put under the authority of the court. The court agreed and assigned to receivers whose job it is to find and count every penny Alex has now in the interim. We all found out that Alex didn't commit these alleged crimes without help and that two of his alleged co-conspirators are connected to Palmetto State Bank, a family-owned bank in Hampton County with deep ties to the Murdaugh family especially Alex one of those two alleged co-conspirators is Russell Laffitte who was the CEO until he was fired last month. Okay, so before Alex transferred the property to Maggie for \$5 million in 2016. He had taken out two loans from Palmetto State Bank using the property as collateral in January, John Marvin asked for the liens to be withdrawn because Alex still owes Palmetto State Bank more than \$2 million and is now at risk of defaulting on the loans and potentially losing the property property that he doesn't even own. We'll have to discuss that method another day because this is yet another Moselle rabbit hole.

Mandy Matney 30:19

Now, the motives of any victim who stands to have a claim against Alex is going to want there to be as much money in the pot when all is said and done, right. So those advocating for victims want this property to sell at top dollar, regardless of how long that might take the bank, which will likely have giant liability problems of their own because of Luffy. Just once their alleged money back and fast John Marvin, whose family is tight with a few feet has arranged for the sale of this property. According to our sources, whose side is he on the banks or the alleged victims? I'm not John Marvin, so I can't answer that. But he chose the broker and the broker offered his opinion on how much the property is worth. Then just days later two buyers were ready and willing to pay slightly above what he said it was worth; he does not appear to have advertised it locally or nationally. The property was not even on the broker's website as of Monday morning. By the way, the broker is Todd Crosby, who doesn't appear to be related to Ronnie Crosby. And I know that's weird.

Liz Farrell 31:34



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So back to the phrase commercially reasonable to John Marvin and the bank commercially reasonable might mean anything that covers the alleged loans to the probate judge commercially reasonable might mean oh, it's slightly above what the broker estimated to be worth nice. And to the victims and the representatives it probably means as much as the market will bear. To sum this up, a broker estimated the property's value days later, that same broker had buyers lined up for slightly more than what he said it was valued for and it was never publicly listed. So there were no other offers. Now we have one more element to introduce. The list pendants are the liens that were filed, Eric bland said that he will be withdrawing his list pendants on behalf of the Satterfield Mark Kinsley has not yet withdrawn his nor has he said he will be willing to withdraw this.

Eric Bland 32:21

But we had put these listed pendants, which is a notice to the public, if there was going to be a buyer that there's a lien on the property. And so John Marvin and his lawyers filling Newsom in this ew Burnett guy made a motion to strike or to dismiss our list tendency. And we reached an agreement late last week with them that we would remove or dismiss to list pendants lien on the property with the agreement that if the property still wants, the bank is paid their bonafide note whatever the bonafide note is owed on those properties. Any remaining funds, they don't go to Maggie's estate, they don't go to John Morrison. They don't go to Alex because Alex is the sole heir of Maggie's estate. The net proceeds after the bank has paid has been agreed to go to the receiver. And so with that, we feel fine. And like I said to you in my statement, it's time that other victims start to get their compensation and their justice. No, I haven't gotten the full measure of it. But I'm getting pretty close to the top of the cup for my clients, and I'm proud of that. But I also feel for Justin Greenberg's client, and I feel for a marked client badger and he's a trooper. Those people need to get paid. This it's hard to believe but we're here on Valentine's Day. And my clients are the only clients that have received \$1.

Liz Farrell 34:15

From what I understand the issue hanging Mark Kinsley up is the bank loans. Palmetto State Bank has tried to step far away from what its CEO allegedly did with Murdaugh saying that it was him, not us. But one of those things he did with Murdaugh, was to give Murdaugh this alleged loan. I've been saying alleged loans all of this time because well, do you blame me? How can anyone actually trust the particulars on this thing? You're probably wondering how mosaic can be sold given that there are all these liens on it and given the receivership and how Alex's assets are frozen, so one Alex does not own Moselle. This is not one of his assets therefore it is not frozen while a lien on the property is usually a deal breaker. The only thing standing between the proper being sold as the probate judge, she just has to approve the sale price. So technically that the buyers don't mind owning property with a lien on it, they're free to buy it back to our original point. This is why we think it's weird that the property was never advertised. And beyond that everyone has every reason to be skeptical of any real



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estate dealing the Murdaughs are involved in the question is basically who should the sale benefit the most? The broker, the bank, were the victims, you know whose side were on.

Mandy Matney 35:32

And for a bonus this week, we spoke with Eric Bland, those of you following us on social media would know that the motions Deckard Poulin and Jim Griffin filed back in November are going to be withdrawn. One of those motions was to remove Alex Murdaugh from the Satterfield lawsuit because Dick and Jim said that the Satterfield had already gotten enough money from Alex alleged co-conspirators, and therefore, Elliott didn't need to pitch in. The other one was to silence Eric Bland and punish him for speaking to the media, which mainly meant this podcast and FITSnews. Here's Eric, with what happened with those motions.

Eric Bland 36:13

Well, I mean, I think it was a, you know, obviously, it was a arrow and Dix quiver that he decided to play, which I thought was an inappropriate thing to do, because I thought, and do think that everything that I have said has been in accordance with the rules of professional conduct. And under the South Carolina wall, correcting a false narrative that was put out there at different times by Alex's attorneys. But we've reached our agreement, which, for me, was about holding out accountable. And getting him to acknowledge what he did. And once he got up on December 12, and, you know, through Dec acknowledged that he had wronged the boys in the Satterfield family, and he was willing to confess judgment for 4.3 million. That's pretty much as much as we can do from a civil standpoint. So, you know, I'll talk anytime somebody wants to ask me a question that's relevant to what's going on. But really, over the past month and a half, there hasn't been a reason for me to talk.

Mandy Matney 37:32

We asked Eric about the complaint that Dick, who again is a state senator, filed against him with the South Carolina Supreme Court's office of disciplinary Council in November. The complaint was basically an effort on Dick's part to compromise Eric's ability to practice law in South Carolina. And to put it simply, Eric Bland, will not be silenced.

Eric Bland 37:57

No, but I have asked Dick and Jim to withdraw in light of the fact that they are withdrawing their gag order. I've asked them to notify DCA, either that they want their complaint withdrawn, or at least to provide them notice that they're withdrawing the gag order. I think that once ODC finds out that they've withdrawn their gag order motion that that should have some persuasive effect. But I'm not scared of that. And it's not stopping me in the interest of talking. You know, I haven't talked a lot but the reason is, there's not a lot for me to talk about, you know, from September to through December, there was, you know, every day required a rapid response, but been kind of quiet, until we see more charges until others besides Alex



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are charged. There's not a lot for me to say. I mean, we struck hard, we struck early, we struck fast and we struck effectively.

Mandy Matney 39:08

Before we sign off, we want to take a moment and thank Ella for listening as she goes through cancer treatment. Ella, I want you to know that we are rooting for you. And we believe in you. We have been working hard interviewing sources and gathering a lot of background especially on the Murdaugh family's past and we have some really great episodes in store. On top of that. We expect it to be a busy few weeks of breaking news ahead of us in this case. So stay tuned to FITSnews.com And follow us on social media for the latest updates y'all I hope you have an amazing week. We are almost done with winter at least here in the south so stay warm and stay curious, brighter days are ahead Visit FITSnews.com And check out an amazing video by my colleague Dylan Nolan that shows these questionable properties purchased by the Murdaugh's bowl wares and their associates. Be sure to follow FITSNews on YouTube to check out our latest videos on the Murdaugh murder saga, and I will post those links in the description. We want to thank everyone who was able to support hopeful horizons and merge with the mission campaign because of your sales we're sending a big check to helpful horizons and that is a big deal. We decided to partner with hopeful horizons for our merch sales throughout March so be sure to visit [Murdaugh murders podcast.com/merch](https://murdaughmurderspodcast.com/merch) 100% of the proceeds will go to helpful horizons hopeful horizon is a Children's Advocacy, domestic violence and rape crisis center. Together we can create safer communities by changing the culture of violence and offering a path to healing. Learn more at hopefulhorizons.com. The Murdaugh runners podcast is created by me, Mandy Matney, and my fiance David Moses. Our executive editor is Liz Farrell, produced by Luna shark productions