



January 5, 2022

VIA EMAIL

G. Trenholm Walker

Walker Gressette Freeman Linton, LLC
66 Hasell St.
Charleston, SC 29401

Re: Your Client: Palmetto State Bank/Russell Laffitte

My Clients: Johnny Bush, Christopher Anderson, Jamion L. Risher (son), Jamion A. Risher (dad), Pamela Pinckney Individually, Pamela Pinckney as PR for Estate of Hakeem Pinckney, Natarsha Thomas, Angel Gary as PR for the Estate of Blondell Gary

Dear Trenholm:

Thank you for taking my call earlier today. As you know, I previously sent a Letter of Representation to Palmetto State Bank regarding Johnny Bush and Christopher Anderson. This letter is to advise you that I have been retained to represent a number of other individuals, some about their particular situations being detailed below.

As you may recall, Mr. Bush has \$95,000 and Mr. Anderson had \$750,000 misappropriated out of the PMPED Client Trust Account with Palmetto State Bank. Mr. Bush has been reimbursed the misappropriated funds while Mr. Anderson was reimbursed \$450,000 of the \$750,000 with PMPED taking a 40%, \$300,000 legal fee that PMPED claims was not a legal fee since it was PMPED's own money that was used to reimburse the original \$750,000 in client settlement funds.

Jamion L. Risher and Jamion A. Risher

This is a father and son., and I have attached a copy of the Indictment in Case No. 2021-GS-47-37 detailing the associated criminal charges levied against Alex Murdaugh for them. In short, Alex utilized the PMPED Client Trust Account of Palmetto State Bank to funnel client funds in the amount of \$90,000 and \$5,504.94 to his Forge Accounts at Bank of America back in August 2016.

Angel Gary as PR for the Estate of Blondell Gary

Angel Gary is the daughter of PR for the Estate of her mother, Blondell Gary. I have attached a copy of the Indictment in Case No. 2011-GS-47-33 detailing the associated criminal charges levied against Alex Murdaugh for them.

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In short, Alex utilized the PMPED Client Trust Account of Palmetto State Bank to funnel client funds in the amount of \$112,500 to his Forge Accounts at Bank of America in April 2019.

Natarsha Thomas

Natarsha was a passenger in the vehicle with Pamela Pinckney and Hakeem Pinckney, and the underlying accident case surrounded a tire tread separation single car collision that occurred on August 22, 2009. While no one has been indicted to date, on information and belief, indictments are coming as a result of \$325,000 and another \$50,000 having been misappropriated from the PMPED Client Trust Account of Palmetto State Bank back in December 2011. To date, Ms. Thomas has not received reimbursement any of the past due settlement monies that were misappropriated.

Pamela Pinckney, Individually and as PR for the Estate of Hakeem Pinckney

This matter is quite different than the others and is effectively “Satterfield” but years earlier which leads me to believe that which we saw in the Satterfield was not an “exception” in which everyone fell victim to the misdeeds of Alex Murdaugh like clients and the public was led to believe. In fact, the circumstances of this matter directly support the contention that Palmetto State Bank was in on some, if not all of what was going on with Alex, the Forge Accounts, and the misappropriation of client funds from the PMPED Client Trust Account at Palmetto State Bank. As early as 2011 and as late as 2017, settlement monies were misappropriated here, and Russell Laffitte, President of Palmetto State Bank is at the very center of it.

As a preliminary note, it is both disturbing, disgusting, and infuriating to see any client having their much-needed settlement money taken as we have seen in all of these cases. This is even more so the case with the Pinckney matter because of the nature of the underlying incident and resulting catastrophic injuries. I would also note that on a more personal level, it seems as though the victims associated with settlement monies being stolen are almost always African American, and it is just as disturbing to see that majority of the individuals who had their settlement money taken from Palmetto State Bank look like me. As a litigator, nationally recognized civil rights lawyer, and homegrown local whose great-grandfather was forced into sharecropping for powerful families in Bamberg County, everything I have seen is disappointing to say the very least. What the Pinckney matter reveals with regards to Palmetto State Bank is no different.

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As a result of the tire tread separation, Alex Murdaugh sent Pamela herself to Cory Fleming of MKF since she was the driver of the vehicle at the time of the accident. Murdaugh maintained representation of the passengers, including Hakeem Pinckney, who suffered horrendous injuries that left him a quadriplegic on a respirator unable to live on his own. Alex convinced Pamela that she needed financial assistance and guidance and therefore, convinced her that Russell Laffitte of Palmetto State Bank should be the Conservator. He was subsequently appointed Conservator of Hakeem's financial interest in the case. To make matters even worse Hakeem was deaf and had attended the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. This is the individual who would go on to become a victim of Alex Murdaugh, PMPED, Corey Fleming, MKF, Russell Laffitte and Palmetto State Bank.

I have attached various documents to this correspondence. I am not yet in possession of the Conservator and PR appointment documents for the appointments of Mr. Laffitte. However, I am in possession of various disbursement sheets indicating the transfer of funds as well as the specific checks that changed hands.

We are aware of what was alleged in the Satterfield matter – that the Palmetto State Bank employee Chad Westendorf was operating in his own personal capacity as PR for the Estate of Gloria Satterfield, that he was not representing the bank, and that Palmetto State Bank had nothing to do as an entity with the case, etc. etc. The bank itself and its President have zero opportunity to allege that here.

Russell Laffitte was paid \$60,000 as a "Conservator Fee" from my clients settlement funds. This need be returned and was not warranted. As part of any settlement in this matter, we are demanding that \$60,000 be returned. This payment was given to Palmetto State Bank itself on January 3, 2012 via Check # 41405 from the PMPED Palmetto State Bank Client Trust Account and made payable directly to "Palmetto State Bank" – not Russell Laffitte as Conservator or PR for the Estate of Hakeem Pinckney. It was cashed the next day on January 4, 2012.

Even more disturbing, and in complete breach of every single fiduciary duty Palmetto State Bank and Russell Laffitte owed my client, the attached PMPED Disbursement Sheet indicates under the category "Disbursement to Client" that there was \$309,581.46 payment to "Hakeem (Cash payment)". Check # 41351 was dated December 20, 2021 and made payable directly to Palmetto State Bank – not Russell Laffitte as Conservator or PR for the Estate of Hakeem Pinckney – from PMPED's Client Trust Account.

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The “memo” or “for” line indicated the payment was “Settlement Proceeds; Hakeem L. Pinckney” and it was cashed at Palmetto State Bank the very next day on December 21, 2011. However, my client never received the \$309,581.46 and instead it appears to have been misappropriated. Russell Laffitte, the longtime President of Palmetto State Bank, was the individual responsible for the safekeeping and monitoring of my client’s monies and not only did he, acting on behalf of himself and Palmetto State Bank fail to meet the fiduciary duties owed my client under the letter of the law in South Carolina, it appears as though he – or someone – absconded with over \$300,000 in settlement funds paid to compensate a deaf, quadriplegic, incapacitated individual who had horrifically died just a months before when he basically suffocated to death in the nursing home. It seems implausible that a check made payable to Palmetto State Bank on a Palmetto State Bank PMPED Client Trust Account could be cashed or otherwise negotiated by anyone other than Russell Laffitte or someone employed by the bank itself – particularly on a file that Mr. Laffitte is actually the Conservator and PR for the client on.

Not a single penny of any of this money has been returned. To make matters worse, my clients were informed that PMPED sought contribution from Palmetto State Bank to recoup the misappropriated funds, and Palmetto State Bank had PMPED Attorney Mark Ball relay that the bank would look at it but would require a Release be signed by the clients which is one of the most unconscionable things I have ever heard. It appears that on September 27, 2021, PMPED reimbursed its own client trust account in the amount of \$89,133.44; however, that money has not yet been returned to Pamela Pinckney. I presume part of the problem is PMPED awaiting Palmetto State Bank to contributed to the pot given its and its President’s direct involved in monies being misappropriated with respect to the Michelin tire tread separation cases.

Conclusion

Please understand that my clients and office view the aforementioned as some of the most egregious of actions possible in the lawyer-client arena as it pertains to Alex Murdaugh and PMPED’s handling of these matters. Based on the information available to date, we have no reason to believe anything other than Russell Laffitte was involved directly with Alex Murdaugh and others actions here in misappropriated client funds funneled through the PMPED Client Trust Account with Palmetto State Bank and the Bank of America Forge Accounts.

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The fact that some of my clients have yet to receive, at the very least, the money that was actually misappropriated and belonging to them does not improve the standing of any of the defendants in these cases, and the fact that Palmetto State Bank indicated that a Release need be signed if it contributed to the reimbursement of funds misappropriated and due my clients when its own President was the Conservator and PR for the Estate of one of them quite frankly makes us want to file suit and dig into every single aspect of the bank, its supervisors, and others. PMPED informed one of my clients that it spoke with the President of the Bank who indicated the bank needed a Release signed in order to contribute to any reimbursement. Sadly and unbelievably, PMPED failed to inform the client that the President of Bank who sought the Release was also the very same person who served as the Conservator and PR of the Estate for Hakeem Pinckney, and therefore had a direct and involved in the case and both he and the bank being Released of any and all claims.

Please be advised that I am formally requesting an accounting and a copy of any and all documents in possession of Palmetto State Bank (my client's banking files) regarding any and all "loans" Russell Laffitte, Palmetto State Bank, or other banking personnel provided to any of my clients, to include a specific accounting and the associated documentation regarding any and all interest, fees, or other associated costs levied by Palmetto State Bank on the clients as a result of the lent monies, including all documentation indicating the interest rates charged by Palmetto State Bank on the funds lent to the client and the total amount of interest over the term of the loan, if any.

We need the aforementioned banking information as soon as physical possible, along with any documents signed by or purported to have been signed by my clients at the time of or in associated with Palmetto State Bank lending money to my clients at the direction of PMPED, or any of the firm's agents, representatives, or employees, as a lien on their personal injury cases.

I am also enclosing herewith an Affidavit of Insurance to be completed by both Palmetto State Bank as a corporate entity and Russell Laffitte in his personal capacity, and I ask that the same be returned to my office immediately. These disclosures should include any and all insurance policies including but not limited to general commercial, umbrella, personal, homeowners, and any other policies which could possibly afford coverage for these claims.

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The bank has long been aware of the amounts of the monies misappropriated to date, and Palmetto State Bank need know that we are seeking damages in addition to the return of the misappropriated funds, for causes of action including but not limited to gross negligence, accounting, breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, civil conspiracy, conversion, negligent hiring/training/supervision, unfair trade practices, and others. While Palmetto State Bank may have somewhat distanced itself from Alex Murdaugh in October 2021 as far as misappropriating the Satterfield settlement monies, that argument will not work now that we have the same exact conduct transpiring almost a decade before.

In addition to demanding a dollar for dollar return of all monies misappropriated or otherwise negotiated to undeserving parties like Palmetto State Bank and/or Russell Laffitte, we are demanding substantial punitive damages on these claims. If my clients' claims are not resolved in full this month as to Palmetto State Bank and any bank employees, representatives, and agents, we will proceed with filing suit and just let a jury determine how much each client should receive. If any person associated with the bank is subjected to a criminal indictment by the S.C. Attorney General's Office or the United States of America in association with any of my clients' cases before a resolution to the within mentioned claims is agreed to by the parties, Palmetto State Bank can consider our offer to attempt to negotiate a resolution immediately withdrawn.

While I am sure this is not the most comfortable case or situation to be involved in for any of the lawyers or parties, I thank you for your attention and time, and I look forward to not only working with you but also the possibility of amicably resolving these matters. Should you need to reach me, please feel free to contact me directly on my cell phone at 803-682-2860. Please note that the General Assembly will return to Legislative Session next week, so with an anticipated hectic beginning, I will return any missed call or message from you as promptly as physically possible as these are matters of the highest priority to both my clients and myself.

With kind regards, I remain yours truly,

Justin T. Bamberg

Justin T. Bamberg, Esquire

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STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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v.)
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RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH,)
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Defendant.)
_____)

Case No. 2021-GS-47-37

**INDICTMENT FOR BREACH OF TRUST
WITH FRAUDULENT INTENT AND
COMPUTER CRIME**

At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened in Columbia, South Carolina, on December 9, 2021, the State Grand Jurors present upon their oath and charge as follows:

**COUNT ONE
BREACH OF TRUST WITH FRAUDULENT INTENT
VALUE \$10,000 OR MORE
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-230
CDR Code: 3424**

That RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, in Hampton County, on or about August 31, 2016, did wilfully, unlawfully, and feloniously convert to his own use, with intention to permanently deprive the owner of possession, goods to which he had been entrusted by the owner for the care, keeping, and possession, to wit:

While relying on his prestige and reputation as a lawyer, and the trust of Jamian Risher, MURDAUGH caused a check with the description "re: Jamian Risher", and in the amount of \$90,000, to be made out to "Forge" and disbursed from the Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth, and Detrick, P.A. (PMPED) Client Trust Account. Forge

Consulting, LLC, is a legitimate company often used by South Carolina lawyers to facilitate structured settlements. However, MURDAUGH then deposited the \$90,000 trust account check – which was supposed to be compensation to Jamian Risher for his injuries -- into a bank account he had created under the name “Richard A Murdaugh Sole Prop DBA Forge”. MURDAUGH had created this bank account for the purpose of misappropriating funds belonging to others with the illusion that the money was being paid to the legitimate company Forge Consulting, LLC. Instead of compensating Risher, MURDAUGH instead breached Risher’s trust and converted the money to his own personal use, for expenses including but not limited to credit card bills, cash, and checks written to himself and associates.

All in violation of section 16-13-230 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct involving a violation of the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, or a crime related to a violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and such conduct also involving a crime involving computer crimes, or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit a crime involving computer crimes, and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT TWO
COMPUTER CRIME
VALUE MORE THAN \$10,000
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-16-20
CDR Code: 3110**

That RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, in Hampton County, between on or about August 31, 2016 and on or about October 19, 2016, did wilfully, knowingly, maliciously, and without authorization and for an unauthorized purpose, directly or indirectly access or cause to be accessed a computer, computer system, or computer network for the purpose of: devising or executing a scheme or artifice to defraud; obtaining money, property, or services by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises; and committing any crime; to wit:

MURDAUGH created a bank account under the name "Richard A Murdaugh Sole Prop DBA Forge". He created this account for the purpose of misappropriating funds belonging to others with the illusion that the money was being paid to the legitimate settlement planning company Forge Consulting, LLC. MURDAUGH caused a \$90,000 settlement disbursement check representing proceeds intended for the benefit of Jamian Risher to be made out to "Forge". He then deposited the check into the Forge account under his control, and then conducted online banking transfers to convert settlement proceeds to his own personal use, which defrauded Jamian Risher and laundered the proceeds. These transactions exceeded \$10,000.

All in violation of section 16-16-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct involving a violation of the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, or a crime related to a violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and such conduct also

involving a crime involving computer crimes, or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit a crime involving computer crimes, and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT THREE
BREACH OF TRUST WITH FRAUDULENT INTENT
VALUE MORE THAN \$2,000 BUT LESS THAN \$10,000
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-230
CDR Code: 3423**

That RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, in Hampton County, on or about some time in August 2019 to on or about some time in November 2019, did wilfully, unlawfully, and feloniously convert to his own use, with intention to permanently deprive the owner of possession, goods to which he had been entrusted by the owner for the care, keeping, and possession, to wit:

While relying on his prestige and reputation as a lawyer, the trust of Jamian Risher, and the trust of his law firm staff, MURDAUGH represented that travel expenses to New York, including a flight and meals, were incurred as a result of his representation of Risher. However, the expenses were strictly personal in nature and in no way related to MURDAUGH's representation of Risher. Instead of compensating Risher, MURDAUGH instead breached Risher's trust and converted \$5,504.94 of funds held in trust for his client's benefit to his own personal use.

All in violation of section 16-13-230 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct involving a violation of the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, or

a crime related to a violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and such conduct also involving a crime involving computer crimes, or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit a crime involving computer crimes, and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

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Alan Wilson
ALAN WILSON (scw/jejj)
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Eltzroth, and Detrick, P.A. (PMPED) Client Trust Account. Forge Consulting, LLC, is a legitimate company often used by South Carolina lawyers to facilitate structured settlements. However, MURDAUGH then deposited the \$112,500 "Estate of Blondell Gary Settlement Proceeds" check – which was supposed to be compensation to the Estate of Blondell Gary for a wrongful death -- into a bank account he had created under the name "Richard A Murdaugh Sole Prop DBA Forge". MURDAUGH had created this bank account for the purpose of misappropriating funds belonging to others with the illusion that the money was being paid to the legitimate company Forge Consulting, LLC. Instead of compensating the Estate, MURDAUGH instead breached the personal representative's trust and converted the money to his own personal use, for expenses including but not limited to a credit card payment, cash, payments to family, and checks written to associates.

All in violation of section 16-13-230 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct involving a violation of the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, or a crime related to a violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and such conduct also involving a crime involving computer crimes, or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit a crime involving computer crimes, and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

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COUNT TWO
MONEY LAUNDERING
VALUE \$100,000 OR MORE
S.C. Code Ann. § 35-11-740
CDR Code: 3939

That RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, in Hampton County, between on or about April 11, 2019 and on or about May 23, 2019, did conduct financial transactions with property that he knew was the proceeds of, or was derived directly or indirectly from the proceeds of, unlawful activity, and he conducted these transactions with the intent to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity, and while knowing that the transactions were designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, sources, ownership, or control of the proceeds of unlawful activity, to wit:

MURDAUGH created a bank account under the name "Richard A Murdaugh Sole Prop DBA Forge". He created this account for the purpose of misappropriating funds belonging to others with the illusion that the money was being paid to the legitimate settlement planning company Forge Consulting, LLC. MURDAUGH caused an \$112,500 settlement disbursement check, which represented proceeds intended for the benefit of the Estate of Blondell Gary, to be made out to "Forge". He deposited the check into the Forge account under his control, and then conducted financial transactions including online banking transfers and cash withdrawals to convert the \$112,500 to his own personal use. These transactions exceeded \$100,000 in a twelve month period.

All in violation of section 35-11-740 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct involving a violation of the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, or a crime related to a violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and such conduct also involving

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**COUNT THREE
COMPUTER CRIME
VALUE MORE THAN \$10,000
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-16-20
CDR Code: 3110**

That RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, in Hampton County, between on or about April 11, 2019 and on or about May 23, 2019, did wilfully, knowingly, maliciously, and without authorization and for an unauthorized purpose, directly or indirectly access or cause to be accessed a computer, computer system, or computer network for the purpose of: devising or executing a scheme or artifice to defraud; obtaining money, property, or services by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises; and committing any crime; to wit:

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settlement proceeds to his own personal use, which defrauded the Estate and laundered the proceeds. These transactions exceeded \$10,000.

All in violation of section 16-16-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct involving a violation of the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, or a crime related to a violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, and such conduct also involving a crime involving computer crimes, or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit a crime involving computer crimes, and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

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A  True Bill

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Alan Wilson

ALAN WILSON (scw)
ATTORNEY GENERAL

11/09/21

Moss & Kuhn Trust Customer Balance Detail All Transactions

Type	Date	Num	Source Name	Amount	Balance
Pinckney					
Payment	11/17/2011	1297	Pinckney	-1,800,000.00	-1,800,000.00
Check	11/29/2011	22325	Pamela Pinckney	50,000.00	-1,750,000.00
Payment	12/19/2011	351336...	Pinckney	-200,000.00	-1,950,000.00
Check	12/21/2011	22369	Moss, Kuhn & Fleming	675,102.47	-1,274,897.53
Check	12/21/2011	22368	Allen Funeral Home	9,452.00	-1,265,445.53
Check	12/21/2011	22367	Charles Nivens	1,024.00	-1,264,421.53
Check	12/21/2011	22366	Peters, Murdaugh, Park...	12,305.34	-1,252,116.19
Check	12/21/2011	22365	Peters, Murdaugh, Park...	12,310.26	-1,239,805.93
Check	12/21/2011	22364	Peters, Murdaugh, Park...	10,785.02	-1,229,020.91
Check	12/21/2011	22363	Palmetto State Bank	28,066.46	-1,200,954.45
Check	12/21/2011	22362	Peters, Murdaugh, Park...	150,000.00	-1,050,954.45
Check	12/21/2011	22360	Pamela Pinckney	700,954.45	-350,000.00
Check	12/21/2011	22361	Moss, Kuhn & Fleming	0.00	-350,000.00
Check	01/04/2012	22377	Palmetto State Bank	5,740.37	-344,259.63
Payment	02/03/2012	1913	Pinckney	-3,520.00	-347,779.63
Check	02/06/2012	22421	Willie Mae Reid	1,200.00	-346,579.63
Check	04/30/2012	23501	DHHS	219,807.73	-126,771.90
Check	04/30/2012	23500		0.00	-126,771.90
Check	04/30/2012	22499		0.00	-126,771.90
Check	08/21/2012	23596	Crosswind	6,490.00	-120,281.90
Check	08/21/2012	23597	Crosswind	1,588.46	-118,693.44
Check	01/22/2013	23725	Jerry Cook	15,000.00	-103,693.44
Check	04/01/2013	23776	Moss, Kuhn & Fleming	10,000.00	-93,693.44
Check	03/27/2017	23294	Alexander Murdaugh	4,560.00	-89,133.44
Check	05/08/2017	23332	Peters, Murdaugh, Park...	89,133.44	0.00
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The example facilities listed below, as well as those not listed, exceed industry guidelines.

- Security Features:
 - Micro Print Lines
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 - Small type in lines appears
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Re: Transfer for Disbursement from Trust account for Pinckney

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COMPLIEMENTS OF LUNASHARK

Hakeem

RECOVERY AMOUNT:

\$10,245,000.00

Allstate Insurance Company	\$25,000.00
Budget Tire	\$345,000.00
Micheline North America	<u>\$9,875,000.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

FEES

\$4,158,000.00

PMPED Attorney Fee (40% of 10,245,000.00)	\$4,098,000.00
Russell, Laffitte - Conservator Fee	<u>\$60,000.00</u>

COSTS/EXPENSES

\$91,193.77

PMPED -Cost Advanced (see attached listing)	\$66,193.77
Hold in trust for expenses not received	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

LOANS/LIENS/MEDICAL BILLS

\$686,224.77

Palmetto State Bank Loan #6981151 (at 11/17/11)	\$3,965.08
Gibson & Sharps - MUSC Lien	\$500,813.08
Medicaid Lien at 2/22/11	<u>\$181,446.61</u>



DISBURSEMENT TO CLIENT

\$5,309,581.46

Hakeem (Cash payment)	\$309,581.46
Hakeem (structured payment)	<u>5,000,000.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:



\$10,245,000.00

PETERS, BURDAUGH, PARKER, <small>ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.A. CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT P.O. BOX 457 HAMPTON, SC 29024</small>		 PALMETTO STATE BANK <small>HAMPTON, S. C. 29024 87.255-832</small>		41351
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Palmetto State Bank			12/20/2011	
Three Hundred Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-One & 46/100 Dollars		\$	309,581.46	
Palmetto State Bank PO Box 158 Hampton, SC 29024				
MEMO	Settlement Proceeds; Hakeem L. Pinchney		 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	
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41351 \$309,581.46 12/21/2011

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Palmetto State Bank		\$	1/3/2012
Sixty Thousand & No/100 Dollars Palmetto State Bank			60,000.00 DOLLARS
PO Box 158 Hampton, SC 29024		 M. L. Parkney ATTORNEY AT LAW	
MEMO Conservator Fee; M. L. Parkney			
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A SENATE RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND GREEN HORNETS BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2008 EIGHT-MAN DEAF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, AND THE LADY HORNETS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2009 MASON-DIXON CHAMPIONSHIP.

Whereas, winning athletes and coaches from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind are fully supported by the school's board chairman, Ms. Cindy Holland, and interim president, Ms. Carol Mabry; and

Whereas, members of the Green Hornets Varsity Football Team won the 2008 Deaf National Champions in eight-man football. The team boasted a 7-1 season and is nationally recognized as Eight-Man Team of the Year by *Deaf Digest Sports*; and

Whereas, many of the football team members are also members of the school's basketball team that was recently named Division II Basketball champions by the National Deaf Interscholastic Athletics Council; and

Whereas, the Lady Hornets Girls' Basketball Team won the 32nd Annual Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament, and this was the first time the school has won the prestigious tournament since earning the title at the very first event in 1978; and

Whereas, the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind serves children who are deaf, blind, or sensory multidisabled throughout our State. The athletics program is an integral part of the educational process at the school, and the team and individual sports activities give students not only the opportunity to play and compete, but to build the kind of endurance and character that leads to success in life; and

Whereas, these accomplished athletes from across South Carolina include Kardeem Allen, Ja'han Green and Mariah Jackson of Beaufort; Justin Johnson of Camden; Deven Frazier of Cardova; Tyler Frederick (team manager) of Charleston; Jasmine Elleby and Cleveland Hallman of Columbia; Kia Smith of Dorchester; Jeffrey Rogers of Easley; Marvin Black of Florence; Paige Darus of Gray Court; Secret Lesesne of Greenville; Jartavius Price and Bubba Renfrow of Greenwood; Dedrick Simpson of Kingstree; Victoria Duncan of Lancaster; Sarah Williams (team manager) of Lyman; Shaquan Boyd of Newberry; Duane Robinson of Ridgeway; James Ivey (team manager) and Meka Minton of Rock Hill; Chelsea Spann of St. Stephen; Chris MacDonald of Six Mile; Shentara Cobb, Brianna Crayton, Shanquill Meadow, Cecilia Milligan and Chris Simons (team manager) of Spartanburg; Terry Frierson of Sumter; Brittney Harrington and (her brother) Dearon Harrington of Wallace; Rakeem Johnson of Walterboro; and Hakeem Pinckney of Yemassee; and

Whereas, Brittney won the MVP trophy, and she and Secret earned all star tournament awards. Linebacker Dedrick and defensive end Terry were named to the All American Football First Team, and Cleveland scored the first points after a touchdown for the school in almost two decades; and

Whereas, their coaches are Don Creech, named *Deaf Digest* Coach of the Year, Jessica Smith, Dennis White, and Joe Whitner. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind Green Hornets Boys Varsity Football Team upon winning the 2008 Eight-Man Deaf National Championship, and the Lady Hornets Girls Basketball Team upon winning the 2009 Mason-Dixon Championship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind.

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COMPLIEMENTS OF LUNASHARK

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Palmetto State Bank says it had no involvement in alleged Murdaugh settlement scheme

BY AVERY G. WILKS AWILKS@POSTANDCOURIER.COM

OCT 15, 2021



A Hampton County sheriff's vehicle passes by the Hampton County Courthouse on June 9, 2021. A Hampton-based bank is washing its hands of any involvement in an alleged scheme to defraud the family of Alex Murdaugh's housekeeper of millions of dollars from a wrongful-death settlement. File/Lauren Petracca/Staff

LAUREN PETRACCA

COLUMBIA — A South Carolina bank is washing its hands of any involvement in an alleged scheme to defraud the family of Alex Murdaugh's housekeeper of millions of dollars from a wrongful-death settlement.

In an Oct. 15 legal filing, Palmetto State Bank said it had nothing to do with the 2018 lawsuit brought by the sons of Gloria Satterfield, even though one of the bank's vice presidents served as the personal representative of the Satterfield estate in that case.

The Hampton-based bank said on Oct. 15 that Chad Westendorf represented the Satterfield's estate only in a personal capacity, not as part of his official duties. The bank insisted no money from the \$4.3 million Satterfield settlement was ever deposited in any of its accounts. It said it knew nothing of a conspiracy to hijack money that was owed to Satterfield's family and misdirect it instead to disgraced attorney Alex Murdaugh, the lawsuit's defendant.



NEWS

Alex Murdaugh scammed law firm, housekeeper's sons with fake bank account, lawsuits allege

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The bank requested to be dismissed as a defendant from a recent lawsuit alleging the scheme.

"The claims asserted against the bank in this lawsuit are wholly unsupported," the bank's lawyers wrote in a statement. "While the actions of Alex Murdaugh continue to shock us all in South Carolina, the bank had no involvement in those activities."

That's not true, said one of the attorneys suing the bank on behalf of the Satterfield family.

"Their lawyers are trying to dig their heels in," trial attorney Eric Bland said. "We look forward to disproving a lot of what they say."

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Bland said Westendorf got permission from Palmetto State Bank to work on the Satterfield case, filed papers in the case as vice president of the bank and had correspondence mailed to his office at the bank — not his home address.

The bank's 24-page filing comes a day after Murdaugh, the scandal-scarred scion of a powerful legal family in Hampton County, was arrested in connection with the alleged Satterfield scheme and charged with two felonies.

Murdaugh on Oct. 15 agreed to be extradited from Florida on those charges. He is scheduled to appear at a bond hearing on Oct. 18 in South Carolina.

The bank's statement also continues a trend of lawyers, bankers, financial firms and former friends scrambling to distance themselves from Murdaugh and his alleged scams.

Murdaugh's former law office of Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth, Detrick also claimed no role in the Satterfield settlement, while his close friend, Beaufort lawyer Cory Fleming, said last week he too was duped by Murdaugh during the deal.



NEWS

Law firm reaches settlement, suit claiming millions owed to Murdaugh housekeeper's sons

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A spokeswoman for Murdaugh declined to comment on Oct. 15. Efforts to reach attorneys for Fleming were unsuccessful.

Last month, attorneys Bland and Ronnie Richter filed a new lawsuit on behalf of Satterfield's sons. They asserted Satterfield's family had received nothing from a settlement that was negotiated in secret on their behalf.

Bland and Richter said Murdaugh had encouraged the sons to sue him — and hire Fleming to do it — after their mother died following a February 2018 trip and fall at a Murdaugh property. Bland and Richter said Fleming encouraged the Satterfield's to appoint Westendorf to represent and manage her estate.

After that, the Satterfield sons were never told of the \$4.3 million settlement that was negotiated on their behalf, the new lawsuit alleged.

**NEWS**

SC Supreme Court suspends Murdaugh friend's law license amid allegations of estate scam

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Instead, Bland and Richter said, Murdaugh — the defendant — told Fleming to direct the money to a fraudulent bank account that Murdaugh had disguised to look like that of a financial firm that manages settlement payments. From there, the money disappeared, they alleged.

Fleming settled the lawsuit earlier this month, agreeing to pay the Satterfields all the legal fees he was awarded from the case. He admitted making mistakes in the case and said he was misled by Murdaugh, his friend and former law school classmate, to believe the money was going to the Satterfields.

Palmetto State Bank is one of the new lawsuit's defendants.

Its pushback on Oct. 15 comes days after Bland and Richter moved to hold the bank liable for Westendorf's actions in the Satterfield case.

In its filing, the bank states Westendorf is "an exemplary person of integrity who has helped and served others." When Westendorf agreed to serve as personal representative for the Satterfield estate, he had "no reason to suspect or know of Murdaugh's scheme to defraud and steal," the bank said.

The bank moved to shift any blame from itself and Westendorf to Fleming, saying the attorney for the Satterfields' estate gave Westendorf bad legal direction about how to handle the case.

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