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Mandy Matney 00:00

So how have you been Karl? I feel really bad. I didn't get to see you at the victims rally either.

Karl Stoller 00:06

That's, that's okay. That's okay. Yeah.

Mandy Matney 00:09

I meant to say hi. And it was chaotic.

Karl Stoller 00:12

Yes, everything kind of happened so quickly and no problem. No problem. Yes. We're doing okay. How about you guys?

Mandy Matney 00:21

Doing good. Really just busy. It was funny. I was thinking about your case today. I noticed. I don't know, I still go in. Bowen could be released in a couple months. And I was just thinking about it. And then the story popped up.

Karl Stoller 00:40

He's actually scheduled to be released sometime in July, what I'm understanding.

Mandy Matney 00:48

So I don't understand that because it says in his SCDC thing, it says that he's not due for probation until September, like it says, it says, like projected probation. the date is September and then it said, projected release date and like 2026 for him. So do you know any specifics on any of that?

Karl Stoller 01:17

No. The latest I've heard is that sometimes in July, and he will actually be released on parole and not probation, because I don't think that is my understanding that probation did not something to do with that violation thing.

Mandy Matney 01:41

Yeah, yeah. Okay.

Karl Stoller 01:44

Because he violated his probation and had to be incarcerated, that he would technically be a parolee and not a probationer, so to speak. So. And so I think they're trying to determine, you know, kind of what his, well not kind of, but exactly what the terms of his parole would be. And then, of course, ultimately, if he violated that parole, and what the consequences would be, etc. But, as you know, you know, parole is a little tighter grip than probation, but it's it again, it all depends on the terms. I mean, you know, the, whatever the word sits, you know, I think they do a parole hearing, etc. You know, my dad was a probation officer in Bamberg for many, many years. And I used to know exactly how that work. goes, he'd been retired a long, long time. So it's probably changed a lot. And you know, I work in the sheriff's office in Orangeburg, we don't deal with that kind of stuff. Pretty much. So I'm just other people are telling me,

Mandy Matney 02:57

When was the last time that you spoke to Solicitor Bill Weeks?

Karl Stoller 03:02

It's been about eight or nine weeks ago, the last time I spoke.

Mandy Matney 03:06

Yeah. Okay. And what was that conversation like?

Karl Stoller 03:10

It was set up like a, the intent was for it to be a zoom call, kind of like not unlike what we're on right now. And, unfortunately, I could not join the meeting from where I was. So I actually had to call in and kind of hear everything through the phone. Okay. So and, but I did get enough out of it to figure out that, here's where we are. After meeting with him, Brett and I meeting, and Sarah, the

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three of us meeting with him over a year ago, when he asked us to, you know, see if he would be willing to back down a little bit and get some of the media pressure off of them. So and allow them to work. We, you know, this is where we are, to date, so to speak, that he is has spoken or his office has spoken with some of the folks that witnessed, so called witness, the event or the immediate aftermath, if you will, at the event have basically changed their stories. And I said stories plural. So that wouldn't be exactly accurate because he's only been able to, in my understanding, get a hold of one. And that kid, I call him the kid that he's a young man. He's currently working with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety in a law enforcement capacity or he's about to go to the academy or whatever. And I think he was not too willing to back up his original story. And a lot of some things changed. He produced a video, Mandy that showed Dallas drinking alcohol fairly heavily during that party, when this in this recent interview with Solicitor Week's office. And so in a while, I always like to say this and if we have, please forgive us, the general public, we never hid the fact that Dallas was under the influence of alcohol the night she was assaulted. So I felt that that was public record, but I'm just trying to make sure everybody understands that that's that's it. So anyway, this young girl when he he get he released this information, change this story again. And then the other guy says, so called a key witness is supposed to be a candidate for law enforcement with Richland County Sheriff's Office, and they can't get in touch with him to see whether his story is sticking or not. So nobody can seem to find him. And I don't. To my knowledge, I don't think anybody's really connected and with the Richland County Sheriff's Office, so. So that's kind of where we all went there. And basically, the biggest thing we got out of it was what we already knew that Dallas was intoxicated.

Mandy Matney 06:22

Yeah, which that's not.

Karl Stoller 06:25

And he felt like, and I think what he was getting that mainly with that was to say that, you know, hey, this is because she was so intoxicated, this is this may be a tough hill to climb, you know, and the witnesses changes stories, etc. So, you know, I don't know if it's just an excuse, or because, you know, I have said in the past, and when I say the said a year or so ago, as I said, in a conversation with him, I said, Listen, just show me some effort, you know, at least try it and you dropped the ball, four and a half years ago. And you guys did nothing. Basically, your deputy for sure. David Miller is, you know, he's supposed to be a superstar, but nothing in my book. But um, he, you know, that that happened. And I guess when I made that, plead at least, you know, try to do something, maybe that's maybe the last what they're doing right now saying, Hey, we, you know, when they come back with nothing, they can just say, Oh, well, we're stolen. We tried, you know, I don't know.

Mandy Matney 07:33

Yeah, that's what it seems like. So remind me of the plea deal that they gave him. He admitted to assault in Chloe's case, right? And then they dropped out with his charges.

Karl Stoller 07:51

That's correct. Yes. The day of that hearing. That was supposed to be and I want to make sure that I remind everybody in this, that was supposed to be a bond revocation hearing from Mr. Turner, that turned into a plea deal. Hearing more or less. And, of course, it doesn't take much to read between the lines and know that that was all concocted well, before the hearing was scheduled. Okay. All right. Yeah, honey, Nina, it is what it is. Right. So, but yes, he. That plea deal was set up that day. And of course, David Miller was representing the state on behalf of Solicitor Week's his office. And he was granted that that Chloe Bess's case, because Dallas was deceased. Earlier that day, right before the hearing right before we went to the hearing piece. David Miller scheduled a zoom call with us. It was Sarah Ford's office to let us know that he was dropping, the state was dropping dialysis case that was just hours before that hearing. Okay. And so at the end of the day,

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Mandy, he can close the case was pled down to assault and battery first degree. And he was sentenced under the YOA youthful offenders act to six years, not to exceed six years suspended to whatever length of I think it was five years of probation. And he would not have to register as a sex offender as long as he did not violate the terms of his probation while he was on probation. He would also be if he successfully completed his probation, he would also be eligible to have his record expunged.

Mandy Matney 10:02

Which is like a lifetime?

Karl Stoller 10:07

Yes, that's right. Yes, very, very, plea deal of lifetime. Wipes it out wipes it out. And of course we all know that within a month he failed to stay straight. And then he ended up probation to my surprise him revoked and I felt it was a skill be another, another dog and pony show in June of last year when he was actually probation was actually revoked. And he was sent to the Department of Corrections. You know, I was surprised.

Mandy Matney 10:39

I was too.

Karl Stoller 10:41

And of course, Senator me and Brad Hutto was not representing him and the probation revocation, but revocation hearing, and my understanding of the senators trying to get itself is clear from this thing as he's possibly can, you know, so not that

Mandy Matney 11:01

Bad for business now. Um, well, okay, so has Solicitor Bill Weeks, in all the times that you've talked to him? Has he admitted to like any screw ups or faults with the plea deal, or? Any?

Karl Stoller 11:22

Yes, yes, we did. He is. He absolutely did man to hear that meeting a year ago. You're a little over a year ago now that my older daughter and Brett and Sarah Ford with SCVAN. He actually said he said I would. He was apologetic. And he said, had he really known and I want to make sure I quote this right? Had he really known the extent of the case. And how badly it affected the victims, that he would have stopped that midstream in that hearing, and allowed that plea deal to or at least objected to his own deputy, suggesting that plea deal now. That came out of his mouth, right. Yeah. But I found it surprising that he said that because I would think unless his deputy has does everything by His own dances by his own music. His boss, me and Mr. Weeks would have known that plea deal was forthcoming. It would have been a surprise to him in that hearing. But yes, he was apologetic because of that.

Mandy Matney 12:45

And like, I mean, I guess that's so in this meeting a year ago. He, what did he say? That he said he was sorry? And he said I need you guys to keep quiet?

Karl Stoller 13:04

Yes. Yeah. He said he was basically he said he was sorry, he went to that spiel about and listen, in his defense. I think he was sincere. And I do think I'm not sure that a lot of things didn't take place without his full knowledge. Because, you know, it's a known fact. And I'm not saying anything. That's not true. Because I think it's a matter of record that his deputy David Miller was, he has been pursuing a circuit court judgeship, and because of you know, how the JMSC is set up. Yeah, what better person to have on your side and Senator Brad Hutto to get a recommendation to the JMSC to give those slots to give before the legislature for an election that's pretty strong back and so with that being said, I don't know that Solicitor Weeks was fully I don't think he was bullied and had full knowledge of what was going on. Now that could be considered inexcusable, but you know, I know they have a hell of a caseload and lot going on. So that mean it's you know, they

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everything might not get your side but I would think something like that would happen but nevertheless I'm I am trying to defend it somewhat. Right. But I did mention in that meeting, that if all that's true and this was me speaking as a false me that if I had an employee, whether it be in my business or whatever. They that my right hand guy represented me in that way. And this is Zack that put it to him. I said, I don't care if God did me thing, right for me, I believe, at a park company, when he said to me, he got angry. He said, he put his hands on the table. And it's staler. You said, Justin, that I terminate my Deputy Solicitor because of this. And I said it best when he, he may have done a million things right in his career. But my Lord, what everything even dewart In the end, he did say earlier in the conversation and catch that up a little bit. He had received hate calls and threats and that type of thing from the general public. I said, if he brought that kind of storm down on me, and namely, if I'm elected official, that this thing can certainly just jeopardize my future, as solicited a second Judicial Circuit. I believe, I think I'd make a statement that my constituents and I'd say, Hey, buddy, I'm sorry, but you gotta go. I know, in my capacity and law enforcement working for the sheriff or in Burke County, if I represented him that way. I wouldn't have a badge in my pocket, I wouldn't hands down no matter how much good I do. And so I know that time works on that. And but he went he did about that. Yes, ma'am.

Mandy Matney 16:24

Well, that doesn't make any I mean, I'm with you. And this seems like he completely took public safety. Like he, he was acting in his own self interest over public safety and over his job, and that's a super concerning thing, not only made Bill Weeks look really bad, but it was concerning for his position. Absolutely. Like, as a elected official, so I I think he probably got mad at you for saying for suggesting that, because he probably deep down knew that it was the right thing to do. But

Karl Stoller 17:06

all about the obvious. You think so? Yeah, maybe that's what it was.

Mandy Matney 17:10

Right. And, and people get mad when they know that you're right. They do. They do. And yeah, I mean, I can understand in every solicitor in America will say that rape charges are so hard and complicated and blah, blah, blah. I could understand it being very difficult, especially at this time, especially at this time, but I think what I'm trying to wrap my head around is a he I don't understand how your family being quiet. What helped them work the case? And how did they explain that to you?

Karl Stoller 17:56

Well, basically, that would take the pressure from folks like yourself, the media, off his back, and in calls in a public a further public outcry that would, not just locally, but nationally, getting phone calls and emails from across the country. And in I think many cases, there was some of them overseas, you know. And that sort of thing, because he was he's, I'm spending more time fielding calls and taking emails about this than being able to work the case. Well, you know, that's, that, to me, that's a little bit of bull right there. Because you won't even work in the case. At that point. You said your deputy said it dismissed and over with, so you should have had plenty of time to field all those calls and emails, etc. At that juncture. So you know, and I think and when I say the investigation, the case is not reopened mainly, but it's apparently what they call on a reopening of an investigation into it. So, but apparently, if we could shut down, everyone talking about it, that would come to see so to speak, that would give him a chance to work on it on interrupted.

Mandy Matney 19:21

But he didn't do anything. I mean, I don't understand how he, like, I understand that he wanted people off of his back, but he also has to realize that like, people were on his back because he wasn't doing anything and one thing that he could do would be part ways with that solicitor fire that solicitor who did that.

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Karl Stoller 19:45

That would have been that would have been extremely impactful, and it would admit, and I don't want to speak for the public, but I think it would have meant a lot to the public to say that. The show that Mr. Leakes is very serious about this, you know that we're in I'm saying, Hey, we did make a mistake, we did make a mistake, my guy I trusted wholeheartedly and have time and time again has dropped the ball in a major way. And unfortunately, because of that I've got releasing, and I think that would have gone well, in his favor, have done something like that and would have spoken volumes to the public, I'd say Mandy to say something is actually gonna get done, we're gonna try to correct this wrong, you know, so

Mandy Matney 20:30

Great, and it would show their solicitors that they can't do that type of behavior that can't be tolerated. This isn't the court isn't a place to make deals for your own doing for your own self interest. And like, I can't believe I can believe it. But I also think it's just really disappointing. How y'all have been jerked around so much. I don't. It's just really upsetting. Honestly.

Karl Stoller 21:07

Yes, ma'am. It is upsetting. And that song is disappointing. And unfortunately, the more I learn about things I guess I grew up in a sheltered situation or whatever, but the I grew up around the court system growing up in Bamberg County, and as I told you, kind of fall into maturity, probation and parole. There were many, many years I drew the juries as a kid for the circuit court in Bamberg County. And I remember Mr. Weeks when he first came around, honestly, I think he worked for solace to heart back then if I make no mistake, and might have been Sylvia Westerdahl. But anyway, nevertheless, that goes that far back, I was getting bored when I started judo when I was 11 years old, and I'm almost 54 now. And so, and I was, you know, Sarah Ford has talked to me a few times publicly and some other folks and I said, you know, she referenced she likes to laugh and reference, you know, she said, you know, call you do fit that profile. And one of the good old boys, you know, you got that, look, you got the knowledge. And and and she said, But it's surprising that you're so far from it. And the truth of the matter is Mandy recently and a few interviews, I admitted, I said, you know, how I was mesmerized by that system and how people heard about people from the midst of Mr. Buster Murdaugh rent. Mr. Randy, Randolph's father, stories about those guys and Randolph Murdoch and things that not just those guys, but just use that as a comparison, the knowledge of folks, some of the deals that got done back in the day, and how, if you work well connected, how things could kind of work out in your favor, or are either not, you know, right kind of go in and you know, yet to say I didn't feel like I wanted to be a part of that would be a lie. So I'm gonna miss, you know, that I was taken in by that. And of course, I was a young man. But um, you know, growing up in Bamberg County, that kind of meant something, you know, and in nail to see, to be put into position, our family has been put in just like many, many, many other families, we're not exclusive this and then that this thing isn't right. And, and it all starts with the way influence plays such a big part in things and it's really disappointing. It really is disappointing, and I've had many conversations recently with David Pascoe, our solicitor in the First Circuit, and he's actually stepped in there and tried to go after the bonding company, that, um, that allowed the bond violations to take place and not report them. And, you know, I don't think he's not had a lot of success with that. I think he's done the best he could with it, honestly. But he's, he's a real fighter and he attended a meeting last week at Orangeburg tech on judicial reform that he hosted. Senator, Representative white from the back of art from Calvin County, were there and they spoke and these guys are advocates for judicial reform and get out there and fight for it. And they're gonna suffer consequences for it apparently. It's like anybody who speaks out about it. You were in the minority. We are definitely not in the majority as far as change is what I'm seeing. And I know I got a little off track with that and I'm sorry but I mean, it just it all it all ties together, you know.

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Mandy Matney 24:55

Now you're good at like the I think that I don't think it's necessarily we're in the minority. I think that these people in power. They don't make up that many people, but they make up the power right now. Unfortunately, they're all in positions of power. Like, I think that if the people of South Carolina got a vote right now, they would vote to elect judges differently.

Karl Stoller 25:29

Absolutely, I would hope they would, I would hope they would. But mainly, I don't want and I'm not disagreeing with you. But I don't think that people care to get educated about who to vote for, honestly, sometimes I wonder if they just, well, that guy or that girl has always been there, that's who I'm gonna vote for. I mean, that I don't mean to say I'm put out defeated, but it sometimes feels that way and go into that meeting the other night, I just, I get that sense. And in, you know, my message is, you know, learn, learn who you're voting for, and what they stand for. Because honestly, honestly, and you may or may not agree with me, that's okay. But honestly, the power to change all of this lies within each and every one of us who are registered that mistake. We're the ones that can change it. And send a message that we're not prepared to deal with this anymore. You know, and that is, and I think my family and myself this year of silence, has harmed that effort. Because I think in a way, we've let you guys down, because in other independence, because I think we were we're not special, but we were at least a recognized voice. And we back down. And I feel bad about that. And in I wish, I'm trying to get it re-motivated, restarted. And if you will, and, you know, as we know, we all spoke in front of state house a few weeks back, Mandy, and I tried to ignite some fire in my words, and and it's not just words, it's something I mean, that I'm, I can't help but look back at some of that. And look at the reviews on people that actually paid attention to that rally. I look at people that actually care about what David Pascoe put on last week, and I look at some of the books on the podcast and whatnot, how many people do it or whatnot. And I'm just not so confident people think this is such a pressing issue anymore, and it couldn't be more wrong. But it's not gonna, you know, what it's gonna matter to him is when, like I've said, my speech is when evil comes to visit them. I do think that

Mandy Matney 27:57

People believe in that. And I do think that they care, I think a lot of us are at the point where it's just hard to keep saying the same things over and over again. And then these people in power, do not care. And they don't really not care, like they want to do they care about themselves before everybody else?

Karl Stoller 28:27

Absolutely, is why 100 self centered?

Mandy Matney 28:32

Right? It gets very exhausting. But people do care. I tweeted about Katie's story from line five. And I've gotten a ton of response from that. And your your speech from the victims rally, and which we included in the podcast. Hundreds of people listened to that. So like just don't. And I get emails all the time of people asking about your family and I should do better about reaching out to you and people do. Well.

Karl Stoller 29:16

We don't we're not we're not looking for recognition. We really aren't. I mean, yeah, we suffered tremendous losses and by Miss Smith did and others. And the Murdaugh situation. I mean, this loss is loss after loss after loss. But we really want to see. I really want to see that. I really want people. I want to make sure that people are waking up to it in there and they're gonna say listen, it is truly Enough is enough. And we got to get something, something different has got to happen. And you can't have things like what's happened just recently as another note, I'm sure you're aware of this recent domestic violence situation I believe in Charleston where yes, there you go

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burn out mouse down over his girlfriend etc. And so and he would release don't bond by a good I think it was a circuit court judge Taylor and I'm not have that name wrong but I think that's why and maybe he got violated born no contact I wonder within days some of his girlfriend flowers or wife whatever messages and whatnot and judge mate Murphy getting back, David paska got him back into court got the bond revoked, and Murphy revoke his bond and then guess what this guy does. He hires a lawyer, lawyer legislator to his, his wife is a circuit court judge. And he gets the guy back in front of a judge Taylor and guess what happens? He gets released back home by now that I'm sitting in for she's been begging him not to get out of bed. And now he's out. And so is it gonna take my question is, you know, okay, it goes back to what we're all talking about? Are we gonna keep letting that happen? And we don't keep when there's clearly a judge who's friendly the law your legislators, because he knows that's how he got his job. You know, that's, and I know, that's a piece of the puzzle. But in my opinion, I'm figuring out it's a big piece of the puzzle because the rest doesn't exist, or will be much smaller. If you can get that piece. I know there's a lot of pieces that need to be fixed. Maybe that's a huge piece. Right there. We got the Senate. I'm sorry. I keep saying senator, Representative white from the bay Kent, great gas fighter. He wants this and he's doing it is own peril. I don't you know, he lost \$300,000 in state funding to his Newberry candidate law enforcement, because it you can't say it, you know, any other way, Mandy? That that was in the budget. And then as soon as he presses for this judicial reform, guess what happens? Yes, ma'am. It's a fact. It's the absolute..

Mandy Matney 32:27

I didn't know that.

Karl Stoller 32:29

And, um, she mentioned he brought it up at that meeting last Thursday. And I, you know, I'm shocked in any judge who has the goal I know of two and I can't forgive me. I can't call their names. But they went against lawyer legislators in a criminal case and then in a civil case. And guess what, they are not judges anymore. So tell me that it doesn't exist these guys say and swear it has no impact. But we know all too well. That it does. You have to be blind not to see it. So it goes back to what you and I set here which you've been fighting passionately for others that you know, you got to defeat David and Goliath, right? You got to get that Goliath out there real soon, you know. Oh, it's all for nothing. It's got to happen soon. Because here's the reality of it. Is if it doesn't happen soon, how many more people are going to fall? I mean more Stephen Smiths will there be, Dallas Stollers, Chloe Besses, her? Just the name the ones I'm immediately familiar with? How much did that happened? You know? And how many times am I as a sheriff's deputy am I'm gonna go and see a victim of a crime who knows that I'm not going to be able to help them get the press charges on a case because the reality of it is that person I lock up on Friday night will beat me home before I get off that shift because they don't want to be I don't bond. Victims, well, I've had them tell me this. We know you mean well, Mr. Stoller, but here's the deal. If I push this that you won't be able to get to me quick enough. Okay. And they know that that's the kind of thing I get the I get unique insight on all sides. Right. And yeah. And I get the feeling I feel for these people. I feel the frustration. I feel the frustration of law enforcement, not just because I'm involved in it. I feel the frustration of prosecutors that want something done differently. Sheriffs across the state, again, mainly victims, the press, I feel the pain, but unfortunately I don't have any answers. There's no, but I know that we do have the power to change it. If we just learn our candidates and vote these, you know what out of all?

Mandy Matney 35:11

Yeah, absolutely. And like I am going back to the Solicitor Weeks and the meeting that you were in, and do you looking back on it now? Do you think that he had good intention? Like, do you think that he just wanted people off of his back? Or do you think he actually wanted to fix things?

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Karl Stoller 35:44

Excellent question. I wouldn't like to think here's how I'm gonna answer that. I would like to think that he had the best of intentions. I have no doubt in my mind, he feels badly for how they've, I have no doubt about that. But at the same time, I can't help but believe. Because he won't do anything. His deputy is brought him in. Because of what the investigation for over a year now yielded thing we already knew. And I'm laughing about it because it's, it's hilarious in a way. I really have to believe to Manly that part of it is to get the get the media and people are convinced that, you know, I think he's got great interest, or honestly, I want to give them a credit. I think he does have I think he's his hearts in the right place. I think he wants it. I don't think he's impressed by any kind of pressure from Senator hunter. I don't I don't think that he has that view that guy. Okay. I think he just, he just would like for it to go away, and then say, and then in the end, like I said earlier, say Mr. Stoller, Brett, Sarah, man, I gave it my best shot. And I I gave a shot. We screwed up so much stuff. In the beginning, it was so much stuff so hard to fix. We did irreparable damage to the case, no question. And we there's just no way we can go that there's no need to take this to the to the Grand Jury member County. Or, or if it is we got defeated. Right. You know, they the grand jury decided not to issue a true bill, you know, but yeah, would I think his again, I think his hearts in the right place, but at the same time, who want some, you know, who wants to dog nipping at your heels all the time, too, you know, and you just want it and when you're in his position? I would say not make it doesn't make it right. But you just don't want that. You just want this thing to go away. Because you want to get reelected in a sec. You need to get this thing in the rearview mirror as quickly as you can. But the reality of it is, we don't think that you know, honestly, I don't think they're gonna be able to do anything because it the chain of evidence, the the changing of the statements from these witnesses, videos that sort of surface that more obviously gotten initially. Or even though Bailey's forgotten but not pursued by the Solicitor's Office, have done a lot of damage meters probably could be men did. I dare say those videos? It could be inculpatory evidence or exculpatory evidence for the defendant? You know, but if you didn't research it, how are you ever gonna, you know?

Mandy Matney 39:04

So how in with the investigation, was there DNA and Dallas's case? Or was it last? There was work?

Karl Stoller 39:15

Yes, of course. You know, the initial contact if you recall, at the hospital that the same nurse it then the TMRC, The Regional Medical Center, where which is now MUS, I'm sorry, MUSC, she, we my wife and I were in the room with Dallas and she completely led Dallas away from taking a st yet okay. I'm really kind of intimidated or to the point of not taking it in my opinion. You know, she was just not professional at all. Who knows? Okay, it's three o'clock in the morning. She didn't want to get woken up and brought to the hospital. Maybe thats the case but who knows at the end of the day, she didn't do the job right. So it starts right there. So initial. Initially things weren't doing properly on that. Right. SLED. Yeah, that did gather her clothes. They did, obviously, in my opinion, they did what they needed to do right there, got photos excetera did what we would see done in the course of a normal investigation, it's my understanding later on. Well, a couple of days later SLED and asked my wife to get down to him you see down at Charleston and get the same billing on her. And since the nurse in Orangeburg didn't, won't do that. We got that done. Of course, you know, this is it was within the 72 hour time frame, but, you know, naturally there's gonna be ever that slot, right. In that timeframe. So, so I think that there was the, you know, obviously there was test done for DNA. I think, and I don't want to speak out a term but I think that there was DNA that connected directly to Dallas that night, but I can't adjust that 100%. But I do know that that was the purpose of taking the clothes, her phone, etc. Things like that. Gather that evidence. So yes, ma'am. She she did they did do that portion. And then of course, ultimately, all that was forwarded

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to the Solicitor's Office. And and I'm not sure if you're aware of this or not, but initially, Senator Hutto was not representing the one his firm that we in well, firm in Owensboro was representing him. Now actually, my my backup attorney Shane burrows, and Barisan Lanier and Burroughs was representing him. And they he asked for help from the Williams law firm with the case, because he was more of a civil attorney. So then, he's the one that got he and Charlie Williams with the waves off firm, were the ones that were initially able to get the winbind excetera. And then you kind of know how it all trickles on down from there because he was he was released, the bond conditions were lightened up etc. and so on and fast tracking a little bit. I'm skipping some things, but in the end up after X bond release, he has sexually assaulted the Bess child 41 days after so.

Mandy Matney 42:31

Yeah. I mean, I, I Yeah, it is. And I but I think I think the overall point, though, is that like, if Bill Weeks would have just been honest, from the beginning, it sounds like he was like, kind of dangling a carrot. He knew that you guys wanted an investigation that he knew that you guys wanted the hope of the case, still being open in some way. Right. And I hope that he didn't use that. To silence you.

Karl Stoller 43:17

I hope not.

Mandy Matney 43:20

Oh, I do too. I mean, I don't I mean, I want to You said earlier that you feel bad about being quiet. And I I would not worry one bit about that you guys have done so much and had been such a powerful voice for this movement. And what do you want people to do now?

Karl Stoller 43:48

I want people well, I sent it to someone who sent me a message after the victims rally and I can't recall who it was and think of my Beaufort. And you know, they asked a similar question. And I said, you know, just just let's let's we're not we're done. Here's the deal. We're done not talking, okay? So we want to reignite the flame. So help us you know, that's what we want people to do. Bring it back. It's gotta get that attention again. And again, I can't emphasize this enough not just for Dallas, not just for Dallas is for everyone. They need to they need to get this thing back on the forefront. It's an election year coming up. And now is the time to get educated. Okay, see what these folks these ladies and gentlemen are standing for. And in show them show them that you it doesn't matter that you might not be the same way to put this the top shelf person in the community it regardless that you're have the best education had the most money in the bank. Your voice still matters. Yeah, those folks are just as accountable in you as they are that hotshot, so to speak, and ask what I think what needs to happen because it was evident in our case, at least to me, and I would say they would dare say this is not the case, obviously. But I don't think that when Dallas is situation happen, and it went to their office, it was it just like it went into. Okay, let's do that case on the shelf. And we'll wait and see what happened. We'll figure out some thanks months and months and months. And oh, yeah, by the way, Senator Hutto said in the meeting the other night, he does not use his legislative protection to put cases alpha, I want to mention that. He said he doesn't use that as a reason to a way to delay trial. You know, he did it for almost four years successfully without Yeah. He had the gall to say, anyway, nevertheless, he, you know, I don't think Mandy until I don't think that we mattered, okay, I'm trying to figure out how to put it. I don't think we mattered. And I honestly think when the plea deal was concocted and put together, that they still thought that we in or the other victims mattered, okay. And I think they were very, very surprised. taken off guard, if you will, when my babies Brett and Carly reached out to you. And after Dallas's after that hearing, where Boeing got the sweetheart deal, and they reached out to you, I think I'm pretty sure you were the first one that reached out to, and, um, and you broke it. I really

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think they grossly underestimated what we what lakes we were willing to go to, to get to break this thing open. Does that make sense?

Mandy Matney 47:06

Yeah. And I think they also underestimated I think they underestimated your family. And they I think they underestimated how much people care about somebody like Dallas. And I mean, people were really, really, they could see their own daughters in Dallas, they could see their own daughters in New York, and Brett and Carly, and they could see that situation happening to them. And I know, and I know that that's the worst thing. But that's how people have to care about something. And it is unfortunate. It's unfortunate. But I do think, yeah, I think that they completely, they did not see that. The world would care. I mean, it made headlines in the UK. And they looked like the horrible they in front of the world. And I don't think that they realized before that that the average person has that kind of power to make to expose something to that degree. And but the problem is that they got flack they got they were embarrassed, whatever held their heads for a while. Bill Weeks, never figured out one thing that he could have done. And that's the thing, that's where accountability lies. And that's where I don't know how to get this through their heads. We're gonna try to contact him tomorrow and see where that goes. But like, he just has to understand that. We know that there's only so much that he could do with with Dallas this case in itself. But as far as looking at what happened and figuring out how to how to make sure that doesn't happen again. He's not done that or admitted to the public. Like he owes us something to the public.

Karl Stoller 49:25

Yes, ma'am. You're 100% Correct. He does he owes. He owes an extranet. You're right. He owes us an explanation to not just us. But he has an explanation to the public people entrusted him in that office. He sure does. And he and he needs to answer when they all ask him. How bad his deputy David Miller messed up. Why is he still working for us? You know, because he really does work. He not just works for Solicitor Weeks. He works for those citizens in the second bracket, correct? Yes. Right. And, and I know I'm hard on that guy, but I, you know, I'm hard on him because he's a jerk, you know, and the way he talked to us the day he told us he was dropping that case is he you know, he point blank said, I'm just not wasting my time or 12 Jurors times on the case I cannot.

Mandy Matney 50:24

Yeah, that'd be terrible.

Karl Stoller 50:26

balance was deceased, you know. And so, yes, yes, absolutely. And he and you know, the reality of his mentee is, you know, the likelihood now of getting a conviction for criminal sexual conduct is probably for all intents purposes, Neil, Neil, however, there is still an opportunity to go after him for the same thing they did for Hunkeler, bestest case for assault and battery coin. And, I mean, that's still that's still in play. And you've got the dialysis written statement. You've got a recorded statement, you've got photos, you've got DNA evidence you've got in sled is continuing to work to get more information as the Solicitor's Office asked for them to find it and be responsive to that need. And, and so it sounds to me like you got it, you do have something to work with, right? And so why don't you just do it? Right. But is it another year, or two years or three years? Because I mean, as long as I'm living, I'm in it for the long haul, you know, but I just don't think that it should be the way it is. It's just it shouldn't be drawn out like this. And, and again, I don't want to ever take away from what happens to the people as a whole. It, we're just, we're, yes, we're a big family. Well, we're trying to be and we're nobody, right? But we're trying to be the voice and bring it out. And if people want to, you know, I'm no, preacher, I'm no big speech giver, etc. I'm not that person. But um, but if people are willing to listen to me, if that's what it takes to get everybody to wake up and make this change happen, I'm more than happy to be that guy. Because here's the deal, I owe that to my child. I owe that to her. And I owe that to these other people or these other victims do and I

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feel like I need to carry that weight on my shoulder. I'm a big guy. So I think I can carry it and I owe that to them. Yes, ma'am.

Mandy Matney 52:51

She's very lucky to have you. Sorry, your your other daughters. And I mean, I just I think the I think Bill Weeks has a decision to make here. I don't think it's it's not and we also need to know it's not too late and the other thing these guys do is they kick the can down the road and it's so hard to tell if they are just trying to distract you and trying to get people off their backs and or if they're actually investigating and or if they're actually making any progress and it shouldn't be that hard and I also just realized I need to put in a couple Freedom of Information Act request into their office for this case to see if we can find anything out there but like Solicitor Weeks Do you know if he's going to run for reelection next year?

Karl Stoller 54:02

I honestly don't know Mandy I have not heard um, I honestly just do not know. I don't know the answer to that. Got a lot of connections over in that circuit. It honestly I haven't cared enough to point blank asked the question. So I couldn't say one way or the other

Mandy Matney 54:28

Yeah. Looks like he was on all ask to I have a few friends in Bamberg, but it looks like he was unopposed last time. And unfortunately, that's a lot. That's another problem. We have elections and no one runs.

Karl Stoller 54:50

Yes, you're correct. Nobody wants to wants to fight against you know, nobody wants to challenge yeah, you're right. So, and then how many registered voters actually vote?

Mandy Matney 55:10

Or like, look, look at the basics of who they're voting for. So do you. Do you think people should turn the pressure back on?

Karl Stoller 55:24

Oh, 100% Yes, ma'am. I really think they should. And listen, you Mandy, you can't have folks. I was very impressed. I left that meeting in Orangeburg, the other night, very inspired at the same time, it's a lot disappointed too. But to what, Mr. Pascoe? And so let's do Pasco, if you will, representative, white, and representative. And there's another young lady, this representative and Jeff, forgive me, I cannot recall her name. She was not attendance the other night. But I'm inspired by us, folks. Because here are these folks that are that are elected officials. And they're in it Hear me out. You can't help but be inspired by that, if you think about it, because they're risking everything. Okay? They're risking their careers, their futures, it's already a patented representative. Why? Because what I mentioned earlier about losing that funding for new American law enforcement, whether they say that's connected or not, but we all know, okay. I can't not support those folks, that the only way I can support this, folks, is by saying talking to you, and talking to every dead gun buddy is willing to listen to me and not word out. So that and that goes for you and everybody else. We got folks that are throwing on one aside, they're standing up for their their beliefs, if you will, that they're doing the moral thing, okay. And they don't care if it costs them their career is the way I take it from talking to this folks and listen to him. They're not just up there someone a big fiery speech, they're sincere. And if it helps them everything, then they're gonna go down fighting, right? And so how can I not support that? How can I not support that, and the way I don't support it, is to keep my mouth shut. So I got to talking and inspired out there. And I want everybody who's willing to listen, to take a little time I know everybody's busy. But again, I can't emphasize enough that it does not matter who you are. What's your social standing news, how much money you have? Or don't have who you know, who you don't know. I hope it never happens to anybody else. But that's a that's not real, right? Evil will come to visit you at some point in time. And don't you

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want the best representation against evil that you can get? That's my message. And that's what I'm saying. So I've got to support those folks. And, again, repeating it over and over, but people need to understand it. Can't you got people this now this jumping out there on that political scene, and local and up in Colombia? This sticking it on out there? You got to support them, and you got to do it by talking and you can't just be quiet about it. So I'm back in action, so to speak.

Mandy Matney 58:36

Well, that's good. And yeah, I I was really encouraged by the Representative Joe, Joe White. I didn't know. I didn't know of him until the victims rally. And he, again, caught me off guard because he, you know, an older man, but he really cares.

Karl Stoller 58:55

He does. He's a freshman representative. And you know what he's not. He's not a politician.

Mandy Matney 59:01

And I was just so blown away by Yeah, he was just sincere I the way that he was treating everybody there and the way he just legitimately cared

Karl Stoller 59:13

to also, like said, I keep mentioning David Pascoe, as well, and he's done a, he's really trying, doing a good job. He's, he's, he's, he's always been known to be a fighter, and not everybody's favorite person. Really good friends with his sons. They all went together, and they were there. One of his sons, Nick has been at our house many, many, many times. And I did get to talk to him the other night at the meeting. I hadn't seen him in a few years and, um, and but you know, those he's, he's frightened to, he's frightened to and so we got to learn national portrait as those as long to throw it out there. And just like we feel like you know, I support your efforts and and other people like you that's trying to try to try and expose this. All this ugliness because that's ugly.

Mandy Matney 1:00:10

It's really ugly. But yeah, I mean, I, I really and I could say the same thing about myself like I could have in the last year done more in this case. And we all could, you know, it's just, I think what's important, and the last year is flown by so much cake.

Karl Stoller 1:00:32

But, yes,

Mandy Matney 1:00:34

people have been busy. I just don't beat yourself up about that at all. I think the point is just moving forward. And, and this is a great, this is a great message for other victims, if you're being told this, like, here's what it could be, they could just be telling you this to shut up. And I don't think I don't think that there should ever be a point when a solicitor or I mean, I understand lawyers telling their clients who are victims to be quiet. And certain cases, but And in your case, I just don't see it as benefiting at all.

Karl Stoller 1:01:19

You're right. It doesn't work. It doesn't work. Trust me from people. That doesn't work. It does not work in your favor. And I think and I told you earlier in the conversation, we like eight or nine weeks ago was the last time we talked with him. And we haven't heard anything from him since right so. So that, to me, that speaks volumes to you know, and I don't want to take up too, taking a lot of your time, but I'm sorry. But I'm reminded, I don't know if you ever saw this movie goes to Mississippi and the prosecutor in that case, the deputy prosecutor in that case it gets Baron deal back with the murder Medgar Evers back in the 60s. He was uh, they called their folk solicitors. I think they actually do call them prosecutors, but remanded by Alec Baldwin played that part. But I'm reminded by that statement, he made the murli Evers, he said, as the hands county prosecutor, I'm going to contact you every week. With news, no news, good news or bad days. And he, I think he was named was Bobby Bobby, the logger. And he did. He held that I checked that

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history on that. And that is factual. Now ultimately, unfortunately, Mr. Louder was basically appointed as a judge down there and ended up in some trouble and went to jail. But that's another story. But the point is, that's the kind of representation I think that our solicitor should have. And I understand the huge caseload. But you could take a minute to follow that advice. And call us just call us. I don't care if it's good or bad, man. I don't know news. Nothing's changed. Carl says last week. Right? At least I heard from you. Right. Right. But we don't get that we don't get back many, many, many, many others don't either, you know, so. And and that maybe that's just not Oh, I'm not living in reality when I expect that. But

Mandy Matney 1:03:41

yeah, I mean, it's the way that it should be but I've never encountered a victim ever that gets that kind of communication from an it's horrible from either the investigating agency or the Solicitor's Office, nothing. And that's another huge hole in our system.

Karl Stoller 1:04:04

How easy would it be? And

Mandy Matney 1:04:08

just somebody that have a checklist, we've talked about this, like, there needs to just be somebody with a checklist of like, Hey, have you checked in with this victim this week? And just I have Yeah, it just not they don't they don't care and it's terrible.

Karl Stoller 1:04:29

But it back Mandy from once a week and let's say once a month, I mean, surely you can feel right. Now nowadays, you know,

Mandy Matney 1:04:38

right. Like I don't it's just a struggle for everyone to get a call back when you're a victim and it's horrible. Yeah. And I know that you don't want I know that they avoid it often because they feel bad but they don't want to do it. But like you said every But he just wants just acknowledgement and just reassurance that they're working on it. Or yeah, the truth or whatever it's going on. They want that.

Karl Stoller 1:05:14

What is it? What is your saying the truth wherever it lies or wherever it leads.

Mandy Matney 1:05:18

Yeah, they just want that. wherever it leads.

Karl Stoller 1:05:23

reality that's that's real. That's real. And that's, that's important. Yes.

Mandy Matney 1:05:28

Thank you so much for your time. Really appreciate it.

Karl Stoller 1:05:32

Thank you so much for your time and David and Luna. Right. So thank you. Yes.

Mandy Matney 1:05:37

She wants to walk.

Karl Stoller 1:05:41

People to so yeah, thank you.

Mandy Matney 1:05:44

Of course. All right. Have a good night.

Karl Stoller 1:05:48

Yes, ma'am. You too. Take care.

1:05:50

Bye bye. Take care. Bye bye.