



## EPISODE 52: Unpacking Alex Murdaugh's Chances of a New Trial + Murdaugh Movie Hot Takes

**Mandy Matney** 00:04

Hello and Happy Tuesday. I don't know what this says about our social lives but we are still celebrating Judge Gergle's beat down of Alex Murdaugh last Tuesday. It was that good. The order denying Alex's demand that the federal government immediately seize his assets from the receivership from the victims was published after last week's cup of justice, so I was excited to get to talk about it with Eric and Liz. Even though we know it hasn't fazed team Murdaugh one bit, it is still very reassuring to see the federal government buy back. Finally, on today's episode, we talk about a bunch of stuff, including Alex upcoming trial on the Satterfield crimes crimes he already has admitted to we also reveal even more evidence that shows just how little tea Murdaugh cares about telling the court the truth, just how many lies that they're willing to put on the record to get their way in the moment. Dick and Jim say they don't intend to seek fees from Alex anymore, but their actions definitely tell us otherwise. Also, on the show, we talk about those Murdaugh movies, because how can we not they were so bad for very different reasons. Lastly, we talk at the end about my upcoming appearance at the College of Charleston This Thursday, and why I'm so nervous about it, and trying not to be so I hope to see all you positive, pesky people there in person, or all Premium Members will get the link to join remotely and interact with me and the students. And if sit down talks aren't your thing. Join us at Co Op Sullivan's Island this Friday. For a little fun in fro ze starting at 4pm. It will be a happy hour to remember. So let's get into it.

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cups up guys.

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**Eric Bland** 02:08

Liz, how you feeling? Yeah, surgery last week?

**Liz Farrell** 02:11

I did. It's the first of two surgeries. A second one will be in another four weeks. But I finally got my one of my hands taken care of I don't know if you guys can see the I can look at the stitches. So it's not stitches. It's glue. Oh, it's glue. And it's Yeah, had laparoscopic surgery. And I'm very young to have this level of carpal tunnel. I've complained about this a lot over the last few years. But apparently it was really bad. Which is, you know, not a surprise to me. Because my hands it I always joke with people that it feels like I have hot dog fingers like I can't feel my fingers. So it's been two years of just like really just having to like make accommodations for myself constantly. And just like it takes me a lot longer to do things than it probably should just because of this. So it's really exciting that I'm getting it fixed. And from what I understand, was it because of the user reading yours typing?

**Eric Bland** 03:02

Really and writing.

**Liz Farrell** 03:04

Yeah it started when I was at the Packet. How about you Mandy? Do you ever suffer pain?

**Mandy Matney** 03:08

I've not yet, but I'm sure it's coming for me. Yeah. Yeah, that's I'm just glad that you're finally fixing it. And now me too. You're in recovery. And you surgeries are scary. So it



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### **Liz Farrell** 03:22

was super scary. Yeah, they tell you that they're gonna give you the Michael Jackson drug. And your first thought is like, Oh, my God, didn't that not work out for him? But turns out turns out was fine. Yeah. And I'm really lucky, the Dodger I have is I mean, he's just done 1000s of the surgery. So it was second nature to him. And I'm really lucky that I got the laparoscopic and not because I've heard so many stories of people with like, stitches up the palm of their hand. And I'm definitely not looking for that. So yeah, and just I'm so excited to finally have it taken care of. And you know, and for my trolls out there. I just wanted to say to like the last year I feel like some of these people just make fun of like our mental health or just like I don't look the best. I haven't looked the best in the last year like I've been this has just been like wearing a backpack on my body for two full years now because it's just such a handicap and like it's depressing when you're starting to get old and things are starting to fall apart and just everything is not been amazing. So I'm hoping this is like opening a new chapter for me and like literally because now I can get back to my book. And I don't have to like reserve my energy, my hand energy for this script all the time, but I'm just super excited. It's going to be a game changer. I think

### **Mandy Matney** 04:39

that's so exciting.

### **Eric Bland** 04:40

Yeah. Be careful when you say get no like you're talking to somebody I'm going to switch ages with if you want to.



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**Liz Farrell** 04:47

Really I don't know, Eric, you might have a younger body than I do right now. really truly. Yeah, yeah.

**Eric Bland** 04:55

So Mandy, how are you? How was your weekend

**Mandy Matney** 04:57

doing good and yeah, like well was said, I mean, we have all been, especially like last two years. It's funny, like the toll the stress takes on your body in different ways. And I used to be like a huge, huge exercise person. And I'm getting back into it, i There were so many days where I didn't have any more energy. And I didn't want to think about all of the things that just made me feel worse and made me feel even more tired. And then I had to do with the book. And so now I'm just kind of dealing with like preparing for it all to be out there. And

**Eric Bland** 05:36

don't let perfect be the enemy of good, do not let perfect be the enemy of

**Mandy Matney** 05:41

great, it's just going to be something I'm gonna have to deal with. And something that like writing 200 pages with Carolyn and then checking, and we had a fact checker and you can look at these things over and over and over again. And then all of a sudden you see it in a different frame of mind. You're like, Oh, my God, this needs to be fixed. But so yeah, that's just where I'm at. When I was



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**Eric Bland** 06:03

a young, when I was a young lawyer, I did what's known as tombstone work. So when companies are putting out stock offerings, public companies, they have prospectuses. And the prospectus goes to the SEC, and I had to read them with like three other lawyers through the night, right before it was going to be sent. And invariably, even three people going through them line by line with a roar you have to the next to each other, because you just it's in front of you, but you're reading what you want to read. And, you know, sooner or later, you know, a partner would come to me and hammer me because you know, did you read it? You know, Eric? And I'm like, Yeah, I did. And there were two other people that read it. We missed it. You know, it just happened,

**Mandy Matney** 06:45  
right?

**Liz Farrell** 06:46

Yeah, it sure does. But it's, it sucks one though. The you have a huge audience that is going there to either, you know, understand that it was just a mistake, or in our case, point out every little mistake you make to show that you're, you know, the the worst person in the world, apparently, according to them. So yeah, it's just exactly yeah, I get it. Maybe I just don't I mean, I say that because like, of course, we've already talked about five minutes. And we've already talked about trolls. And it's just it is a battle that I think anyone who risks putting themselves out there and doing the kinds of things that we're doing. It's just, it's the risk we take, and it's just really hard to swallow. I don't know that there's anyone out there who handles as well. So I don't know,



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**Mandy Matney** 07:28

No, there's not. And I think the other thing that I wrote about this on Instagram today, but like the more successful women especially that I meet all of them deal with trolls, and different like all of them are dealing with online harassment, all of them are dealing with being made fun of and it's like, you have to make a decision to either know that you're gonna get made fun of for whatever you do, I'm sure they will make fun of for the flamingo that's behind me. Or I could I'm just at the point where I'm like, I could be absolutely perfect. And these people would still find something crazy and make fun of me for it. So just you just got to have to learn to swallow it.

**Eric Bland** 08:08

Because they're throwing their own. They're throwing their own failures and insecurities on you, you know, right? This is how they do it, they project out and you're never going to change, right? You're never going to change.

**Mandy Matney** 08:19

Right? And it's like they're committed to misunderstanding me and us and everybody who is really all everybody. I think what affects me the most is that they will hate anybody within my orbit. And I feel bad for people like pulling people into that much hate and but yeah, it's just them projecting. So that's just my little spiel.

**Eric Bland** 08:43

It feels me girl. It feels me.



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**Mandy Matney** 08:45

Yeah, yeah, you're good at that.

**Eric Bland** 08:47

I don't know about that.

**Liz Farrell** 08:48

I think so. Eric, I think you are I think I wish I had that ability. I think you know, you're saying Mandy about like exercise and depression. It's so funny. Like, I feel like whenever you talk about being depressed people, the first thing that they offer you is like, really, you need to get x you need to get exercise you need to get out there. And it's like, for sure I understand that I get that. But like, I'm not sure that you're understanding what depression can do to people and how like just getting out of bed every day. Sometimes it's just like, write the you know, the task and I joke all the time about like, I can do five things like after thing five I'm done. Like I've committed my brain that to those five things and that's it per day. So I don't know it's just Eric you you're able to like

**Eric Bland** 09:29

I'm gonna tell you guys something. Exercise. Now, I'm going to tell you, there's there's a lot of things in my life that I could say, are put off, and I shouldn't you know, whether it's sitting down and writing a thank you note or reading something that I have to read, but I committed a long time ago that I unless I was sick. I would never talk myself out of it. Exercise.



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**Liz Farrell** 09:53

Right and depression is sickness. Depression is being sick.

**Eric Bland** 09:56

I know. I know. I know. It's the one commitment I have made. Did I never miss? I never missed. That's awesome. But I miss a lot of other things when I'm upset or, you know, I'm just tired or cranky or whatever. But I made that promise and I don't know. I don't know. But that's what I do. Alright, let's say, Yeah, let's hit it.

**Liz Farrell** 10:16

Alright. I'm getting more depressed.

**Mandy Matney** 10:20

A lot of depression. Yeah, I think that like and I did this a couple times in the last week now that my body's back. My surgery really, like took it out of me for a month, I really couldn't work out or anything. And that kind of made things worse. But I want to get back to the point in my life when I was in my 20s. I would just literally work out work anger out and stress out and it would make me feel like running would make me feel more powerful. And they helped me make me feel like in control of situations endorphins, and yeah, it's just, it's a cycle when you don't when you're depressed and you don't do it, then it just keeps going. But I'm back at it. And I worked out today and I'm proud of that. So let's get into it.

**Eric Bland** 11:01

Alright, so this week, what happened this week? Liz, tell me. Yeah, let's tell me what we got. Well,





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**Liz Farrell** 11:06

we've had a lot of things happen this week. The first is that the appeals court did what was expected and they remanded Jim and Dix appeal on Alex behalf regarding the financial crimes like essentially saying that Judge Newman made an error and allowing in the Financial Crimes into the murder trial, they have allowed, they've put that on hold, and they're going to wait until the other thing resolves itself. And the other thing is, obviously, the jury tampering allegations that Alex made, but in addition to that, Judge Gergel wrote a scathing order denying Jim and Dick's motion demanding that the federal government sees Alex assets right away. And I think I mean, personally, I think Alex should be humiliated after reading this order, but I'm sure that he's not what were your guys's favorite parts of the order because there there are a lot of different things sites that gurgle took the opportunity to write a

**Eric Bland** 12:02

footnote, the foot, sometimes footnotes are brutal. It's you know, it's not the main part of an argument, it can be considered dicta, which is a legal term, which means you know, it's a little bit extraneous, not on point, but he split dick and Jim between the eyes and mostly Alex because I think he was offended when they said that the receivers John Leigh, and Peter McCoy, Peter McCoy, who used to be an acting US Attorney. For South Carolina, we're wasting assets wasting Alex Murdaugh's assets that they recovered, not that Alex just handed over to them that people eat one thing, they went out and hunted the dogs, they sent the dogs out, they hunted, they bagged the birds, they brought him in, and Dick and Jim says federal government, you got to commandeer whatever they got. Because if you don't, they're gonna waste them. They're given them to Tolleson. They're also taking fees.



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And none of that was true. They stopped taking fees at the end of the summer when Judge Hall approved this procedure for victims to make application. But that footnote was so brutal. I almost want to read it. If you want me to

**Liz Farrell** 13:13

please do, please read it. Okay,

**Eric Bland** 13:15

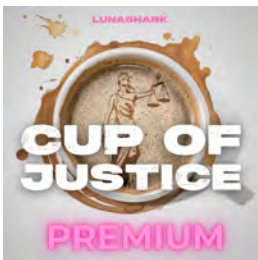
let me pull it up. He says there's certainly rich irony in the defendant, who engaged in the methodical theft of millions of dollars in client funds, and then expended the great majority of those funds for his personal use to accuse two honorable members of the bar serving as state receivers of wasting assets. I mean, bam, slam dunk.

**Liz Farrell** 13:41

So Mandy, do you think that dick and Jim read that and had any like moment of self reflection?

**Mandy Matney** 13:48

No. i At this point, I don't think anything besides them getting their law license taken away, or getting put in handcuffs and not saying that they've done any crimes, but I'm saying that like, I don't think anything in short of those two things would ever make them reconsider what they're doing or their actions, or did I go too far? I don't think these guys are in that frame of mind. I think they probably thought this was funny. They probably thought, oh, Judge gurgle, like peddled funny gurgle. Like, I bet Dick laughed it off. And I don't think that they cared, but it is great. I mean, I hope I hope what it did to them is saying, oh my god,



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like maybe we should rearrange our plans because the federal government isn't on our side anymore.

### **Liz Farrell** 14:45

I hope that's the case. Eric, what loss number are we up to with Dick and Jim like, it feels like it feels like kind of like this. Okay, the the remanding of the the appeal court of the appeals court did in what's on a win. That's not a win, right? That's but it looked like one because we He saw headlines that were saying that now dick and Jim, by the way has been cleared for them to pursue their jury tampering case that this was a big I've seen it being portrayed as a major win for Dick and Jim, but it was expected that appeals court really didn't have a choice.

### **Eric Bland** 15:15

It has to be expected. It's a serious significant issue by the allegations that are raised and the appellate court would not entertain that motion because they're not built to take witness testimony and receive evidence. They are built to handle legal arguments. A lawyer stands in front of a podium and cites case law to support what the legal mistake that was made in the lower court. It was fully expected given the public nature of this case and the seriousness of those allegations that they would remand it back to Judge Newman. It's up to Judge Newman to determine what the process is going to be. What what rules of engagement is he going to say? Remember, Harper Julian wants the broadest discovery in the world. He said he wants to subpoena the text messages, the phone messages, he wants to depose all the jurors, Judge Newman may not let that he remember these jurors gave six and a half weeks of their life. They want to go on with their life and Harpootlian is going to get inside their their briefs and snip up in their



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briefs. That's what he wants to do. No, I don't know if Judge Newman is going to let that happen.

### **Liz Farrell** 16:27

I hope that's not the case. But I do think that I don't want to portray their the remanding of their appeal to be any sort of victory for them. It's it does not it's not a win in their corner.

### **Eric Bland** 16:40

So to answer your question, or row and nine now. They've lost nine significant motions all along the way, a mill in a multitude of cases. Off the top of your head I counted him but they lost the fees they lost the gurgles. This week they lost a vacating the confession of judgment. They lost adding the Satterfield To the Nautilus action. There was another ruling in the Nautilus case that they lost. I mean, it's just it's you look, if you go for nine, you get relegated to the triple A or double A baseball you don't stay in the show. So how long? How many losses are they going to take? Is it Thank you, sir, may I have another from Animal House? You know, where they were smacking the guys in the attorney? I mean, come on. It's ridiculous. I also

### **Mandy Matney** 17:22

like was for remembering back to when we were listening to the jailhouse phone calls and 2022. And it was either John Marvin or Randy, I can't remember. But one of the brothers was like, Are you sure dick and Jim are doing everything that they can they're not looking so great right now? Do you remember that? And I wonder if the family is ever going to a we don't know if they're giving money to Alex anymore? Or if they're supporting them or him or not, but I think that they are and I



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just wonder if the family's ever gonna get to the point where they say enough is enough dick and Jim, like, this is a waste of money. This is a waste of time or get new lawyers.

**Liz Farrell** 18:05

I mean, I'm surprised that they haven't because I think after their loss and the murder trial, we are sort of expecting dick and Jim to quit and basically say like, I didn't have enough to work with here or just get fired. But obviously we know who the actual lawyer is for Alex and that's Alex so doesn't really matter who I think stands in it? They're always going to do his idea, right? I mean, what lawyer can look at Alex and say no, we're That's dumb. We're not doing your your plan, right? Like when you have to write

**Eric Bland** 18:36

truthfully, most most lawyers when they suffer a loss of the magnitude that dick and Jim did, and not that they you know, that Alex didn't deserve to lose, but most want a fresh set of eyes to look at the whole picture to say, is this the right time to appeal? Should I do this? They bring in a very seasoned litigator, whether it's somebody like an Alan Dershowitz who's an appellate lawyer, and I'm not saying that there's plenty of people Mitch Brown in our state for Nelson Mullins is a lawyer that only does appeals most lawyers would bring that set of fresh eyes and to say look, I'm too far into the bramble here my eyes are a little cloudy. Am I missing something? Should we do something different but I think these guys are so full of their own ego right now that they won't do that



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### **Liz Farrell** 19:32

so that is weird that they didn't bring somebody in usually, you see there's a new name. You've already seen that with Korea, we see that there's people that were brought in for the appeal right and rustling right right. I

### **Mandy Matney** 19:43

was trying to think of like a sports analogy that would it's it's like a pitcher of pitch for a full game like there's usually a closer and baseball and a guy who comes in and because his his arm is different and works differently and like it is crazy. Come to think of it taking it now. Aren't you taking a step back from it? And it's like, why haven't they at least added people onto their team or like in writing, you always need an editor because you could, the writer and reporter could work all day and have that set of eyes and that focus or weeks on a piece and the other set of eyes will just come in and have a different perspective and be able to see things and be able to make the piece better just because they're a different mindset and a different set of eyes. So it is really weird and and it's just like when they made mistakes that they'd lost.

### **Liz Farrell** 20:36

But also, wasn't it weird that they so I thought early on Dick and Jim made it clear to everyone that they were there for the crime, the parts like they were doing the crimes, not the civil stuff. And then they started to like tread over into the civil stuff. And that was supposed to be you know, the boat crash was supposed to be handled by gosh, I forgot his name. Dawes does cook and does Cook, and it felt like Dick and Jim had their their fingers in that as well. But the Nautilus case is certainly a civil case. Right, Eric? So



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**Eric Bland** 21:09

all my stuff, right? All my stuff. Right field stuff.

**Liz Farrell** 21:13

Why are they involved in both go? I don't like this just so hard for me to understand. I wish I had like up just a slice of their ego for myself. I would I would say for everybody to that because that must be nice to just think that you are all things to all people in all situations. And that's obviously what they're thinking. But it is not serving Alex. I mean, I don't know what kind of Yelp review he's gonna leave for them. But it can't be more than one star. Right? Like, it's not gonna be good. I mean, he's basically their Yelp review everything they've done for him. It's just been depressing loss for them. And they just come back with even more gusto. So it's I don't know.

**Eric Bland** 21:56

Well, I think we're going to see the real fireworks. I think Judge Newman is going to give a status conference probably on the remand. And it wouldn't surprise me if Dick and Jim make a motion to recuse Judge Newman. And that is going to be the most interesting motion this one talk about that. Why? Because they're going they're not going to want Judge Newman to hear this issue. They're going to say that he's a witness because he may have witnessed Becky speaking to some of the jurors. And based on what Dick said Corey Fleming's sentencing hearing that he believes that Judge Newman is prejudiced towards Alex Myrdal, based on the statements he made at Alex's double murder sentencing. So I think he wants Dick's gonna want a fresh judge, a new judge with a fresh set of eyes and without, you know, a blank chalkboard, so to speak, to hear this motion on your interference. And



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that would be a big win. By the way, if he gets a new trial, they may say, Look, we were glad to go in nine, because we just won the biggest motion yet.

**Liz Farrell** 23:01

But do you think that's a fair request? Mandy, do you think that's a fair request for them to want a different judge?

**Mandy Matney** 23:06

No. And just going back real quick, I want to be absolutely clear, because I think this was something that also got kind of mucked up this week was a lot of people thought that this was a huge win for Dick and Jim, that the first step. And I saw a lot of like, I was looking through a lot of tweets that were saying like, so are you ready for a new trial, like they saw the headlines from just them making that minor win. And I assumed that like, the next step is get ready for trial like, and I just think a lot of people including the media, like the media and a lot of headlines, Liz, you sent me a couple headlines that were like huge win for Murdaugh, blah, blah, blah, and they just kind of made it into a bigger deal than a it's just procedure. It's just the way that it would have been

**Eric Bland** 23:56

upset if they didn't grant as a lawyer, because and I think you guys too, it's a serious issue, not saying the truthfulness of it. But the allegation is a very serious issue. And I would have been upset if the Court of Appeals said no, we're not going to entertain that motion now from the lower court when you agree with me, Liz? Yeah,





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**Liz Farrell** 24:16

I mean, like we were saying earlier, it's it was it's perfunctory. Right, is that the right word? I can't even I don't even know if I'm using it correctly. But it's more

**Eric Bland** 24:25

than perfunctory expected. Definitely

**Liz Farrell** 24:27

just expected. Yeah. Yeah. It's expected. No one was shocked. But yeah, it's it's I don't know why people don't understand that their steps. And maybe we're not making that clear enough, but it's an evidentiary. First, we have to decide whether there's going to be an evidentiary hearing, right. I mean, Judge Newman has to decide this is all in front of Judge Newman. And like you said, Eric, I mean, they're going to try to get him off the case. And I think for me the issue right now, it's because like, for me, if I'm representing a client, of course, I'm not going to want the same judge on the case that that didn't rule in our favor in most ways prior to that plus I think in argue It could be made that he was a witness, but I don't know that he was a necessary witness because Shimon Dyk were witnesses to like they were there for everything that you know.

**Mandy Matney** 25:09

Right. Right. That's what I was gonna say. Yeah. So they saw it. They don't



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### **Liz Farrell** 25:13

need the judge to I mean, plus the thing that they're talking about is, is it the witness to the Facebook thing? Like it's literally just judge Newman and Dick and Jim heard Judge Newman say, I wish that Becky hadn't spoken to the juror before me. That's it. Like that's, I mean, what what you want the judge kicked off for that one little yeah, that happened. Okay. You can take a step down, like from the stand. That's it. That's all he'll have to offer. Right.

### **Mandy Matney** 25:38

I think it's also really telling what Dick and Jim are doing right now, which like when they first dropped this Becky bombshell, they kind of acted like, Oh, we're gonna have or at least I got from them like, ooh, it's going to be bombshell after bombshell. Like, we got more affidavits to come, we got more like, we're still getting to the bottom of this and blah, blah, blah, like, and the only affidavit in addition that they filed was that ridiculous one, about Facebook about that poor man's Facebook posts that absolutely nothing to do with any of this. He got drunk and started writing on Facebook about his aunt one night or something. And Dick, Jim went to Georgia and sign an affidavit, but it's just a load of crap, because it has nothing to do with any of this or in it would have definitely never influenced the outcome of the trial is just absurd. But I think it's I think it's good for Becky, that they haven't been filing more affidavits, right, Eric, or like,

### **Eric Bland** 26:39

oh, yeah, it's definitely good for Becky. And also, I can make an argument that Jim and Dick are witnesses themselves, because they went out and they're interviewing people. And I would like to know,



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how long did they know of this? And when did they know it? You know, the questions of Watergate? When did they know it? How did they find out about it? Did they hold it in their hip pocket? All those things? Could I could put them on the stand just as easily as they think that Judge Newman's a witness. Yeah. Could

**Liz Farrell** 27:05

that happen? I mean, shouldn't they be stepping down and allowing new attorneys to take the case depends

**Eric Bland** 27:09

on what Creighton makes makes Allegheny makes a motion on that to say that they are witnesses.

**Liz Farrell** 27:15

So he needs to make that argument. Yeah, that there are witnesses as well. That is that seems to be a tactic that was used in the that's being used in the civil conspiracy case against Greg Parker and the Maori beach case that they're trying to make Mark into Martin's li into a witness in his own case, because they want to pull him off the case. That's their strategy for getting him off. So I just feel like maybe that's something Creighton should look into if he hasn't already. I mean, you know,

**Eric Bland** 27:40

you guys are much more. You guys are much smarter than me. You know, Dixon has to be thinking on a number of fronts here because November 27, is just around the corner, which is a criminal trial in state court in front of Judge Newman where Creighton is loaded for bear on



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the Satterfield case. And how do you go try that case? You guys are smarter than me after your clients has pled guilty in federal court a month and a half before on those same charges. How do you contest the charges in state court when he's already admitted to the guilt of this and that guilt is going to come in? I mean, what are they doing on that? November? 27? Do you guys have any idea?

**Liz Farrell** 28:18

No. I mean, that that's the biggest question, right? I mean, why are you wasting Why is the state allowing itself to be wasted? I mean, I would assume that they would just make a motion can you just make a motion to say like this has already been adjudicated

**Eric Bland** 28:32

he Alex has a right to a trial even though it would be you know a joke of a trial of fait accompli he's got the right to make them go through the steps spend more money that on the state of South Carolina, you know, piss off a lot more people make jurors miss work, Mandy, in between Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays when everybody's trying to get their engineer worked on, start the shopping season, make the cookies. You know, think about your vacation, Dick and Jim, and Alex may make 12 Jurors sit there to have to listen to testimony where he's already pled guilty to it.

**Liz Farrell** 29:09

I don't understand how a judge can't say you've already pled guilty to this in a different court. Are they even allowed to bring that up? Like does the jury get to hear that at all? They are



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**Eric Bland** 29:19

they are they will they will be Yeah, they will it's a crime of moral turpitude. What do you pled guilty to so it does come in well, what's

**Liz Farrell** 29:26

the defense that's what I don't understand what the defense is how do you have a defense It's sickening is what's your defense? Shouldn't

**Mandy Matney** 29:32

they be filing to try to delay it by now because they want to delay that trial right right.

**Eric Bland** 29:39

Well, yeah, dicks going to cut his foot well, well due to Well, that's if the judge knew and won't recuse himself dicks going to make the motion to recuse judging him or he's gonna say because of the Israeli war or something. I gotta go fight you know, over in your something's gonna happen. And then if that all fails, he'll cut his foot off.

**Liz Farrell** 29:56

Israel is gonna be like, No, thank you. We're good.

**Mandy Matney** 30:03

Stay at home.

**Eric Bland** 30:04

I mean, what's your thought? Mandy? I mean is what is the defense? Mandy told



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**Mandy Matney** 30:08

me there is no defense,

**Eric Bland** 30:09

there's no defense. Let's ask this question. What is the risk? Liz and Mandy? If Alex does plead guilty to these crimes on a state court level, does he start to get to the point where it's three felony counts? And you get a lot? This is the second one he's been found guilty on, you know, the double murder? Is he getting close to the elbow off? Is that why he won't do it? Would it? What would be the reason why is it have something to do with where's he going to continue to serve his time? Because they think he's going to get off the murder case? You know, when is it all on where he's going to serve his time? Is that what's happening right now?

**Liz Farrell** 30:45

I guess one of the questions we should be asking is whether this recent loss with Judge gargle and telling them that they will not the federal government will not be seizing their assets. It's hard for us to calculate how big of a loss that was to Dick and Jim, because they fought that pretty hard. So was that always the goal? Or was that the thing like we want our money and miss this is a strategy for us to be able to get at that money? Because that then that allows me the answer to that allows me to understand the answer to what you just asked. Because is it about obviously like Alex spending time in federal prison as opposed to state person like obviously, we think that's the case, but there just felt like there was something more there like it was about something else.



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### **Eric Bland** 31:26

I think it's he wants to reward his friends and punish his enemies, and his enemies are the victims. Alex does not care about the victims that he stole money from. He wants that money to go to PMP Ed and to Palmetto State Bank, and to Dick and Jim and himself all the other victims the Plylers the Badgers, the Pickney Satterfield and everybody else Alex doesn't give two hoots about okay. No, he doesn't care.

### **Liz Farrell** 31:55

So one thing I want to point out Dick and Jim had a reply to the government's response to their emotion, right, this was a 17 page reply it they asked for extra space, they needed more more pages to write more words about this. This is when we talked about this when they brought up Herman Melville. But one of the claims that they made was that they were not going to be seeking fees from their client. Now, we pointed out that they didn't say that as directly as they could. They said, we have said in public that we will not be seeking fees from our client in this case, which basically is true. Yeah, they did say that in public. Like, we all looked at that. And we're like, of course, they're gonna seek fees. This is such a lie. Well, sure enough, on October 19, Jim Griffin now this is a thing, Dick and Jim wanted to take another \$160,000 from the 401k money that the receivership has, so they have about \$400,000 left at that 401k money. So they wanted to take \$160,000 The judge said no, you already made your deal like absolutely not. And they're appealing that decision. Right. Eric, right.

### **Eric Bland** 32:58

That \$160,000 was for the appeal from the murder case. Right.



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### **Liz Farrell** 33:03

Right. And so they're appealing the judge of Judge Hall said no, Dick. And Jim said, we want the appeals court to undo what you said we because we want them to say yes. Then they went to the federal court. And they said, We're not going to ask for we're not taking money. Well, we would represent him pro bono. That's what they were saying in public, right? We would do this pro bono. So then how is it the day after it was like, basically right after judge gargle says no to them about seizing the assets they get then go to the appeals court and ask for an extension in their filing regarding this appeal. So essentially, they're saying they told the federal court we're not we're not going to take this money. We're good, guys. This isn't about us. And then now they are not just like because Emily Limehouse and her reply was like, Oh, we weren't aware that you guys had withdrawn your appeal. Regarding judge Hall's decision that I guess we didn't see that? Well, not only did they not withdraw it, they're doubling down. They're, they're asking for more time to file. More things for it. So what's that all about?

### **Eric Bland** 34:04

Let's talk it out of both sides of your mouth, which they've been doing for the better part of two years.

### **Mandy Matney** 34:09

Yeah. I mean, I right. They've done this over and over again. And again, I have to say this, they the media does not call them out on it. And the media does not do anything to hold them accountable for that. And I think that that's a huge problem with this. And I would imagine Dick Harpootlian didn't start doing this with this case. Like, I feel like he's been talking out of both sides of his mouth for a very long time. And





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everyone was just afraid to call him out on it. And now it's just so obvious. And I still think he doesn't think that people call him out on it.

**Liz Farrell** 34:46

So is this all of this is about fees? Right? I can

**Eric Bland** 34:49

tell you though, we agree on that in the fees and not and not losing. I can tell you this Mandy that I can't recall the case that Dick has been involved in where he's had more losses. Have some cereal losses like this, and I think it's wearing on, honestly.

**Mandy Matney** 35:05

Oh, so remember when Alex got charged in federal court and like may that may it like kind of came out of nowhere? And and then they kind of did they kind of talked about from both sides of their mouth for a while of like, Oh, he's going to plead guilty. And it took him a really long time to plead guilty to those charges. And that was more like waste of time. And then they

**Liz Farrell** 35:28

will they went in saying they were going to plead guilty. And then he pleaded not guilty.

**Mandy Matney** 35:32

And then they did it. Yes. And then they finally had a change of plea hearing a couple of months ago. And remember, like, I went to it, and Charlson, because Liz and I were like, we have to figure out what their



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game here is like, they have to be doing this for a reason. And Phil barber made a big deal in that hearing about the assets about hurrying up the assets. And I remember texting Liz and almost like, I think something's going on with these ads. I think that this is the whole point of all of this. And because there has to be a reason why he has not pled guilty to anything is never taken a shred of accountability for any of the things that he's done. And they are just trying to make a game out of the federal court and try to make that an easy route. And I think finally, and that's a huge deal. The feds are saying no, we're done being used. And

**Eric Bland** 36:26

I think Judge Gergel is going to load him up it pretty hard come sentencing. It does anyone. He does want that right if he can get out of state court somehow. But how's it going to happen when the Satterfield case is November 27? TIG is going to cut his foot off that's how it's gonna happen.

**Liz Farrell** 36:43

If judge Gurgel really wants to wow people he should give Alex one year for I was just

**Mandy Matney** 36:49

gonna say that. Oh my god, I just had the same thing. Yeah, like just about be Yeah,

**Liz Farrell** 36:54

you can come here for a year, buddy, little buddy get



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**Mandy Matney** 36:58

a taste of the good life.

**Liz Farrell** 37:03

countries almost more than do it. I wouldn't do it. Yeah,

**Mandy Matney** 37:06

I don't think that that would be the best thing. Because the more year I mean, loading him up in federal prison does nobody any favors except for Tim Murdaugh. So one whopping year would be pretty awesome.

**Eric Bland** 37:38

But guys, listen to me at the end of the day, if Alex is doing time in a federal prison for the rest of his life or state prison, like we hope he does every morning, I promise you when I wake up and I'm sipping, you know, my morning drink, not coffee, but my morning drink, whether it's hot tea in the winter, you know, pre energized drinking in the summer. I'm gonna smile because I'm knowing that guy's never gonna get a breath of fresh air ever again, from incarceration. It'll make me happy.

**Liz Farrell** 38:06

Yeah, but Alex, a guy who likes the smell of his own flatulence. So he doesn't care about fresh air. He's He's lived his entire life, not fresh air he and they air of Hampton county it was all that he needed. He doesn't care about whether it's recycled or not. He just cares about Alex and whether Ella can get more money. So going back to my question, though, about whether this whole thing in federal court, this whole thing was like centered around Jim and Dick getting their fees. There is



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a case. And Eric, I don't know if you've seen this, Jim Griffin and his law partner, Dodge Humphries are getting sued by a law firm named Louis Babcock. And Lewis Babcock is alleging essentially basically calling their behavior senator and saying that they tried to purposely cut them out of a fee agreement. And instead, like there, they they knew that this was the game all along. They were going to keep these fees from this settlement that they accomplished with a mutual client that they had. And he's saying that they went back on their agreement. And worse than that, they planned to get this guy to step backwards so that they could take his money all you know, the entirety of the fee. I read through the lawsuit recently, the complaint rather, and I know that Jim Griffin and his partner are trying to get this lawsuit dismissed. I know that they're trying to limit discovery or not just limit like put up put a halt on Discovery altogether for now, but fees are very important to lawyers like enough for this law firm to go after Griffin Humphreys right. And my saying is Humphries right,

### **Eric Bland** 39:37

I'm going to recuse myself from this conversation and I'll just listen. You can't say whether it's Griffin Humphries, that is the name. It's Griffin. For reasons that I can't disclose publicly, I'm going to recuse myself from this conversation. I'm just going to listen to you guys talk about it. Well,

### **Liz Farrell** 39:54

it's not it doesn't bode well for Jim and my opinion that this lawsuit is happening at a time I'm where it appears that they're using the federal court. They were using the federal court to get fees like it seems like the core dispute and Alex case right now is about how dick and Jim are gonna get money to continue to fight his case, even though they swear



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they want to do pro bono. So I don't know, Mandy, did you read the lawsuit? The complaint? Yeah,

**Mandy Matney** 40:16

and I didn't look good for Jim. And, obviously, it also made me wonder if like, the floodgates are opening up on these guys. And people have just tolerated them doing things that weren't cool before. And suddenly, they don't seem so invincible. And so maybe this is one of many, I don't know,

**Liz Farrell** 40:40

that's a really good point that maybe people are getting more brave to speak up, because they have basically the world has been Jim and Dick's audience at this point.

**Mandy Matney** 40:49

Yeah. And they've owned the courts,

**Eric Bland** 40:51

I can tell you that lawyers suing each other over fees is a very rare thing. For lawyers don't like that aired publicly. I'm not talking about this case, I'm talking in general. So lawyers absolutely do not like talking about the fees in public because invariably, the amount of the fees start to get talked about in public in your you know, when you talk about a contingency case, not hourly cases, that contingent fee can be very, very large as you would imagine whether it's 30%, or 40%. More importantly, judges do not like to sit in judgment of these type of cases. Basically, what a judge will say is you guys, get out of my courtroom, go



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to a mediator, get in a room and settle it honorably. But I'm not going to sit here and try to preside over arguments of lawyers back and forth over fees. That's a general take on this not on this specific case. Is it

**Mandy Matney** 41:47

the same Amy Hill, who was? Yeah,

**Eric Bland** 41:51

me used to be with John leis firm. And she was a defense attorney. And now she's on the plaintiff side. She works for Terry Richardson's firm who used to be with Motley rice. And so she works with Brady Thomas, who's a wonderful lawyer, Amy's a wonderful lawyer, they're all good lawyers, you know, unfortunately, in that dispute that I won't talk about that.

**Liz Farrell** 42:15

But also, isn't it? It's pretty rare for lawyers to sue their clients for fees, right. Yeah, we know, kind of unusual, we're told

**Eric Bland** 42:21

never to do that. Because if you sue your clients for fee, they'll counterclaim against you for malpractice.

**Liz Farrell** 42:28

Have you guys heard anything about Russell Lafayette? And whether he's paid back Nelson Mullins yet? Because remember, he owes them a bunch of money? I'm pretty sure. So what a what a good guy. I would just, you know, like, Russell, pay your bill, right?



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**Eric Bland** 42:45

You always get through you always get your clients money before he goes to jail. criminal lawyers know that the score, the score is get it before he goes to jail. Because once he goes to jail, he's never gonna pay.

**Liz Farrell** 42:57

Seems like his dad's still out there. So maybe his dad should get it together and pay his bills for him. He's been saving his butt his entire life. He should continue to do it because

**Mandy Matney** 43:07

his wife is still living in the doublewide. Yeah,

**Liz Farrell** 43:09

at best. Maybe it's not necessarily vintage

**Mandy Matney** 43:13

at best, right. But I wonder like if they have actually started live, like if it's families living their life differently than before? And yeah,

**Liz Farrell** 43:26

maybe but it came out that he had \$10 million at the federal number during the federal job like this. of all our criminal buddies. He's the richest, right? It's,

**Mandy Matney** 43:35

it's wild.



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**Eric Bland** 43:36

Yeah, man, I can only imagine the Fleming family has to be living differently. I mean, they have children in college or high school. I mean, the, you know, his wife works. She's a lawyer, but you know, their lifestyle has to be different. And, you know, their husband may not come back for, you know, more than 10 years. That's a long time.

**Mandy Matney** 43:54

Right, Cory and Russell, being in federal prison isn't the worst thing. And hopefully they're learning their lesson, and hopefully, they will come out as better people. Sure. Yeah.

**Eric Bland** 44:05

I think Cory will come out as better person. I don't think Russ will, because Russ has never accepted responsibility. It's

**Liz Farrell** 44:11

a good point. He hasn't Yeah, he

**Mandy Matney** 44:12

still has to go to state court, though.

**Liz Farrell** 44:13

He can practice there. He can practice accepting responsibility and paying his bills when he hits the state court. Yeah, sure. All

**Mandy Matney** 44:21

right. I'm excited for that. So this financial trial coming up, how long do we think it's going to be?





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**Eric Bland** 44:28

Alex would think it's a solid, a solid. I mean, look at Oh, can

**Liz Farrell** 44:33

it be a week, Eric?

**Eric Bland** 44:35

Well, it takes a day to pick a jury and then there's always motions and lemony limiting what can come in and there'll be an argument over how much of his plea of guilt comes in. But look at the witnesses. You have you have Tony, Brian, you have Corey. Alex, is Alex going to testify? Yes. Alex is going to say you know, the dogs didn't cause the fall. I made it up. You got the EMS person you have There was also a worker, I forget his name on the property who was working who came up on it. So you know, it could take, you know, four to five days. You're

**Liz Farrell** 45:09

talking about your case, you're talking about the Satterfield case. Yeah.

**Mandy Matney** 45:13

Yeah. Right. That's just one. Yeah.

**Eric Bland** 45:16

Right. Yes. Because they want to try each one separately so they can get the I walk to life without parole, three convictions. They're not consolidating badger, Pickney Plyler, Thomas Moore, all those are going to be separate trials. That's SeaDek would want them to all be consolidated and tried once you heard Creighton say, no, no, I like that.



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When we come to try the Saturday okay, then we're going to go on to the next one. I love it. I love it.

**Mandy Matney** 45:46

I kind of do too, because that'll be like, that's a lot of trials.

**Eric Bland** 45:52

Well, we got to get three convictions on state court charges separate apart from the murder. If we get three of these financial crime charges, who cares whether that murder case gets reversed or not? Because then he's got life without parole. And those three convictions. They're all felonies, they gotta be three felonies.

**Liz Farrell** 46:10

So you're saying that on November 27. It's going to be the Satterfield Europe first that those crimes and the strategy from the state is that they need to get these three convictions of Alex for at least three of the victims I mean, there's I think would agree like there's six victims maybe that that we know about publicly or more

**Eric Bland** 46:29

for good you got the labor day shooting case. Whoa, whoa, whoa, we

**Liz Farrell** 46:32

can get that can count toward it, too.

**Eric Bland** 46:34

You got to lift Yeah, you got to felonies their insurance fraud. Fake shoot.



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**Liz Farrell** 46:40

Oh, my God, I just want to

**Eric Bland** 46:42

stick doing what is what's the strategy again, I'm I'm confused guys are smarter than me. Tell me what it

**Liz Farrell** 46:48

is? Well, it's just it just just seems like such a waste of everyone's time. Because he's, you know, Dick has already admitted for on behalf of Alex that he's done these things on TV and remember that on TV. So how many more times in public or in other ways? Can he admit doing these things like he admitted it in the murder trial, and yet we still have to go through the motions of him.

**Eric Bland** 47:09

Because the state has the burden of proof. Alex does not the state has to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. And unless the defendant is going to plead guilty, he has a right to make the state go through the motions guys, we're spending a fortune of our tax dollars. Alex is grinning. He's smiling in his cell making the state waste money on him. Man up, buddy, man up except responsibility. You said under oath in those in the murder case that you stole these people's money, man up.

**Mandy Matney** 47:45

And as our courts are so backed up, that's the thing that really makes me mad. This is real. This is sucking up so many resources of the state that have got to start going to other cases. And again, this is I was



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thinking about this the other day, I think of everything that dick and Jim have done will the way that they've treated victims over and over again and just been horrible to them. That makes me really mad. But the other thing that just makes me so angry and people don't understand they just think I hate TIG and Jim's has to hate dick and Jim but it's the amount of resources it has a taxpayer in South Carolina I am furious when I stopped to think about it this is even before the financial crash I mean the back and forth and all the civil cases and all of the nonsense that these guys have just wasted. I don't understand how it's not unethical for a lawyer to do this. And I I understand fighting for your client, but this is something where like the logical mind cannot find a reason or or way like there's no defense to these crimes. These already admitted to them. So what are we doing here and it makes me so mad.

**Liz Farrell** 48:56

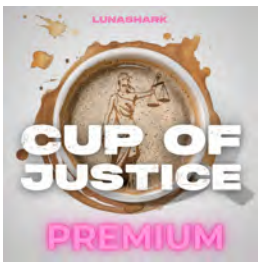
He's the Road Runner right now guys. He's like literally, like

**Eric Bland** 49:00

who's wily Coyote? Well,

**Liz Farrell** 49:01

I mean, the state is wily Coyote, the runners basically just waving so he's just like I did this stuff, but not guilty like he's making it's it's a joke is like, I don't have you ever seen anything like that before? Eric, I cannot name I have never seen anything. No single defendant who has said I did this. I'm guilty, but not guilty.



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**Eric Bland** 49:25

And usually you see it in drug cases where somebody's already serving a life sentence for like murder, and then they get this new drug conspiracy charge case or whatever, and they won't plead guilty. They make the government go forward and try the case just so they can get out of jail prison to go spend a week and a half. That's what this almost is. It's like a 14 windstorm. It's nothing it means nothing, right?

**Mandy Matney** 49:51

It's just wrong. Right. And the other day I saw that South Carolina has one of the worst crime rates per capita right now in the United States. And really

**Liz Farrell** 50:03

does that surprise you in crime? Or is that because Alex did not

**Mandy Matney** 50:07

surprise anybody, though not just because of Alex, it's the land of no consequences. And like, we just keep backing up the courts and we keep like, we keep letting violent criminals out again and again. And when we put them in prison, we our lawmakers pull it out of prison. Like, it's all absurd here. And we're not doing anything to stop it. And it's like, of course, crime is gonna keep getting better. Well look at look at the things that we've learned about our justice system in the last couple of years. Look at all the shenanigans that have gone on and all the taxpayer money being wasted at not fighting crime and not actually putting a stop to this. Our justice system isn't doing anything to stop that



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**Liz Farrell** 50:47

you guys saw that where Governor Henry McMaster is now making it a rule that if you are a solicitor who's going to make a motion to shorten the length of somebody's prison sentence at the request of a suppose a defense attorney slash maybe if that defense attorneys, a legislator lawyer, I don't know, you're gonna have to give 10 days notice to the Attorney General's Office and the Attorney General's Office is going to have to review the application for and I say application selling an application, but the motion and the evidence that backs up whether or not these we looked at. We've talked about this a couple times on true sunlight, but there was a prisoner who was released 12 years earlier from his sentence, he had kidnapped two women in Aiken County, and he had shot this guy several times. And then he had assaulted a couple of deputies and he had been sentenced to 30 years in prison. He got out just shy of 18, I believe, and that was because of Todd Rutherford. And because of a solicitor named David Miller, who we know to be involved with them the Bowen Turner case and Bowen Turner's juicy little plea deal that he was able to get what you look at that that that case that I just mentioned, the Romero Lopez case, and there was no evidence attached to this that showed that this man like had actually done something like offered substantial assistance, right. But worse than that, and I don't know if he knows this, maybe the solicitor said David Miller said, I've not seen the evidence to support the claim that he's provided substantial assistance. But here's my motion anyway. And I recommend the court look into this. So he didn't even do a review of what it was this guy supposedly had done. That was so amazing that they should lop off, you know, almost a half of his sentence. So this is a good thing that we're going to have the Attorney General I mean, it creates more work. And it's more bureaucracy, of course, but obviously

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there needs to be an adult in the room because the solicitors are not doing their jobs. Well. Good job

**Eric Bland** 52:44

for Governor McMaster for that. Yeah. I'll say that. It's a practical rule. Yeah.

**Liz Farrell** 52:50

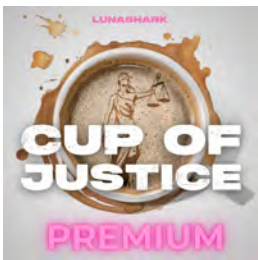
Surprising. Surprising, actually. Yeah, I

**Mandy Matney** 52:52

agree. He's, yeah, he did something in adding an but it's sad that you have to add more people are in a process that should have been pretty airtight to begin with, like a solicitor should never have any incentive to want to get these want to get people out of prison before they before their sentences are up. And that's what's just so weird to me. And again, that's why we should not be having lawmakers like Todd Rutherford, in the decision making process for judges because David Miller is trying to be a judge right now. Why else would David Miller agree to that deal unless he was trying wanting to schmooze over Todd Rutherford who is on the committee to decide who becomes the judge? And who doesn't? Right?

**Liz Farrell** 53:42

But I mean, you guys get that right. Like, I mean, it blows my mind just thinking about it. Like he David Miller did not appear to know why this guy what substantial assistance this man provided, and yet was advocating for his early release. And I'm all for a system that rewards people who provide substantial assistance and present I think that that



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is was smart of the legislature to come up with that provision of the law. I think that that it's necessary, but it's sad to me that we are now how many deep in knowing about these guys who are getting these shortened sentences, and we cannot I cannot name a single thing that these guys did. That was so amazing to warrant the amount of time that they got lopped off. So shame on David Miller and shame on Todd Rutherford and all of that, but I am You're right. Two thumbs up to Henry McMaster. I've never said that before in my life, but two thumbs up to him. Yeah, yeah. Good job.

**Mandy Matney** 54:36

Yeah, he did something.

**Eric Bland** 54:38

What do you guys think about? You're on Vandersloot. You know, he pled guilty to the extorting. Beth Holloway in 2010. Tried to get \$250,000 and he was going to tell her, you know where the body was, and he's serving a life or he serving I think 28 years for a killing. He did improve Drew of a girl there. And he came to our country to plead guilty to extorting her and he was given a 20 year sentence to run concurrently. What do you guys think of that is and Mrs. Holloway evidently is okay with him getting a 20 year concurrent sentence because she now at least has some kind of peace as to it but he's a he's a monster and it's hard to believe like Alex it's hard to believe anything he would say. Even if he passed a lie detector test. What are your thoughts on that list? I

**Liz Farrell** 55:31

have one thought and it was just I mean, there I have a lot of thoughts but the one that I really that stuck with me the most or that that has hit





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me the hardest is when Beth Holloway told him I don't accept your apology because I I struggled with this myself. And I think after the church shootings in Charleston when the victim's families kept telling Dylann Roof like I forgive you, and I understand that, that they're deeply religious people and this was for them. They got it off their soul, but I felt amazing hearing Beth Holloway being like, You're a piece of trash like, I don't accept your apology. You're You're subhuman. You know, in these. I'm not quoting her. I'm just saying that like, that would be where my head was that like would be in that same situation. And you just I am so glad that she didn't put a bow on it and make it nice that she is allowed this person that the you have gotten no forgiveness for me for your for your behavior. I think sometimes you can't forgive people, I think but that's just the truth of situations. I know. There's religious views on that or whatever. But with you, kid, I sometimes like it when people don't forgive each other.

### **Mandy Matney** 56:33

Yeah, yeah, me too. Taylor Swift has a really good quote. Yeah, some that you don't have to forgive anybody, you. You don't have to carry hatred with you. You don't have to live your life being angry with that person. But you also just don't have to forgive them. Some people, some people, you're just indifferent. You don't want to you don't want to carry that hatred toward you. But just because you don't forgive them doesn't mean that you are toward them. And I think that that's a powerful thing as like, we deal with a lot of hate coming at us. And it's like, I don't have to carry that with me. I also don't have to forgive you if you tell me that you're sorry. Because that's that's the hate that you carry. That's the weight that you should carry. Not ours thinking of our



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**Eric Bland** 57:21

girl. I heard something really neat today for about TLS and that is in Kansas City. Even before she was dating Kelsey, she donated to the to the food bank there some kind of charity and never used her name that came out today. And she did that earlier in the summer. When she you know, I don't know what her connection was to Kansas City to do that, but it's pretty neat because it's pre Travis kills. Yeah, I

**Mandy Matney** 57:50

think it was the era store because pretty much every city that she was in on the heiress tours, she would make huge donations and not only was she helping those cities with their economy with the era's tour, but she was making giant donations to each food bank. I remember when I was in Tampa there was an announcement at that concert and yeah, it's just stuff a lot of good for people and I love that about her

**Eric Bland** 58:14

all right, let me ask you guys, raise your hands who's got their pumpkins on their porch?

**Liz Farrell** 58:19

No, I just moved in is

**Eric Bland** 58:23

the pumpkins we got Renee got some green ones and some ugly ones with warts. You know, she's got three stacked on each side. I love Halloween. Gourds



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### **Mandy Matney** 58:36

GERD scores David got me a dozen pumpkins the other day instead of flowers and love pumpkins. I know isn't and so they're all over our porch I have we have not decorated them I'm not very good at decorating

### **Eric Bland** 58:52

Are you gonna get a lot of trick trick or treaters in your neighborhood  
MAN Yeah,

### **Mandy Matney** 58:56

our neighbor our street like really out does Halloween pretty much everybody has a skeleton or something like spooky in their lawn and it's really fun. I love it. And the kids get all into it.

### **Eric Bland** 59:09

I just saw this new for this year somebody I guess Home Depot has it's like \$299 The Flying which it's like a witch that suspended in air you know like 10 feet up with the broom down.

### **Liz Farrell** 59:21

I've seen it it looks really cool. People really do up their yards here I just I just moved in though over the summer so I'm not there yet. But I did buy a blow up Boston Terrier Day of the Dead looking thing. I'm not sure if I want to be that person yet but we'll see. I do like to decorate and I do like Halloween but I just I don't know the thought of smoke. I've spent so much money this past year on this house so I just I think we got to calm it down. Pumpkins can wait.



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**Mandy Matney** 59:52

Pumpkins are a lot. But speaking of spooky season, we have not once done a post Murdaugh Movie. Wow,

**Liz Farrell** 1:00:00

spooky season

**Mandy Matney** 1:00:02

down. Oh boy.

**Eric Bland** 1:00:03

Are you talking about the lifetime a lifetime

**Mandy Matney** 1:00:05

of either? Have you guys seen the Tubi movie? No.

**Eric Bland** 1:00:09

What do I see it on?

**Liz Farrell** 1:00:10

No, I refuse me to see the TV. No, I actually feel less sick from my surgery than I did watching the Lifetime movie like it was less painful to have to be cut into and have ligaments cut open than it was to watch that stupid movie. That was the dumbest decision I've ever made. Why would Bill

**Eric Bland** 1:00:33

pull pull him do that? I just don't understand it



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**Liz Farrell** 1:00:37

makes me think he is part of Operation jackpot to or something I mean, it's was he did he know? Alex like, why else would you do that? There's just no you know,

**Eric Bland** 1:00:45

there's poetic license. There's poetic license and then there's just horrible writing and, you know, to put in the air that Alex called 911 which he didn't do and to put in there that I had a confrontation with Alex in the law firm is ridiculous. It just it's ridiculous. You know, I I can tell you it would be a lot different than Mr. Dayton. So I have not, I finally saw the last part of it. I've it took me four whacks at it to really watch the whole thing because I fell asleep twice.

**Liz Farrell** 1:01:19

Mandy, what was your least favorite part who

**Mandy Matney** 1:01:24

I really hated that they had this scene of Paul in Beaufort getting punched by a random guy and then like feeling threatened because the whole point is that that wasn't happening. The whole point is that there were no threats from the fact that the family was not thinking that they were being threatened and that they should be worried about some random killers coming I just didn't understand why lifetime and lifetime like went for it. They went on full like Alex did all this. Here it is but then they added weird things like that into the narrative.



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**Eric Bland** 1:01:59

And Alex doing drugs every five. They really end up every five minutes. Yeah, he was. That's feeding Dick's narrative.

**Liz Farrell** 1:02:07

Yeah, for sure. But I think it's easier for people to understand the Murdaugh story if they can understand him as a drug addict. And

**Mandy Matney** 1:02:15

that's what's so annoying about it is because like the truth is so crazy and dramatic enough as is with this story. I just don't understand adding things like Paul getting punched in the face.

**Eric Bland** 1:02:28

No Buster in the movie,

**Mandy Matney** 1:02:30

Buster. It was only Jim. There wasn't a dick, right? No, I didn't like I also didn't like that the they had Oh, Mandy Dick Jim. I didn't care about that. I was happy to be excluded from that narrative. I always happy I was mad for on behalf of women that they had a woman as the attorney before the murders for Paul was like, again, a woman being in that dynamic would have made things so much different and the whole point is that they rely on this good ol boy system and they rely on lawyers coming in to buddy buddy with the judge and like a lot of women just aren't doing that I did not like that they had a woman for the Murdaugh family lawyer told



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**Eric Bland** 1:03:19

me about to be because it was it different.

**Mandy Matney** 1:03:21

I don't want to I do not want to be misunderstood here and saying that it's anywhere near good. But it's it's a lot better. It was a lot better than the Lifetime movie. The guy who played Alex was like real psychotic. And it was like really getting into the psycho role. And he had this fun they did the whole thing and flashbacks. Like he was in prison and talking to a journalist after he was in SC DC which that didn't really make sense either the timeline of it doesn't really make sense. But anyways, he looks like a psycho talking to her in prison and then they do flashbacks and all the flashbacks it's just him but with a with a with a bad toupee. Like a real Alex from earlier,

**Eric Bland** 1:04:13

where do I watch it? Where do I watch it?

**Mandy Matney** 1:04:15

So you like log in it's just the to be app and it's free. So any like through your Roku through your Amazon just search to be when you search for apps, and it's completely free. I mean, it shows but what I did like about it is that they at least like remotely paid attention to details of the trial and they had like very weird things that most people wouldn't unless you're paying close attention to the trial like we were every day as I like Paul's feet blow blowing up that's like a scene remember that whole thing that like Paul's feet were swelling and that's why they they were at the house but like that was a detail that they included on the to the movie Just just lifetime acted like they hadn't even seen the trial like



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there was no. Or they didn't even speak with anybody who saw the trial. Like there was no inside knowledge had

**Eric Bland** 1:05:11

some high schoolers write it, because there was a writer strike. So some high school.

**Liz Farrell** 1:05:17

Is that right? No, no, no. I mean, it felt like it was written by AI. I was like, Well, this is a grand experiment, because it's pretty terrible. One of the things though, didn't to be to be the one that had a character named Mark Tinsley, though, right? Yes.

**Mandy Matney** 1:05:32

Real quick. Like that was one. They were they were nice to mark though. Like he was a they did. They did Mark justice. He was a good looking guy, first of all, and he like, they had a scene with him and Alex going into PMPED, and I was like, No, I'm not gonna take shit from you, Alex. And it was good. It was just very fast. But it was good. And like to be I think they got the overall point. Awesome. We looked it up. And I think lawn crime had something to do with the to be movie.

**Liz Farrell** 1:06:07

Oh, okay. That makes sense, then they were far more involved in the trial than lifetime.

**Mandy Matney** 1:06:15

But on that note, what do we have this week? It's a very big week. And I just realized this about two hours ago, but this is my my first ever





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speaking event where like, people are coming to actually see me and I mean, the guy interviewing me and but it's, that freaks me out. So that is at the College of Charleston, 4pm, October 26. And that's Thursday when true sunlight comes out. And we have the link for y'all to register for that in the description. And I'm terrified and excited about it at the same time. I think

**Eric Bland** 1:06:53

you did. You will do fine because I interviewed you Thursday night and you absolutely hit the home run out of the park just put up two ferns on the stage. You'll be in between the ferns you'll feel comfortable and that'll be great. You're

**Liz Farrell** 1:07:04

gonna do great Mandy.

**Mandy Matney** 1:07:05

Yeah, I would love to put in to your firm's that's awesome that they're

**Liz Farrell** 1:07:09

gonna be interviewing you. You don't just have to, like do freeform like speech. like talking to people. It's yeah.

**Mandy Matney** 1:07:16

Like talk at the beginning. Yeah, I'm excited. It's just one of those like, is anybody going to show up? And if they don't, we'll be okay with that. If too many people show up. Well, that'd be scary, too. I don't know. I'm just Yeah, but I think it'll be really good to like, get momentum for You're gonna do great, but coming out. And then on Friday, I'm equally



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excited about this event. And it's actually going to be I'm going to be chilled for this. We're doing a meet and greet at the co op and Sullivan's Island, which is one of my favorite places in Charleston. They make excellent frozen a and I'll be signing Don't be like Alex Murdaugh koozies for everybody. So they made those koozies a long time ago and got kind of crap for that. And so we bonded over that and we're gonna do a fun event this

**Eric Bland** 1:08:10

weekend. I'm really excited to Greg more proud of you.

**Mandy Matney** 1:08:13

And on that note,

**Eric Bland** 1:08:14

we're proud of you.

**Mandy Matney** 1:08:15

Thank you. Cups down. Great Show

**Liz Farrell** 1:08:17

All right guys. Well good luck, Mandy. Cups down.

**Mandy Matney** 1:08:31

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