

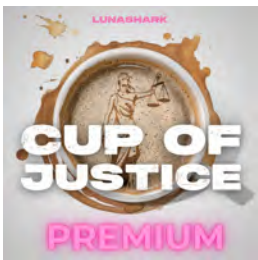
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Mandy Matney 00:04

Hello and happy Halloween. First, I want to say thank you to everyone who attended the two pre book release events in Charleston This weekend, I got the privilege to hug hundreds of listeners this weekend. And that was the best feeling in the world. I don't know what I was nervous about. But y'all reminded me immediately that I have the best fans in the world who will show up when it matters. A huge highlight of the weekend. Sandy Smith, who was an obvious main character of my book surprised me Friday night as a co-op, and it was brought to tears seeing how many people were rallying around her and offering their encouragement. The events this weekend gave me the boost of confidence I needed as we are now two weeks out from the blood on their hands publication date. And I just have to ask you again to please purchase a book at blood on their hands book.com Or you can buy a signed copy from our talk shop live sale on Monday, November 6 at 7pm. Click the link in the description or scroll down on blood on their hands. book.com if just a fraction of y'all listening, we buy a book, I might be able to reach my crazy goal of getting on the New York Times bestseller list. If I've learned anything recently, it's the support you give will always come back to you. Thank you all out there for showing your support. And reminding me of that, and I will be sure to give it back to you. So this week, we've got some really great and important discussions on today's episode starting with T Murdaugh seemingly strange dismissal of their confession of judgment appeal in the Satterfield case, it is clear Dick and Jim are up to something but we're not sure what were they just fixing a bad decision or is there something more happening there? Also on the show we talk about PMPED and Randy Murdaugh's gross and greedy decision to hop in line with Alex

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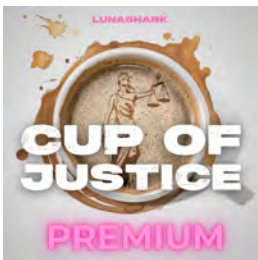
Murdaugh's financial victims not only do their claims paint a picture for us on who these people are, it shows how little accountability they think they should have for Alex's crimes. Plus, we discussed the case of a former Allendale Councilman who pleaded guilty to raping a 12 year old girl at a sleepover. The 14th circuit Solicitor's Office struck a deal with this man where he got to plead to a lesser charge putting him in prison for only two years worse than that the Solicitor's Office made it a point to say that the victim consented to the deal. Was justice served there? I would say no. Speaking of justice being served, we also consider a report mistake newspaper that said Corey Fleming's 13 Year 10 month sentence will actually look more like nine years behind bars. Is that justice? Lastly, Alex financial trials could end up being costly for the state of South Carolina. And it seems like Dick and Jim are trying to capitalize on that lawmakers are apparently starting to question whether it's in the state's best financial interest to try ellex crime separately. Obviously, we have opinions on that. Let's get into it. Pepsi bottles up cups.

Liz Farrell 03:44

Yeah, we're hitting the bottle today, guys. I'm not. I'm not playing around with my seltzer. It's a full size. You're hitting the sauce. Have you bad. Eric, what are you up to doing great. Yeah, how was your weekend?

Eric Bland 03:56

It was good is good. We had a good finished week. We it was a fox documentary. Another installment in the interview. They wanted to focus on the financial crime victims. And so Wednesday and Thursday were the SATA fields in Friday where the Plyler sisters and I was telling



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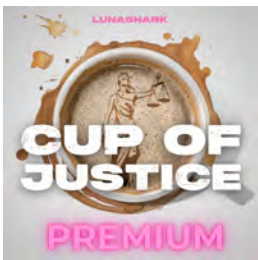
Mandy that Alenia Plyler spawn gives a victim's story better than anybody I've ever listened to. You can feel the pain and what she had to go through and three cameramen and the host who was questioning or were crying during the time that she was telling her story for two hours. It's just she's the most articulate woman I've ever been woman man I've ever met in my life. Someone who's not college educated. She speaks is as good as anybody I've ever listened to. And her trial is coming up the same week that Alex's state court trial for the Satterfield is coming up and I'm telling you she is one of the most formidable witnesses I've ever seen. She's literally gonna I'm gonna wind her up by saying good morning. What is your name? Tell me YOUR Story and I'm going to basically sit down because she can just go she's that good. So we add that and then don't forget the we just had out of the clear blue, Alex withdrew or asked for a motion to dismiss his appeal from Judge prices, order denying them a motion to vacate his confession of judgment.

Liz Farrell 05:19

We'll talk about that. Eric more. I just want to first Mandy, why don't you tell us about your weekend? You've had a pretty exciting when starting start with Thursday night. So because everybody knows that you were not dreading it. But you were you know, certainly had apprehensions about speaking in front of such a large group of people and just how did it go? Yeah,

Mandy Matney 05:39

it went great. I was very nervous. I was telling Eric about this. And I told you about this, but I wasn't I was mostly concerned for safety. A couple



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days before the event. We started seeing trolls were signing up and we could flag their names. And it's like, it just started to get into my head and it started to get in the back of my mind. Like what if these people show up? And what if this is what if this is a dangerous situation? And what if I wasn't nervous about being embarrassed? I wasn't nervous about even like a troll standing up and yelling or anything like that. i A lot of these people who are so pro Alex Murdaugh are terrifying. Like they are mentally unwell. So I was just scared not going to like going into it.

Eric Bland 06:28

During the week of the main shooting, you know, you we've saw on the news that people were just doing stuff and they got shot and killed. And so right. It's a reasonable thought you had, it is a reasonable thought in this day and age, Mandy

Mandy Matney 06:40

hate and I hate that. And I also hate that you just have to weigh that. And I hate that like, on the way there. It was like, should I be wearing a vest like That's insane. They got College of Charleston, the campus pleased to be there, which made me feel better. In David, my sweet husband arranged for a few of my friends to fly in and surprise me. And that all made me feel a lot better. My cousin Dan was in and my best friend Chelsea. And you all know Chelsea, she would be top security and my friend Jenny Fisher from Charleston. And

Liz Farrell 07:15

he's your trainer, right? Yeah, she could take anybody we were driving



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Mandy Matney 07:18

in. And between Jenny and Chelsea. I was like, we're set these two girls, take anybody on the planet. So I felt good going into it. And it was wonderful. A lot of people showed up. The professor who was hosting was amazing. This man named Heath Hoffman. And he honestly asked before he was like, I want to ask you a bunch of questions about sexism and things. But I feel weird because I'm a man. And I don't know if you would rather have a woman. Yeah. And I was like, No, we need more men like you understand and are who understand and get it and want to hear about it. Like, that's what we need. I'm glad to have you do this. And I met women who were there between the ages of 18 and 75. And I it was incredible. Just listening to all of these women. I talked to a lot of women after the talk about why they were there. And just over and over, it was just kind of the same message of we are we are tired of the same system. And we appreciate everything you and your team are doing. I heard that over and over. So I want to echo that to y'all. So that whole thing was it but it was more like stiff, a little more stiffer. It was academic. So it wasn't it wasn't meant to be fun. And that's okay. But it was it was great. And then the next day was a fun day. One of my favorite places in Charleston, the co-op long story short and 2021. Later on when the Satterfield stuff started coming out, and we realized that Alex was a very bad person it was before he was charged with the murders. But when we started realizing, like this guy's really bad the call up started making these koozies that say, don't be like Alex Murdaugh. And they got a lot of crap from people in Charleston saying, like, this man is grieving. How dare you do this? And they were giving them away. They weren't selling them or anything. But because of that, I kind



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of became friends with the business owners and we talked to them on Instagram. And when David was like, Where do you want to start having like hype events and meet and greets. I was like co-op. At Sullivan's Island. I like those people because they stuck their neck out in the beginning and they knew Alex Murdaugh sucked they gave out koozies about it so let's go there and I feel weird saying this but there was a line like around the building for me and go girl and see it Thank God but my friend saw it and there was people the entire time I was there for two hours and just did a meet and greet. Met just so many great amazing people. It was just like the boost of energy. I can't wait till you all start coming to these because it was I was feeling pretty down last week. I don't know I just kind of go through peaks and valleys of I in my head of how I feel about myself, but I felt like on top of the world after that, and I met, you deserve and met a lot of moms and their kids that their kids listen to the podcast and the car I met quite like I would say like five there was five men your age, Eric, that we're like, kinda looks like good ol boys, and then we're there by themselves. We're like, I never fanboy over anyone I've never liked and they were all so sweet. And that was just so cool. I was flattered. A couple of them were lawyers. And we're like, but again, it was the same thing. We're tired of the system, we are ready for a change. We are so thankful for anybody who calls it out. Because so so many people in South Carolina do not call it out. And everybody's sick of it. So and that no cups up everybody. I am just so thankful and so happy. And I hope you all can join one of the other events that we have, because it was just it's one thing to get lots of compliments from people online and everything but to to look people in the eye and to be able to hug them. It's just incredible. That's great.



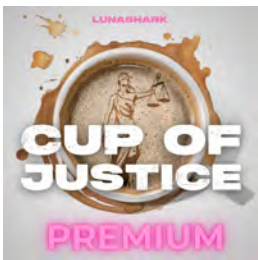
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Eric Bland 11:06

How about you, Liz, tell us what's new with you. The deco decor of your house looks great.

Liz Farrell 11:13

It's getting there. Yeah, it's getting there. I have to tell you like growing up where I did in Boston, like a lot of the homes sort of look like this, which I was going for this like shabby, but not shabby chic, but this sort of lived in intAlextual space. But I promise you it's feminine. Has your hand that oh is my hand. It's I went too far with it. So you know if you're ever considering having CTS surgery definitely rusted a lot. And I said so. Why he says your friend. Yeah. Fine. I'm just Yeah, I'm just a little and you have to do PTT, which is weird, because it was ended, laparoscopic ear and scopic. But the problem is, is these fingers like getting the feeling back in these fingers? And I don't have it yet. So I started to get a little worried but I know it's it could take like three to six months before I start getting that feeling back but you have no idea what it's like living with just not being able to feel things you know, even plugging in like the plug to my microphone is is a difficult little task, you know, because it falls out of my fingers still. So that said, we have so much to talk about today. Now that we've established that my house is beautiful and just appropriately Yeah, wait to see the the kitchen color. I'm actually going to be painting the kitchen walls pink but which I know sounds hideous, but it isn't. Okay, the first thing I want to talk about Eric is what you brought up about Dick and Jim have dropped their appeal. They were appealing the confession of judgment that Alex put in for the Satterfield case. So Alex basically admitted to the court that he stole this



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money. And he did that obviously, we talked about this 100 times he did that to get his bond lowered. It didn't work. So just like with everything else they did they were like psych, and then they tried to take it back. So there was a lot of like confusion over why they would drop that, that appeal, because all of a sudden, they're just like, oh, no, nevermind, we're not going to peel it. And I think I have an idea of why they did that. I think I don't know if you're going to agree with me. But it seems like we might have been wrong in true sunlight last week when we said that one of the lies that Dick and Jim told was that the Satterfield staff had been settled through judgment. So basically what they were saying is like, we've already taken care of this the confession of judgment, I guess, is what they're trying to say satisfied that but you without that confession of judgment, can't you go for more money, right, ultimately, like aren't when you be able to ask for, I guess, like treble damages or triple the amount of the damages, but because he signed that confession of judgment or swore that confession of judgment, it limits you to that 4.1 million or 4.3 million, whatever he confessed to? It might do have that right.

Eric Bland 13:50

Correct. Right. What can what would happen is if it got reversed and vacated, then the case against him would be reinstated. And then I would go forward against him like we're going forward against rustle of fee at the end of November for the Plyler SR for the Satterfield, we would go forward and and try to get a bigger judgment against Alex because we could get punitive damages. Or we could say it's an unfair trade practices because he's already repeated it on a number of people. And if it's an unfair trade practices, you get triple damages triple triple



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the 4.3 million plus your attorneys fees. So the risk is be careful what you ask for, because you may get it from him, which is a trial and he can end up with a harder bigger judgment against him than the 4.3 million but like a scorpion. You know, Dick and Jim are offering me a ride on the scorpions back across rocks. Should I jump on the scorpion because I may end up getting stung. I don't know. They always have a reason. It's not being altruistic that they decided that they were going to just try to by the way, they can't just dismiss this appeal on their own. It's not like they go to the clerk of the appellate court and say we want to dismiss it once you file an appeal, it's the appellate court that owns that appeal because it becomes a legal issue that if the appellate court deems it's an important legal issue, even if you don't want to go forward with the appeal, they're going to go forward with the appeal because they want to pronounce a legal reasoning and a legal ruling. So if you notice, they didn't make a dismissal order, they made a motion to dismiss to ask the appellate court, Please dismiss it. So it's up to the appellate court for it to be dismissed now. 99 times out of 100. The appellate court will dismiss it, but it's not a given.

Liz Farrell 15:39

I guess the question is why? Why wouldn't you object if they're withdrawing it because they're like, Okay, we don't want to risk it being more damages. Like, we want to just limit it to we're not

Eric Bland 15:50

pigs. The Satterfield aren't pigs, they've recovered more than seven and a half million dollars, and we have a \$4.3 million judgment against Alex that's clicking interest since May of 2021, and clicks post judgment



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interest of close to 10%. And we've already made the applications last week under the new procedure for the victims for them to get a recovery from that 1.8 million. You know, they're just not pigs. The Satterfield's aren't pigs and we wanted the judgment against Alex and we got it. My fear is, and I'm asking you, Mandy and Uli. Is this a wolf in sheep's clothing? Do they have an ulterior motive for dismissing this? Or did they finally realize it's it's an exercise in futility? Number one, or Didik. And Jim, say to Alex, you can't pay us any more money or you're not paying us any more money, and we're just not going through with all these bullshit, you know, appeals and different motions. What do you think, man?

Mandy Matney 16:47

I think everything that they've ever done has an ulterior motive. I think if there's one consistency with Dick and Jim, is that I don't I don't know what it is. Exactly, but I cannot see them at this point. I think that they've doubled down so hard in the we are going to defend Alex basically until death do us part. They are all in I watched last week their crime con their little crime CON talk, which was fascinating on a lot of levels. I need to actually watch it again because they said a lot of things. But one thing I took away from that conversation was we are doing like we are all in on this. And they honestly said Just Another side note, while Dick claimed that he has made over half a billion dollars in his career and was bragging about that in the exact same talk. They said they are out of money for representing Alex in the murder trial. Well out of money as a no one is paying them right now. But they said crowdfunding will be an option. We might consider crowdfunding. So Dick. What?



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Eric Bland 18:04

What's crowdfunding like?

Mandy Matney 18:05

GoFundMe? No crowd, literally like a GoFundMe for Alex Murdaugh's defense, which is utterly disgusting. There's

Eric Bland 18:12

enough freaks out there that will send money. There's enough freaks out there

Mandy Matney 18:17

who don't want to see the GoFundMe, five and 10 right there, trolls aren't rich.

Liz Farrell 18:23

And there's really only nine of them, you know, they all have different accounts, but also they die. I think that idea came from soon after the verdict, when the trolls were saying that they were going to crowdfund Alex appeal. So I think he sort of got excited about that, and a little too excited. As far as whether what Dick and Jim are doing. I honestly think they just realized that by appealing the confession of judgment, they're opening Alex up to the possibility of more damages with you. So I think it's simply that they made a bad decision and appealing the confession of judgment because once it was withdrawn once once you are limited, supposedly, I guess, by that right. I mean, I guess you could find a way around it, but you're limited that the capsid caps the amount of money



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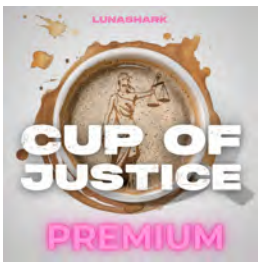
that he can he can you cannot go after him. So what that raises a question with me because what do they care? You know, nothing from nothing is nothing. Right. Right. Right. So is there more money? Yes. See, I'm not stupid. I. I'm thinking I'm thinking there might be more money out there. And they're trying to limit it

Eric Bland 19:31

on liquor. I'm like, curly, I'm thinking but nothing catches on just like

Liz Farrell 19:35

there's got to be. I don't think it's simply because who cares if a court of a jury is like here? No, we don't agree with a 4 million we think they should get 12 million. Here's the difference isn't right. You know, like if he's if he's broke, he's broke and they're never going to see that money. So why does Dick and Jim even care if there's gotta be more money somewhere that is going to come out somehow. So that's just that's where am I I had went with that, because why else would they do it? Are you good? Yeah. Thank you. And that said, I do want to talk about this this line of victims that the deadline has now passed, right? Or is it today it's October 29. The victims just sort of, we say Get in line. But obviously, it's not like, you know, people are standing in line, but for them to alert the court that they consider themselves victims. And we know two of the victims already other than, you know, the Satterfield, pilers, et cetera, are Randolph Murdaugh before and pm PD. So, Mandy, were you surprised? On Friday, on Friday evening, after you know, the court had closed the scenes PMPED filed their victim sheet, I guess saying how much money they're owed. And it's several million dollars, they say All told, they've had something like \$14 million in expenses,



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because expenses and paying people back, etc, from Elekk. And there's 28 Different redacted lines in this this report that show 19 of them show no money being stolen, it has like nothing written in the stolen column, but it shows money being reimbursed. And then the the even this is how nickel and diming they are of the Alex they've even put the suburban down that gets seized by sled as a reimbursement that they believe that they're owed. So the value of

Mandy Matney 21:27

like a suburban is a lot of money. You shouldn't have given Alex bourbon in the first year.

Liz Farrell 21:37

Yes. So what's your end? What What were your thoughts when you saw that and saw Randy's motion, or his I don't know if we call it a motion his complaint.

Mandy Matney 21:46

It was, again, kind of one of those poetic moments I had just met with like hundreds of women and people that were telling me, you know, different stories being like, why they hate the system so much. And they're so sick of all this greed. And they're so sick of the good ol boys. And I had heard that for two hours. And then I look at my phone. And the first thing that I see is a text or Mila's and it has all the filings. And I was like, Oh, of course, of course. And like you said, it's just pure greed. And I mean, nothing. I wouldn't put anything past PMPED or the Murdaugh family. And I think, Randy, honestly, what I'm surprised about a little bit is I thought that Randy was smart enough to like, take the



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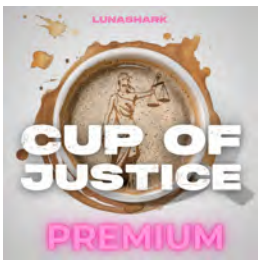
law, take the L and kind of back out of the situation. And he did that whole New York Times piece where he kind of said he was distancing himself from Alex, but not really. And I thought that was like a kind of an attempt for Randy to rebrand himself. And then Randy just goes full on Murdaugh mode with this. So he's back. All right. He's all in and no, I'm not surprised

Eric Bland 23:05

what happened to Liz and Mandy to Johnny Parker and John Marvins. Ken judgments remember those? They got confessions of judgments early early on in September of 2021. And Johnny tried to assert them. And then Mark slammed him down. Mark Tinsley, but did they get relieved of record? Are they still out there those judgments?

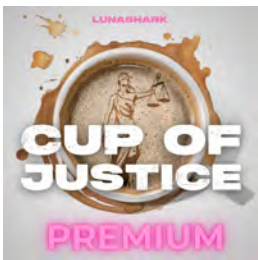
Liz Farrell 23:25

Well, that's an interesting question, because because of the redactions, were not able to see who pm PD is considering a victim or consider who they paid back that money to. So with some of that money being masked, you know, it's a fair question like is that actually the straight up money that they gave somebody because there is the \$792,000 figure on there. And if you guys will remember, that was the money that Alex was trying to get together. And the days after the murders, he had borrowed money from Johnny and that was some of the money that he had in the confession of judgment for him and he had borrowed some of it from the bank. So but but it didn't add up to the whole remember this. Remember, it was only I want to say 600,000 He left Chris Wilson with \$192,000 Apparently, so when they say \$792,000 That tells me potentially that they paid back obviously PSA, you know, the Palmetto



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State Bank but also Johnny Parker and Chris Wilson so you know if that numbers on there so we would have to like reverse engineer which we're going to do for a truce on night obviously but it does raise the question of whether a coup who did who is PMP Ed putting on that list because the amount that they're ultimately asking for exhausts the Victims Fund completely it's it's gone if if they were to get you know, any sort of meaningful compensation from it, so I find that very concerning but with Randy in his rebrand D which is calling it we're gonna call it rebrand he did not rebrand himself. He I get it like I get if you have a terrible Oh, brother and he's borrows money for you for his fake rehab. I know he went to rehab. I know he went, but I'm just saying like, maybe he didn't need it as much as he thought he did. But I get that you would want that money back. I totally understand that. But like you said, Mandy, like cut your losses, moonwalk out of the situation, and try to like, actually rebrand yourself. But instead, not only is he trying to get the money that Alex Odom he has calculated it down to what the interest rate was from the moment that this loan was given to the like, let's say January 2023, something like that. It was it was a lower rate and then January 23, till now at a much higher rate because obviously interest rates have changed. And they it's \$8,300 He's charging Alex on this \$45,000 loan \$8,300 in interest. That's where you're just like, I don't know if I respect it, I think I mean, obviously think he's very greedy. But there's a part of me that's like, Wow, he really like took the pitchfork and stuck it in deeper with that interest rate. But yeah, it's just gross. I'm ultimately I think we're gonna land on the it's gross checkmark,



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Mandy Matney 26:05

like, yeah, it's so gross. And like you said, Liz, it's all just another example of this Murdaugh economy where they're there. It doesn't matter the individual I think they're all just trying to get the money back for themselves. And it's gross. It's really gross. And with so key loaned him it was September 3, was the loan right or September 4.

Liz Farrell 26:29

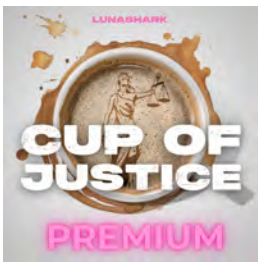
Yeah. So he loaned him like \$75,000. I think part of it was for rehab. And I don't know what the other part was. But he got some of that recouped in I think, ultimately was \$90,000, whatever he loaned him, and he got some of that recoup to him in the form of a Kumada trade. So this is where it gets really shady. And this Murdaugh economy, right. So Ella, owned farm equipment, and some of the farm equipments brand name was Kubota. And I don't know if I'm saying that, right. I'm not obviously out on the tractor.

Eric Bland 26:57

They're orange. They're okay. They're orange tractors. So we're John Deere,

Liz Farrell 27:04

who sells those is Murdaugh rentals. John? John Marvin. So you started to look at and you're like, Well, what was? Did he own it? Like, I guess he started to like, ask questions about like, well, what actually how did that transaction work? Did he buy it from John Marvin is it now like again, it's just staying in the economy so he forgave afford about \$45,000 of



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that loan, based on the sale, you know, of basically he gave them that farm equipment or what have you. So the rest of the loan, you know, it's just been accumulating interest because of that confession of judgment, which like you said earlier, Eric, Mark Tinsley, I thought had squash. I thought that that was deemed like, I thought judge Hall was like, whoa, whoa, whoa, we see what you're doing here. So stop one thing I want to ask you.

Eric Bland 27:48

It wasn't going to get a preference. They were trying to jump to the front of the right, right. John Marvin and Johnny Parker.

Liz Farrell 27:55

So John, I don't know about John Marvin T. John Marvin have a confession of judgment, or was it just found? He did?

Mandy Matney 28:00

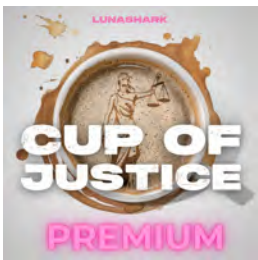
No, I think he was just Randy.

Eric Bland 28:04

Randy. Okay.

Liz Farrell 28:05

I think so. But Eric, like, I guess the question for you. Going back to like you've said this before, but I want to talk more about it is just with PMP. D, they have a certain obligation to clean up, Aleks mess, right. But instead, what it appears that they're doing is clean, they've cleaned up this mess, I guess, to the best of their ability, and now they're going to



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charge the basically the victims for cleaning up the mess. Is that right? Like how

Eric Bland 28:30

it's there? Right? They have an obligation under the rules of professional conduct being supervisory to Alex, they have an obligation to the clients to enter the bar to do these investigations and fully uncover the fraud that they have been put on notice that exists. And what they're seeking to do is everything that was an obligation of a firm that's owed to clients and owed to the bar, they want to go into that Victims Fund and get their money back. That money is for victims, the victims of Alex who have not been fully compensated. Remember, some of these victims received money from the murder law firm, but they didn't receive 10 years worth of interest. They some of them had a fee taken off the top a little shaving of the top of the head off and they got their money, but they never got the full amount they shouldn't. Murdaugh firm should never take an attorney's fees off it. Plus, look at Arthur badger. Oh, it's great. Let's have a big blown up check and smile and everything. We're given a 1.3 million. Well what about the interest on that money for 10 years that he didn't have the 1.3 million and the last investment opportunity that he would have had to invest \$1.3 million and so that's the victims money that everybody's going for each individual victim the Murdaugh a law firm has not made people hold they love to use that term. We've made these victims whole they have not they've defined What hole is, but the law defines what hole is. And the law definition of hole is much different than the Murdaughs. If defined would hold meats, you understand.



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Liz Farrell 30:10

I think the word hole is appropriate here when talking about PMP Edie, it's just missing the first syllable, which would be asked, man when I did this, it's so funny is like their item, itemizing down to the penny, like you said, like the suburban is on that right? And they're like, it's you know, whatever. It's it's, it's sled has it, so we can't get it. And then there's this other part that I found hilarious if it weren't, I mean, it's really not funny. They noted in a footnote that even though Cory and Russell have paid their money like or do to pay money to them for restitution, that Alex is also jointly and severally liable for that same money, meaning that it doesn't cancel out what Alex owes. So the \$1.4 million, or whatever it was total that the federal government is allowing them to receive in restitution from Cory and Russell does not apply to anything that Alex would owe them, which goes back to the plea deal, the Federal plea deal, which was like you said, Maybe all about the assets, right, and getting at those assets.

Eric Bland 31:10

It's like they're trying to earn with five hands. You know what I'm saying they're earning from this pocket and this grab it. They're grabbing here, they're grabbing, they're they're grabbing here and underneath the table.

Liz Farrell 31:19

So what you say you're saying they don't have interest? Like you have 10 years of interest that weren't paid to Arthur badger and to other victims. If P MPD. Were their lawyers, what would that look like? They're evicted if P MPD. was writing the victim sheet for Arthur badger or scream



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bloody murder, every charging for every little thing, and they're not. That's what's disgusting, right.

Mandy Matney 31:41

And like,

Eric Bland 31:43

totally agree. I

Mandy Matney 31:43

was just thinking of this. I remember, years before Alex got caught. He was kind of caught trying to steal from right like Randy's paycheck. Do y'all remember that? In August? Yeah. Yeah. Was that in August? Or was that before? I thought it was? No, as before? It was years before? It

Liz Farrell 32:05

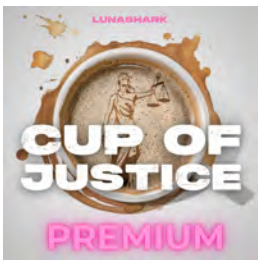
was? Yeah, it was years before I think it was 2018 or 2017. Yeah, that was money time. It

Eric Bland 32:10

was take I took my brother's picture like that

Mandy Matney 32:12

happen. And then I think what I'm saying is, by the time Randy, loan this money, he knew his brother was an extremely deceptive and not trusting individual. He knew there would be major con like he should have known the consequences. Alex had been fired by P MPD. At that point. So like, at what point? Why would does it kind of look like a



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conspiracy or trying to cover up in some circumstances when somebody has knowledge that another individual is stealing, and it's in a big giant mess, and then person who is still in that law firm is loaning money to that individual? Does that make sense? Eric, what do you think about that?

Eric Bland 33:01

Yes, Mandy? We will answer that in a second. And we will be right back. So Mandy, you are asking about a question that one of our favorite listeners, no pines, asked on Twitter, who is a great listener and a tremendous lawyer in Atlanta. He's a criminal defense lawyer. And he's been with us from day one asking very, very laser light questions. And in Georgia, they have what we do here too, which is a civil RICO claim. But in Georgia, it's a little broader. They're using it in that Alextion case that they're bringing in Fulton County against Trump and all the other 18 defendants and what a weak civil RICO claim is traditionally Rico has been used against the mob and different criminal organizations. And now they use it in a civil context, if you could show a certain enterprise and then the people who are Rico participants participate in that enterprise for a common scheme or plan. There's a RICO claim, what know is asked is well, can we use a civil RICO claim here since Randy has been on notice for like you said, since 2017, that his brother's a thief that he tells lies, and all of a sudden, money is still being loaned to him, or the law firm is doing things by loaning him money, you're condoning that he continued to do his thievery that somehow this becomes a RICO civil RICO claim that almost Randy's a participant in it because he knows it and possibly others. And I'm just saying this is an allegation, I don't think and I don't have enough evidence to accuse Randy

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Murdaugh of being a civil Rico but the question is, can you articulate a civil RICO claim on what has happened with the law firm and some have the knowledge that they may have had some of the knowledge that the brothers had about Alex, I don't know if those facts are true, and I am not alleging that against the law firm or Randy, but the listener know pines, who's a very bright lawyer seems to think that there may be that type of claim. I haven't brought that claim. I don't have an intention to bring that claim. But as an academic exercise to talk about it, somebody can connect, possibly connect those kinds of dots.

Mandy Matney 35:25
What do you think Liz?

Liz Farrell 35:26

So who has the bravery to do? I guess my question would be who is brave enough to do that in the state of South Carolina? Because going back to what you said, Mandy, like, what did they know? And when did they know it? I will never forget, during when a Dick's first, if not the first appearance on morning TV or morning news show think it was today show or Good Morning America in fall of 2021. Like right after all this came out about the soccer fields. And right after the roadside shooting, he had that \$10 million figure at the tip of his tongue. So when you look at the timeline of the way P MPD. Says it went down, which is that on September 2, they had some suspicions September 3, they asked for his resignation. Why does Dick like why does it only take them a short amount of time to suddenly know that there's \$10 million missing, right? And when you look at the \$14 million overall and again, like we're



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going to be analyzing this more for true sunlight, so I'm not really well versed in it, but what what is 40% of 10 million when you're looking at like a an attorney fee, right would be like 14, like if you're an attorney of their caliber, you're thinking like we round up by 40%, when we're talking about any money that we're trying to collect from damages. So to me that \$14 million figure is interesting, because obviously 40% of 10 is four. So on top of that, when we think about like, what their liability, like what they should have known as a law firm, like what their responsibility was to know about Alex and what clues they had along the way, in this redacted report of the victims, there's a line item, and it says that the amount of The theft was \$1,358. That's how much was stolen. Now, when you look at the amount of the theft, and you look at how much was reimbursed to the client, there's one case where it looks to be about double, but most of them look like they're probably like, I think they're less than this this person, whoever this was, was reimbursed \$354,000. So what happened there so omega 350,000 times the damages that they were owed, is that a typo? Like I mean, I don't know. So you start to see weird little things like that and how I want to know if sled has investigated PMPED? And if not, why if the FBI has if not why? Because I don't understand like still from where we sit it looks like they are calling the shots we have questioned several times like why does it seem like after the Sol came out about Alex certain members of PNP D were doing things behind the scenes that seemed to further protect the person who stole from them. Right? What why why do that when you be like go like Mark ball look pretty mad up on the stand there that that's the kind of reaction I think you would expect, right? But it seems like this was very much a like, Let's minimize the damage here. How other than a civil RICO claim? Can the state of South

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Carolina know what PMPED looks like from the inside? Like what's under the hood? Because we need and we know they did a forensic evaluation of their like accounting, going back like something like five years, how do we get at that? Like, how does this How does it How does the public get to look at that to know everything's good? There? There's nothing more to know or is that something in South Carolina should even be interested in as a state? I mean,

Eric Bland 38:35

are they absolutely should be interested in and I think the firm if they want to read Randy themselves, and they should want that too. And you know, they're you're asking questions, know, a pines, asking questions, Mandy's asking questions, a lot of listeners are asking the same question. Wait a minute, they're on the inside with Alex. They did this forensic analysis, they hired all these accountants who do forensic accounting, what did they find? And now all of a sudden, they're standing in the victims line with everybody else? How's that possible? How do you go from being on the inside to being the victim? Explain to us why you're the victim, if you are on the inside, so to speak. And in either a lawsuit that somebody would be suing the law firm could garner that kind of discovery if they were to do a class action, or if somebody was to articulate and be able to bring a civil RICO claim or if the state of South Carolina was to do some type of corporate crime case. I don't know if the state of South Carolina would do some type of civil action against a law firm. And again, I'm not accusing a law firm and saying it should be done. But these are just different avenues for you, Liz to get the answers that you want of what took place on that forensic accounting. Certainly the bar has they asked a lot of questions,

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hopefully when John Nichols was is doing it. You know, there was an investigation. I know. Hopefully somebody's gotten the answers, but we're never going to find out because the bar doesn't release anything to the public. So we have this vacuum this built in vacuum. Stop laughing at me. We have this built in vacuum of nobody's gonna find out what happened on that investigation. Stop laughing at

Liz Farrell 40:23

your own chicken. That's why they're all chicken, Mandy.

Mandy Matney 40:26

Yeah, I'm laughing at the bar. I'm not laughing at you. I know.

Liz Farrell 40:29

Why don't you talk about those chickens.

Mandy Matney 40:31

I'm laughing at the bar

Eric Bland 40:32

about the chickens, Mandy.

Mandy Matney 40:34

I mean, I actually met a woman this weekend, who's a lawyer in Charleston. And she was like, y'all say so many things that I have been dealing with for years. And this system of good ol boys just getting away with everything. And it's not right. And she's like, I can give you a million examples of situations that the bar completely ignored. And that were



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serious situations. And that was really frustrating for me. And I can also give you situations where people of color and women were punished for lighter things that a lot of goodwill goodwill boys would normally get away from. And it's it's absolutely wrong. And like, I literally have to laugh out loud at the South Carolina bar at this point, because their inaction has been not only disappointing, but it is it feels almost criminal at this point, the fact that they have done so little in response to something that has made them look so terrible on an international scale. I don't know of another bar, who has gotten the horrific press in the last few years, the South Carolina has just done nothing like Kansas, the whole thing that happened in Marion, Kansas, there's actually action, there's actually things taking place against that judge. And there's actually you see, you see a pathway to accountability in Kansas for what that judge did. And a lot of other situations I'm seeing around the country, it's like something happens. And then there's a response, there's a big response that South Carolina is just like, No, we're just gonna sweep that under the rug and move on. And I say all that to say that that's exactly why PMP Ed and Randy are acting like this. It's because it's a land of no consequences for them. They know that they can get away with anything. And if they can get every single penny back, then they're going to try and they're not embarrassed by that.

Eric Bland 42:31

What is it deterrence for another law firm, not doing the same type of thing that may have been done by a lot of people. And again, I'm not accusing it. But there's no deterrence being announced here that would cause people to say, You know what, Hey, man, I better start looking at every single settlement file of all of our attorneys to make



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sure there's no shenanigans on costs and expenses and what is being put down. And are they taking more than 33%? When that's what the fee agreement says? Are they taken 40? Just to make sure ever all the numbers add up? You know, yes, we do a settlement statement. And it looks according to Hoyle, but doesn't really make sense. Do we have all the receipts, the backups, the fee agreements to say the numbers show our right, you know, is there an admonition from the borrower to say, look, when you settle a case, three people need to look at the settlement and disbursement sheet and sign off on it. You know what I'm saying, Eric, that

Liz Farrell 43:27

that brings up a point, though, is there a recourse for regular citizens of South Carolina to compel action from the AGs office? Or I guess even from the bar like is there some sort of it feels like now that PMP has filed this long list of expenses that they want reimbursed? It feels like that should open them up to somebody asking for the receipts like whether that's the special referee, or the receivership or one of the interested parties you would be because you got you filed for the pilers and for Satterfield, did you file for Satterfield or just the pilers

Eric Bland 44:01

special referee? Okay.

Liz Farrell 44:03

So it seems to me like the next level up there would be a lawyer or somebody saying, oh, cool, yeah. Cool. You want Oh, you want that? You want that? No problem. Give us all the client files?



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Eric Bland 44:15

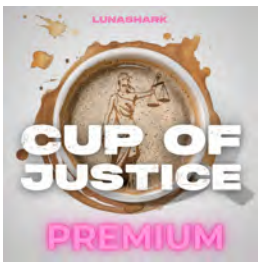
Well, I think Mark, I think Mark and Justin and I, I think Mark, Justin and I are going to be screaming bloody murder when when everybody's up there to say, hey, wait a minute, Mr. Tolleson and did you actually see the backup to all this? Don't it's not in secret. It's got to be filed with public record. Let's see it. So yeah, I mean, it's gonna be interesting. Yeah, let's

Liz Farrell 44:34

see it. I want to see this client files.

Mandy Matney 44:37

I just hope that this is one of those F arounded find out situations because I kind of hope that this is them getting too cocky and going too far. And instead of just taking the L and backing away from the situation, he'll train and go home, right? Just go home quietly, like 99% of people would have done just like, Okay, we're just gonna eat that money because that was embarrassing. And we just have to move on from that. But instead, they just get greedy and they just want more and more and more. So I'm wondering if this triggers something where well can I hope I hope it really does because I'm so tired of this. And I was thinking about like, if I was in a situation where one of my employees stole from me or one of my co workers stole from me and if it was a similar situation like Alex, where like the warning signs were there. I know for a fact that would be too embarrassed to try to get that money back. I was like, I'm out like, I messed up here. This was my fault. And I was an idiot for loaning that money. I shouldn't have listened to



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anything Alex said, especially at that point, and no, like, I'm just going to eat that eat that loss. And these guys again, the audacity and it just never ends, you know,

Liz Farrell 45:58

in a way Alex is PMP Edie is Paul Murdaugh in that he is their boat crash that happened and he they are in the lxe right now just trying to clean up the mess. And if you think back like after the boat crash, like, Look, man, we all know Paul was driving it. I know that Dick and Jim think that they have some like amazing investigation that shows it but now that we've seen their experts that they reused for Alex case, I think we're pretty pretty safe to assume they didn't I feel strongly that they are patching this up in a way that Alex did sans the murders like at this point, because it's very much like your child that you have been allowing to drink since he was 13 years old or 11 years old, that has a nickname because he gets neuropathy in his hands from alcohol that his ankles being blown up to God knows what sighs because of you know, he's drinking too much. I'm just saying that like, you have this huge right in front of you, your child's body is telling you that you have a problem here and you're continuing to ignore it and his behavior is getting worse and worse and what have you. So Pam PD Alex is your Paul, and you have to take responsibility for that in the same way that Alex was, you know, had to take responsibility. It was his boat, it was his kid who he had been allowing this sort of behavior from and covering up for years. So PMPED, I just simply don't believe I don't I'm sorry, I just am gonna say I don't believe that in that short span of time. It's how they figured out that it was \$10 million that Alex had stolen from them. Maybe they were rounding off. But for a man who probably had



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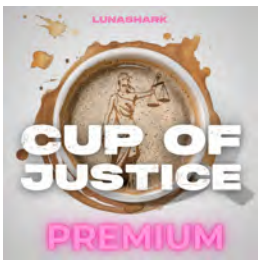
hundreds of 1000s of dollars, hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements that he contributed to I don't know how you come up with that figure just so fast that Dick has it at the tip of his tongue on the Today Show or Good Morning America or whatever it was. So that said, I mean, when did that investigation start into Alex files? You know, it didn't I find it hard to believe that started in September. Yeah,

Mandy Matney 47:54

the timeline does not make any sense. And the timeline was always remember during Russell's trial, whenever the PMP, the people would go up, they all seemed extremely, if they weren't well rehearsed. If they weren't coached, then I would be blown away because they all seem to be very careful about their words when they talked about the timeline. And they all seem very well trained about exactly what they were going to say. And none of them slipped at all. But it just did it. None of that ever sat well with me in the way that that all came out. And I don't buy it for a second. And again, like Jeanne started to notice, you also have to don't like Jeanne has admitted that she she knew it on June 7. And I don't know believe she

Eric Bland 48:41

sold her job all the way to September just because Maggie and Paul died and then Randolph died. I don't think if she was on Fox and chasing, you know, a fox. I don't think she stopped the hunt. She may have stopped it from talking to Alex. But I think her nose would have kept going through the books over the next three months. Don't you guys think that she just didn't stop cold turkey on June?



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Liz Farrell 49:07

Because I do think that they said that, you know, his the murders did sort of make them forget that this had happened. But I think we can guess just looking at this victim sheet that they've given for their reimbursement that the this is not a group of people who let things go. So I think you're right, Eric, I think there's probably an element of that investigation continuing. But also a quick question was, did that investigation start in May? Like they said it did when I say that I mean for that one case, or was that something that happened even earlier than that? Because Mandy and I've talked to so many people in the community who've known Alex throughout the years and anyone who knows Alex and loves him or thinks you know, he was a friend. It seems like the vast majority of them are also able to say that he was sort of, you know, a carrier of nonsense a BS artist, if you will, like they knew his shenanigans did they You know that it was gonna lead to murder or the millions of dollars and stuff? Maybe not. But just they knew that this guy was not somebody, it seems to me anyway. I don't know, Mandy, I mean, doesn't it seem to you like people knew that he was, you know, full of it basically. So Oh shit. So how did his closest colleagues not know that on some level, they would have had a whole entire career was an experience with them. So don't get it

Mandy Matney 50:25

right. And I also think like, if you're greedy to this degree that they have shown that they are counting every penny and trying to get every penny back, you would think that they would want to stop the bleeding ASAP. And the discoveries that were made earlier in 2021. I cannot for



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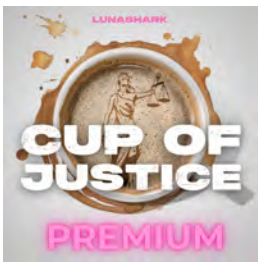
the life of me understand even with the murders, how and they Alex was he filed at least one lawsuit that summer a federal lawsuit about another boat crash, interestingly. So he was still I mean, they were not stopping him from continuing to steal practice in law, right. And they were not stopping the bleeding by any way, shape or form. And I do not understand that unless they were afraid of something coming out. And they wanted to handle it internally. But that doesn't make any I have thought about this a million times. And I can't think of a scenario why they wouldn't have fired him earlier knowing what they knew. And I just

Eric Bland 51:25

don't think that they would have stopped hunting the door. Yes, they have a thief for Alex that he lost his wife and son and his father died and everybody was scared on you know what's going to happen and Alex Be careful and but people still have to do their jobs. Mandy, accountants and bookkeepers do their jobs and paralegals do their jobs. And I think Jeannie second year and the other bookkeepers in the accounting department, were doing their jobs for the next three months. It just didn't stop in time. And then they decided to reengage on September 2. It doesn't make sense to me. Does it make sense?

Liz Farrell 52:01

Well, I think we go back to what Mark Tinsley said on the stand which is that a five year old could have seen the accounting issues with elegant when they looked at Alex personal finances, obviously, and I kind of believe just based on some, you know, things that we've learned behind the scenes that the same could be said of PMPED when it came to looking at Alex files and seeing what his expenses were and what they



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were for and who that money was, what he was charging and the way he was charging it. So going back to the bar thing, and the OTC and it's just like, we don't even mention the OTC anymore. It's getting this because it's like what's the point, but that seems to me like information that they have i At this point, I would assume that they have that information. So again, it comes back to bravery and who in South Carolina we need a lawyer who is somebody who wants to be able to put on that cape and be able to say like, I took the stand here i I'm the one that's going to I don't have not I don't have anything to lose. So I'm gonna go and say what needs to be said and do what needs to be done or we need an investigator to do the same like we need somebody who is willing to be the one to do the final topple down. Media, John

Eric Bland 53:07

Crandall. John Crandall is somebody who brings all these lawsuits.

Liz Farrell 53:12

Right. Yeah, absolutely. What is he up to for the public's work for now?

Eric Bland 53:18

I don't know. I don't know. But he brought he brings. He brings all these different lawsuits against municipalities for wasting money on behalf of taxpayer, you know, these taxpayer type suits. So they would take somebody like that, or anybody who's willing to do it, then lose their ticket, you know, it's kind of like your swansong. This is going to be my last hurrah.



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Liz Farrell 53:38

John Crandall is a name that I mean, another name that when you look through the archives of South Carolina's history that he's he's been present for a lot of he's also an advocate for transparency, not just public accountability. So I know that he's been like a good friend to journalists throughout the years, in some of these lawsuits study's been bringing that, you know, papers don't necessarily have the money or the wherewithal to bring but Yeah, somebody needs to, I mean, did you sue the ODC, to make them do it? Okay, so we either needed we need a lawyer who wants to be a hero, or we need somebody a civilian who wants to be here, or we need somebody who's greedy and wants to find how we're there's even more deep pockets with, you know what I'm saying? Like if there's other ways and means to get this accountability that we're seeking, that's the nicest way I can say,

Mandy Matney 54:22

I would like to see a group I would like to see lawyers, more lawyers speaking out and South Carolina, that they are concerned about the lack of inaction from the bar, like if there was a letter that they got together and sent newspapers, I would just like to see I know there's a lot of lawyers who are fed up with it, and they're fed up with the unfair system and they are fed up with getting unfair complaints that are completely ridiculous. Those also take forever to be resolved. And they're, they're fed up with a lack of transparency and the system just needs to change and I think we just need Voices from a lot more lawyers.



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Eric Bland 55:02

You're right, what you're seeing how it works with the universities, you know, a lot of the big donors are getting together and writing letters to a lot of the Ivy League schools about the stance that they're taking in the Middle East war going on. And those letters and the signatures are being listened to, and it does have power. The problem is writing the bar is kind of like writing the IRS, you're scared shitless when you write the IRS because of what they can do, and come and audit you and you know, are they going to look at you differently? And yadda yadda? Yadda? You never write the IRS? Well, it's kind of like that, when you write the bar, do you really want to go and put a thorn in the side of the bar and all of a sudden, you get noticed that? Oh, my goodness, you know, we'd like to look at your file, sir. We'd like to look at your cancer, but you make a great point strength in numbers. And if enough people bark, the listen.

Mandy Matney 55:54

On that note, let's take a little break. And we'll be right back.

Eric Bland 56:04

Let's talk about Coreys revised sentence and how could the South Carolina Attorney General have gotten the number of yours that he's going to do be so wrong if Ted Clifford article is to be believed? Did you guys read that article?

Liz Farrell 56:20



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Yes. But I mean, I want to say and like I don't want I don't do this. I think I've already done it like three times this episode. But I don't do this often. But if you looked at our thread or our text thread on that day, we didn't get that right. Like we knew that there was something up with the sentencing. Yeah,

Eric Bland 56:36

math, you do. The math in work and math

Liz Farrell 56:39

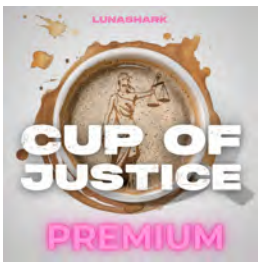
wasn't I was driving everyone crazy, because I kept I was just like, this isn't making sense. Like, it's not 20 years. It's not based on what Judge Newman said it wasn't 20 years. So that's I mean, like Ted said, now

Eric Bland 56:51

it's not 13. Now, it's not even 13 that we all

Liz Farrell 56:54

that's to be expected, though, because so you have the federal sentence, which was three years, 10 months, right? And then you have the 10 years, that is supposed to be consecutive to that, right. So we already know that in South Carolina that it's going to be reduced to was it's at So 8.5 years, right? So you already know off the bat, it's eight, it's not 10. It's 8.5. And on top of that, with federal, we already know he's gonna get a year. So 12 months off for his rehab, drug rehab, and then whatever amount there's an extra amount, right? They don't they get like a credit a month a year or something. So we already know that that three years and 10 months is going to be much significantly shorter. So



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it's not that big of a surprise that it's not 13 years and 10 months, you know, it's when you start to it's

Eric Bland 57:39

2032. Now, it's 2032. So we're in we're about to go to 2024 and a month, two more months, and they said definitively, it's 2032. So I'm going to ask you, Mandy, the question, is that enough time for a lawyer who pleads guilty to one count in federal court, but in state court pleads guilty to all 22 counts where all the sentence adds up to ex years over 200. And in state court, he's not cooperating federal court, supposedly, he's a cooperating witness. And he pled the one camp, but in state court, he's pled straight up, and you heard Craig water say, we're not getting cooperation from him. So I'm asking you, as a taxpayer, as a citizen is nine years, full nine years, whether he does Psalm in federal court, and then gets out and then goes over to the state prison? If he does nine years, is that justice to Mandy Matney under those circumstances?

Mandy Matney 58:46

That's a really tough question. And but I have a question to respond to that. And I'm not sure if this is a stupid question,

Eric Bland 58:55

lifeline. You want a lifeline? Before you answer?

Mandy Matney 58:58

Do we have? Do we know for a fact that that sentence that came out the new date that came out of nine years, could that possibly mean that



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he was talking in any way shape or form to the state government? And cooperating

Eric Bland 59:16

I think it was a mathematical article that Ted was doing, don't you list? It was just a mathematical?

Liz Farrell 59:23

No, I don't think it would. So it doesn't include any credits. So essentially, like when you commit a crime, so even though it's 10 years, it's only eight and a half state, right? Yeah. And then whatever his federal is reduced by and I don't understand quite understand the math that Ted was using to get to, or I should say, Ted, the Department of Corrections is using to get to October or November, I guess. 2026 or 2032. Oh, it's just so weird to say that year by the way, it's just like we're in a Jetsons. I was like, so it seems so futuristic, even though we're so close, but Right. It does.

Mandy Matney 59:58

It seems crazy.

Liz Farrell 1:00:00

Don't think it would include. Yeah, I don't think it would include anything that he let's just say that he's given because I think that that's something judged. We know this from drug price. We know this from Alberto Romero. Lopez, you you have to have a hearing to talk about that. I would, I would believe. But I think as far as the question of like, whether this is justice, I think that if we're looking at the justice system,



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as when it's working, a judge gets to give a sentence free of favor, and you know, free of like, it's a fair sentence, right. So if we believe the sentence that Judge Newman, he gave that sentence separate and apart from all the pressure that he might have been getting from people on the outside separate from the judge, Judge Gergo separate from the assumptions that were being made by Debbie Barbier and Corey file was said, Corey Feldman, Corey Fleming separate and apart from those if we Mandy, and I want and, Eric, you want, we want a justice system that we can trust that the decisions were made free of favor, right, free of pressure from the outside free of worrying about your Alextion free of whatever, I think if we're gonna say that Judge Newman, sentence, Cory fairly, then we have to say that the nine years is justice. Does that make sense? That equation that I'm doing in my head right now. So even though you know, would we like to see Cory like, you know, the long white Rip Van Winkle beard? Because he's in prison till 2050? Sure. But at the end of the day, like the system worked, in my opinion, he pleaded guilty to 22 crimes on the hopes that the court would be kind to him, the court was horrified by his behavior, and I think gave him a fair sentence. So I do think it's justice. I agree.

Eric Bland 1:01:34

I think that is justice. And justice is not pretty. It's not in a neat little package. Sometimes it's messy. Sometimes it's got a little bruising to it, but it's the most just of anything that we've seen so far. How about that? Mandy? It's the most just it Ross. I don't believe we've seen justice in Ross. I don't think we've seen justice yet of Alex except for the murders. But I think it's the most just of what we've seen so far. Is that fair?



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Mandy Matney 1:02:03

Yeah, I think I would agree. And then I also think about just a lot of other cases that we have seen recently like Liz you pointed out a great one on Twitter, the great a horrific case on Twitter the other day with Tuffy stones office that he that they it was child sexual assault. Correct. And

Liz Farrell 1:02:26

yeah, it was a 56 year old town councilman from Allendale, which is in the 14th circuit in Murdaugh territory. It's where Mark Tinsley has his office. And he he raped a child at his I want to say, a sleepover that was happening at his house just 12 years old.

Eric Bland 1:02:42

Oh, my God,

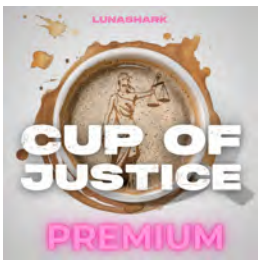
Mandy Matney 1:02:44

he got two years. He got two years, two years,

Liz Farrell 1:02:48

right? I mean, in explaining their reduction in the charge. So essentially, you know, third degree sexual assault still applies to him. He's going to have to register as a sex offender. However, in explaining why they accepted that plea deal, or advocated for that plea deal or agreed to it,

Eric Bland 1:03:04



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as opposed to just full blown rape poster first regret

Liz Farrell 1:03:07

Exactly. They told so it looked like they told the newspaper they said that the victim consented to the deal. That's what made me lose my mind. It's not that this guy I mean, yes, he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, he could have gotten a lot more time. However, I understand that prosecutors have to do like the best, you know, for the victim. They have to do the best like Well,

Eric Bland 1:03:28

they didn't want to put the 12 year old kid are completely

Liz Farrell 1:03:30

understand that like I completely get that. But what I had an issue with is even mentioning there's a better way to say that this was in the best interests of the victim instead of we had the victim's consent, she's 12 years old. Don't use the word consent when you're talking about a rape victim. What is wrong with you? And I mean, this is according to the this this guy he admitted to it apparently when he was questioned about it by the girl's family. So I did not like the lack of respect that the 14th circuit seemed to be showing to the victim but you shouldn't need to explain your decision if it's in the best interest of taxpayers and justice but pinning it on it was almost like they were anticipating people being like third degree what happened the first degree Oh, the victim consented to it all right. Yeah. No, like you're you do you will say over and over and over again. Prosecutors do not represent the victims



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there. That's not who they're fighting for. They're fighting for the state of South Carolina. But there's a certain amount of respect I think that they need to show

Mandy Matney 1:04:28

right like yeah, that was horrifying that they said that about consent and the victim because first of all, the victim as a child, we are having a hard time articulating what is justice what isn't and what is appropriate. What isn't and we are adults. This is this is a victim of sexual assault. She cannot determine whether what is justice to her what is okay with her. What is it the adults in the room are supposed to do that and the prosecutors are supposed to determine that and on top of that, they are supposed to determine what amount of time keeps the public safe? This is a public safety concern admitting to that. And what else did he do if he just admitted to that one crime? I mean, so that all said, it's very hard to determine whether or not something is fair, something isn't. But I do think nine years is a long time for Corey Fleming I agree. And I also think that if it would have been much more, there would have been a lot of uproar. And people people have already said, I've seen a couple of lawyers on Twitter say that Corey is just getting punished because he's a part of this Murdaugh thing. And most financial crimes don't get take don't most financial crimes don't get prosecuted to this extent. And you don't get a lot of time for a lot of financial crimes, blah, blah, blah. But that said, I think that the sentence was very, very fair. And I think that I mean, especially when you consider how much time he could have had and that Corey did at MIT, and he saved us all trial. That's a huge factor. Like I don't think Russell's learning anything in the next eight years. And so his I'm, I'm very, very interested in what happens in state court for

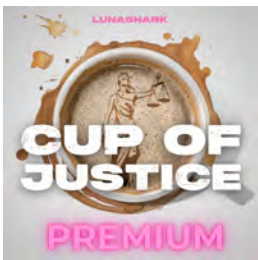


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him, because I think that him and Cory played this whole thing very, very differently. And I do think that Cory has a chance of coming out being a better person and never ever ever doing anything like this ever again. I don't know about other people. I'm going to

Eric Bland 1:06:28

give you guys something, and I'm gonna I gotta figure out how to phrase this without violating it. The judge in Alex's cases, is asking the question, Who is paying for all of these trials, the EU Attorney General wanted to you want to try and win Satterfield case, you then want to try them on the picnic case, you then want to try them on the Plyler case. These are the criminal cases. And he's asking a legitimate question, who's paying for these cases? And the answer is, every county did they have these cases being tried, whether it's Buford, whether it's Hampton, Jasper, wherever they're going to be. And I think the pressure is starting to be put on the Attorney General, who doesn't want to consolidate all these crimes, because they're trying to get the Elwha to offer a plea to Alex. Now Alex may not take he may, like you said, may make the state go through all the different hoops. But there's politicians, there's judges who are rightfully asking the question, who's going to pay for this, and it's the taxpayers. And I think over the next couple of months, an offer is going to be made to Alex to plea to all of his crimes once and for all, not the murder, but all of the crimes that would guarantee a certain amount of time for him to be in prison, that he could not get out earlier. There's none of this good time credits, therapy, you know, yada, yada, our DAC, whatever, and that could be 19 years, it could be 25 years, you understand what I'm saying? And I don't I don't want to go any further



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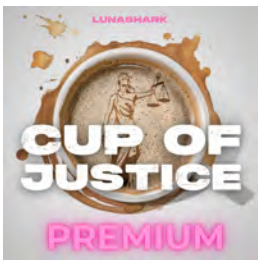
because I don't want to violate what the discussions I've been having. But is that there? That's a legitimate question was

Liz Farrell 1:08:22

I have an answer. So if you were to go through the annals of South Carolina history and the things that that state has spent on corruption, not you know, unchecked corruption, unmitigated corruption in a lot of ways, like you look at the scanner thing, like scandal alone and just how much money the state has wasted and trusting good old boys and taking them for their word and allowing them any What was that one guy remember Mandy was last year I forget which department he was in charge of, could be the Treasury, but he was off by like, a significant amount of many millions of dollars. I mean, like, Was it like a bill? I mean, it was a lot of money. This guy was wrong. And they were arguing about whether to fire him and the legislature. This is a legislature that to use your word, Mandy, they have the audacity to even bring up who's paying for Alex Murdaugh's Charles guess what, this is the time you pay for those trials. I'm not saying yes, it is Alex who's wasting taxpayer money not the AGs office the EGS office has the right to try those separately. They ought to try them separately fine. Offer him a plea deal but make it ugly make it as ugly as the crumbs where

Eric Bland 1:09:27

they will they will Yeah, I'm saying to you they're going to do that and Alex is going to turn down but they're getting pressure the pressure is being put on Alan Wilson Yes. I'm sure they are just wanted you guys to know that to Liz's



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Mandy Matney 1:09:42

point. The same people who are who would be concerned about that need to seriously to pay attention to what goes on in our Statehouse every year because the if you want to talk about money wasted on nonsense these guys argued for like two days. Oh, Over it was like State Women's hunting day and how do we determine what a woman is or not and they were just screaming with it at each other for like two days. I mean, think about the money that gots and think about the resources and time and like the South Carolina is and I've always said this, the money is there to fix a lot of these problems. The problem is corruption. And that's the clog in the system. It's not the money, we can throw money at things all day. But if we don't do things like follow through with financial crimes and follow through with every single person who has helped Alex Murdaugh and follow through with prosecuting them, then nothing is going to change. And I understand it could seem repetitive to people it could seem like it's a bunch of nonsense. It could seem like the state's laying and unfit or whatever, but it is important to do this.

Eric Bland 1:10:56

It is important but how much did it cost for that trial and Waterboro? Not the Ag what they spent on expert witnesses and and all their stuff. But let's look at all the law enforcement and and the juror transferring and the vans and all is there a number Liz that we could find out can you FOIA that to find out what we know it? We do? What was the

Mandy Matney 1:11:19



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timeout? How much did Walterboro make that trial though? Good point. Think about that. We paid we paid the city of Walterboro \$6,000 for internet and that's just one we're just one media company did that's a lot of money. You Luna, we paid \$6,000 from Luna. Yeah, Luna, Luna shark over here paid \$6,000 For just internet. I mean, we paid a ton for parking he paid? Yeah,

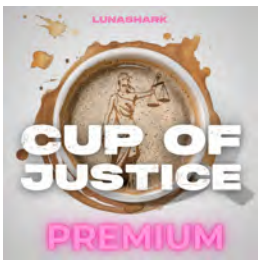
Liz Farrell 1:11:49

in addition, you had to pay for part like how much was it for parking? 100 bucks a couple

Mandy Matney 1:11:56

\$100? Yeah, it was I mean, we paid. And, okay, per week, I stand corrected. And not to say that, like, I would not complain about that. And I think anybody the people of Walterboro deserve to have an economy boost, and they've been through a lot. And I know the trial was also very hard on them. So I was fine to pay those that money. And I'm not complaining about that. But I'm also saying you, you have to also consider the economic impact of these trials in the financial trials will not get the same amount of attention. But they'll definitely bring a lot of media and people to these counties to cover this trial. So I don't think that it I think that that's just something that we would have to consider. And I would love to see like an economic impact study on Alex Murdaugh's trial, because that would be very interesting

Liz Farrell 1:12:50



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point. And also the horse has left the barn, Eric, they've already put in the hours in terms of the investigation itself. So at this point, they just have to carry that torch over the finish line.

Eric Bland 1:13:02

They're more concerned with the security and all the other ancillary because you guys saw that I got that anonymous letter from somebody, I guess under the the upcoming Satterfield criminal trial and the word is that they're going to be sequestered. So that would be more costs for the jurors and motels

Liz Farrell 1:13:25

isn't that Dick and Jim saying they wanted to quote like, isn't that Dec and Jim already and like indicating that they want to sequester so they can drive that bill up. So then that they can then make that argument on the Statehouse floor and say, Oh, we're out to sequester them. And this was six, this was going to cost six figures and where this money going to come for that. That's just trickery. It's a trickery, again, if we need to have our listeners call their state representative or their state senator, or call the Ellen Wilson's office and leave a message of encouragement to say that we're sick of the good ol boys calling the shots in the state. And this is another example of them calling the shots. I don't want to hear the biggest wasters of money in our state suddenly talk about pronouns and suddenly start talking about being austere. Yeah, whatever.



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Mandy Matney 1:14:14

It's ridiculous. Another thing I learned from that crime con conversation, Dick said something very obscure about I will give Eva Eva pilgrim was asking Dick and Jen lots of questions and I will give it to Eva she said but like how are you even defending the credit the financial crimes because Alex has admitted to this you've admitted to this. And Dick like sat back and kind of chuckled and he was like we have some he used a term like basically lawyer strings to pull something along the lines of there's a lot of things that you guys don't know that's going on. Anyways, it's nonsense that these are even going on. and it's their fault. So if anybody

Eric Bland 1:15:02

has pled guilty these crimes, he just pled guilty, right?

Mandy Matney 1:15:05

It's It's absurd. It's absurd. And so basically what Dick was trying to say in that conversation was like, we've found some loopholes, loopholes, loopholes, loopholes. That's the word I'm looking for. We found some loopholes. And it's like, well,

Eric Bland 1:15:19

that's not that's not justice.

Mandy Matney 1:15:21

That shouldn't matter. You should just, that's not justice.

Liz Farrell 1:15:25



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Well, just for the quick guys. I have Yes. I have one question for both of you. It is Halloween. Obviously, we're publishing this on Halloween. So of all the Murdaugh characters in the Murdaugh world, who do you think would make the spookiest costume besides the murderer himself? I'm gonna say I mean, mine is Dick Harpootlian? So, obviously, I think he's the most villainous, you know, like he gives good gives a good villain.

Eric Bland 1:15:50

He'd be a vampire. He'd be vampire.

Liz Farrell 1:15:52

That's an easy costume. Yeah.

Eric Bland 1:15:55

Would be a vampire.

Liz Farrell 1:15:57

Yeah, maybe who? Who do you think

Mandy Matney 1:15:59

on hints, Jim. I will say

Liz Farrell 1:16:04

we which burden of unhinge Jim which one is it like Twitter

Mandy Matney 1:16:10

just closing arguments. It's Jim and Jim have a lot of issues that are very scary. And again I think he's the guy that just chose the wrong path he and he's doubling down on it. And it's a scary that's kind of a scary thing



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to me is that somebody who knows between knows between right and wrong and then chooses wrong. That's a scary thing. Photo

Eric Bland 1:16:39

I can never get out of my head is Alex in his car with the glasses on. It's the creepiest. Yes,

Liz Farrell 1:16:47

you're right. Actually, that would be

Eric Bland 1:16:49

it's the creepiest Freddy Krueger type of thing. He's like a Freddy Krueger you don't even have to do makeup or anything. It's just pet photo. I can never get out of my brain for some reason. It's seared into it.

Mandy Matney 1:16:59

That said, cuts down guys cuts down everybody. Great show cuts

Eric Bland 1:17:03

down. Great episode. We covered a lot of territory.

Mandy Matney 1:17:07

And Happy Halloween everybody.

Eric Bland 1:17:09

Happy Halloween. See you soon guys

Mandy Matney 1:17:19



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