



EPISODE 73: Redemption for Bowen Turner - Alex Murdaugh's Big Bet, The Colucci Case and Kate Gate

Mandy Matney 00:06

Hello and Happy Tuesday. I am so excited to share today's episode with you. We covered a lot of territory including our new favorite topic of the past week. Where is Kate Middleton? I have a feeling y'all are going to be just as shocked as I was to learn that Eric Bland is a big fan of royal family gossip. I swear he knew more about this than Liz and I did. Please hear us out. The Kate Middleton mystery is about a lot more than celebrity gossip and online conspiracy theories. It is yet another example of the public's distrust in mainstream media and how the role of good journalists who ask hard questions and take nothing as fact until they see actual proof are more important now than ever. We also talk about the LA Innocence Projects decision to take on Scott Peterson's case and whether we see a similar thing happening and Alex Murdaugh's future. We're now on 50 days since Dick and Jim doubled down by announcing that they were hot on the heels of the so-called real killer of Maggie and Paul. Obviously, they have produced nothing. Also, on today's show, we talk about the idea of redemption and how Bowen Turner, the Orangeburg man who as a teenager was accused of raping three girls is becoming proof that the good ole boy system of trying to buy your child's way out of accountability is not a good one, even for the child escaping accountability. Finally, we give you a bit more of a preview of the Michael Colucci case, we just set to go to retrial, this may, we had been doing a lot of reporting on this case, and we're happy to be able to bring some sunlight to it. Let's get into it.

Liz Farrell 01:57

Cups up guys.. So you're not feeling so great are you, Eric?

Eric Bland 02:03

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I've had the flu this week. And I was feeling really good yesterday morning. And I had mediation all day. But we were the adversary and the heavy. So when you go to a law firm, in a mediation, the good team gets the conference room with the windows, the adversary or the heavy team that nobody wants to deal with. You get an interior room, no windows, and they'll blast the air conditioning down to like 50 like a meat locker or they will sweat you out at 100 degrees. And so yesterday, I was in the meat locker. And I had a light shirt on. And the mediation lasted from nine o'clock to 6:40 last night. And so I got home and I had a relapse.

Liz Farrell 02:51

Ah, Eric, you guys, you guys do that to each other?

Eric Bland 02:53

Yes, they do. Yes, they do.

Liz Farrell 02:54

You never jack down the temperature in an interior room.

Eric Bland 02:58

I don't do that. Yeah, I don't do that. I don't have those kind of capabilities with these large law firms, 20 floors, where you can, you know, where you have 10 conference rooms on a floor, you could put somebody in a small conference room and make them sit there all day without windows. I just don't have that kind of big office and I have one thermostat. So if I was going to free somebody out, I freeze myself out.



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Liz Farrell 03:20

It sounds like a plot from this show Suits, actually.

Eric Bland 03:24

Yeah, it is. But they do it.

Liz Farrell 03:25

Well speaking of big law firms, I've got a little piece of gossip. Apparently, Russell Laffitte, you guys know that he didn't pay his first law firm or like, I don't know, if it's that he didn't pay them. They filed something with the federal court saying that, like he had stopped paying his bills. And I guess like, sounded like he owned, you know, owed maybe a significant amount of money to them. But apparently, he's done the same thing with this new law firm, Mark Moore and Mark Moore. Yeah. And he stopped paying them past the retainer too.

Eric Bland 03:57

So that's an interesting subject that you bring up. So when you want to separate from a client, and most of the time, it's always over money. defense firm a defense situation where you're being paid by the hour. If you want to get out, it's hard, because you usually have gotten a significant retainer upfront, you've billed for maybe six, eight months, and then all of a sudden, the months start going where you're not being paid. And when you file a motion to be recused, or to be discharged, unless the client consent, you have to be really careful what you say in your motion, because you can't say something that would prejudice the client. So sometimes it's a philosophical difference or irreconcilable differences, kind of like in a marriage. And you put in the motion, that you're willing to go in camera or in chambers with the



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judge to tell them what's going on but it usually telega As to the other side that there's some real turmoil going on. He especially don't want to let some the other side know if it's a case where both sides are paying hourly fees, and they're gonna burn each other out, he can't put in your motion, I have the paid in six months, because that Telegraph's to the other side, hey, all you gotta do is keep burning this person out, and they'll, you know, the litigation will fizzle out. So it's a real tough thing. And judges don't like it when you say, Hey, I'm not being paid, I want to get out. And the judge will say, well, that's your fault, you should have either made proper arrangements or dealt with this along the way. And that contingency fee case, it's almost impossible, really, to get out unless the client is doing something that's a possible fraud, or they're disregarding your advice and causing, you know, the attorney to be in violation of court orders. If you take a case on a contingency, and then you just feel like the case is a rotten case and you want to get out of it, you can't. So when you take on a case, as a lawyer, you better be sure this person is going to be able to pay me through the full freight of it all the way to the end. No, you don't have to do appeals. You don't have to fight endless appeals or take endless appeals from rulings. But it's pretty interesting and even pay his previous attorneys correct some portion of their bills. There was some intimation by Bart Daniel, there was money in escrow and somebody had to get that escrow out. I think Mark Moore wanted some of that money for his fees. I have a recollection of that, don't you, Liz?

Liz Farrell 06:45

Yeah and I remember at the time, it was sort of controversial when they filed that there is no motion as far as I know, in front of the judge right



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now on behalf of Mark Moore. So it could be like you said, like, he's not trying to telegraph but that's what we're hearing from the halls.

Eric Bland 07:02

All these guys are deadbeat Lebowski, I mean. It's just so cool right now they, you know, all their millions and millions and, you know, where's big Charlie? Is it big Charlie standing up for his son? Don't you think that all those people in the courtroom that he had it filling up each day? I don't you think somebody should chip in?

Liz Farrell 07:20

Yeah do a little GoFundMe. Right.

Mandy Matney 07:22

And it's like, people are who they show you that they are. I love that in Russell's showed us a long time ago who he was and like Mark more should realize that maybe so? Do I feel sorry for him? No, I don't understand how any criminal defense attorney ever trust a criminal when they say I'll pay you and a little bit. But I've been lying about all these other things. I'm not going to be lying about this.

Eric Bland 07:56

Well, this is how it works. Here's the dirty secret. When you quote a fee to a criminal defendant, you gotta obviously get all your money up front before they go to prison. And you quote, a double fee, meaning if you really want 50,000, you quote 100,000 because usually you're gonna get 50. And the guy's gonna say, I'll pay you along the way or it's going to be a year. And you know, if you get the other 50 it's a homerun. But if you don't get that other 50, you still got that first 50. And that's really where



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your fee was. So in setting criminal fees with criminal defendants, especially if it's blue collar crimes of drug, or conspiracy or things like that more heavy crimes, you definitely want to get your money up front. But when you got white collar people like Russell and you have Corey Fleming and then Alex Myrtle off, you extract the murders from him. Usually, they do have a lot of money. You know where the money is. They may give you that money so that the government doesn't grab it as forfeiture money. And always there's well to do family members that will stand up firm. So I'm just in this case, particularly shocked, given that Russell is, you know, appealing his seven years of sentence any staring down the barrel in a trial coming sometime in 2024 25. In state court, and I gotta tell you, if it's going to be Mark Moore and Todd Rutherford, or either or I'd rather have Mark Moore, a former federal prosecutor, representing me than Todd Rutherford. Not to say that Todd's not a very good lawyer. I've never seen him try case. But Mark Moore is a very good lawyer. He's a seasoned federal prosecutor, so somebody's gonna have to pay the man.

Liz Farrell 09:56

Yeah so Mike Moore, you know, as we know that he did a lot of filing up front. So I mean, I'm sure that that retainer went quickly, given how much effort he put in like he hit the ground running and Russell's case. So this is all on Russell. But I thought it was an interesting little thing to share with you guys. Because obviously, we're going to be keeping an eye on pacer to see if anything gets filed. And it gets formalized in some way. Because if it is true, it's just, again, like Mandy said, it's just Russell showing us who he is, and should come as no surprise to anyone. So Mandy, I did have a question for you. Where is Kate Middleton?



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Mandy Matney 10:31

I love this question.

Eric Bland 10:33

I'm interested in hearing about this, because I was just reading a couple of articles on Kate Middleton. I'm going to reveal something, I'm really a royal junkie. So I'm going to let Mandy take off on this, but I'm really interested in what she's got to say.

Mandy Matney 10:51

That's funny. Well, I am one of those Americans who likes to say I don't care about the Royals, but I do care. I have it especially this I have been following it nonstop for the past at least week. It's like my little way to it's I don't want to say guilty pleasure because something could be really wrong with her. But it's my little when I want to do a deep dive I look into Kate Middleton stuff. I never cared about the whole situation before. But ever since I found out a she has not made a public appearance since Christmas. b She had an unplanned abdominal surgery that her staff did not know about. Correct. And then see, the photo shop thing was like, Oh my God, there's something wrong here.

Eric Bland 11:46

And D and D, the possible affair.

Mandy Matney 11:50

And then the soft launch of the mistress. So soft launch soft launch. Well, she came out of nowhere. Like I didn't know that the Yes, I didn't know, I didn't know that he was well known. I mean, I always assumed that he and Mr. Says, but anyways, I'm interested in how people cover



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this and mostly watching and I've been taken aback by the British press and what a problem they have over there. And granted we have our own fair share as a problem especially when it comes to national media covering the president and covering national politics. We all have our own mess here. But the amount of grace that they are giving the palace right now is like, she's fine, everything's fine. It was just a Photoshop err, and actually believing that Princess Kate Middleton was spending her Mother's Day downloading Adobe Photoshop and clicking around and figuring out how to stitch pictures of her children together. No, that's absurd. And then, and then it's like, whoop dee doo, I'm just now's the time to tweet this super suspicious.

Eric Bland 13:09

With no wedding ring on the photo, by the way, there was no wedding ring on the photo. And she had arms...

Mandy Matney 13:15

I'm shocked that you know, all this. She had arms longer.

Liz Farrell 13:19

You're killing me.

Eric Bland 13:20

She had arms longer than Manute bol in the photograph. And two days later, William is making cookies with some elementary students. And he talks about how artsy his wife is, and how she's able to do photoshopping and all that. Yes, that's how knee deep I'm in. I'm embarrassed.



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Liz Farrell 13:39

Yeah, you know, a lot more than I do. I can't believe that. But what's interesting is that the Associated Press and was it the Associated Press or API, or both? Both. They came out and said, like they put out the kill order on the photo, which, you know, I've never seen in my career. Yeah, and here's the thing, everything really trips you up. Because it's not just Photoshop where she like, you know, put like an arm longer, somebody put an arm longer or whatever. It's they created a moment in time, that did not happen. So it's not just like they altered the photo or their media and change the tint or something or made a different outfit on somebody. They created a moment in time that just simply did not exist. And they wanted the public to believe it. And I sent Mandy and Beth Braden today, this PowerPoint presentation that somebody online put together. That's like, amazing, and it just goes through the entire scandal and like beat by beat with the timeline. I'll send it to you, Eric, please. And one of the things this woman points out in her PowerPoint presentation is that the Royals in order to be relevant to the public and continue the monarchy. They the public has to trust them. And the public has lost trust in them or is losing trust in them because of this because, again, it's not just managing a message. It's you created something that didn't happen, and you wanted us to believe it did. And now we're the dummies.

Mandy Matney 15:00

As speculation has never been higher about them like, right, it was the worst time ever.



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Eric Bland 15:05

Don't forget, it's on the heels of Charles having cancer and he's not really forthright. Is it a serious cancer? Is it just, you know, men our age get prostate cancer. And so now Camilla is doing most of the public. Okay, guys stop laughing at me. Camilla is doing most of the public functions. And we don't know, you know, is Charles really, really sick? Is William going to ascend to the throne and what's going on with Kate now I thought I did see there was one photograph Mandy of her being with her mother in a car that was released. Did you see that about a couple of weeks ago? Or is there been zero photographs since this abdominal surgery?

Mandy Matney 15:52

Okay, so I should clarify that there have been zero photographs that have convinced me that are Kate Middleton there has been two of her in a car or a face in a car, right? But the zoom in on one of them. She didn't have the mole, which is a classic Kate Middleton and then her face looks like a different structure.

Liz Farrell 16:17

It's square instead of oblong.

Mandy Matney 16:21

Yeah like she gained weight or anything. She just looks completely different. And again, those things have only heightened all the speculation versus it would just be a lot easier if she just came out on a balcony. And I know British people are like, she has to have a plan scheduling for a balcony, whatever. She just needs a walk outside and wave her hand. Cool. I'm alive, everybody. I'm alive. That's it. Ah, here it is.



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Eric Bland 16:50

And what isn't she supposed to come out and may or we're gonna see her after Easter.

Liz Farrell 16:55

Like she's Jesus.

Mandy Matney 16:56

Jesus. We're supposed to yes, yes. Yeah, we're supposed to wait for her like she's Jesus rising again. After Easter. And her abdominal surgery. They didn't say what it was. They did it again. Her staff didn't know about it. They announced it all of a sudden she's having abdominal surgery. So it's not like it was this plan situation that Kate's going to have the surgery and they didn't say like, in two weeks, Kate's gonna have this surgery, and you're not going to see her till after Easter. Right? It was one day they'd said Kate's having this surgery. And then she has not been in the public eye sense. And I mean, and also we have to think this is Kate Middleton who's tough as nails like she will pop out babies and walk outside and wave and look gorgeous. I can't imagine. It's either it I just think that all of these points point to something that is really wrong. Something that either she has refused to cooperate, either she's done with Williams, she's done with a whole family. Or she is extremely sick, possibly in a coma. And what's scary and literally cannot wave. That's what's scary about it. I mean, but I do want to say this too. I've been getting, I've stopped commenting on this because every time I do online people, I get British people who are like, stay out of this Americans. And I get like the British loyal club, the Royalist loyalist, whatever they are, who are just immediately jump like I had respect for



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you before for what you did with the Murdaugh family. But I've lost all respect ever since the speculation comment. But here's the thing. That's how corruption happens when lots of people protect people in power, and do not question them and defend them at all cost and never stopped to think, hey, something actually could be really wrong here. And they are treating a lot of and it's it's, I mean, very different from the Murdaugh case. But similar in the fact that they're both dynasties that have held a lot of power for a lot of years, and a lot of people feared them and et cetera, et cetera. I keep seeing comments and people saying like, well, I photoshopped my family photo for Christmas. Does it out of thin air? Well, like in response, right?

Eric Bland 19:38

Like, do you create them together?

Liz Farrell 19:41

Right? Like, are you mean like you make yourself look prettier? That's a lot different.

Mandy Matney 19:45

But like this is, this is a woman named Janice from Ohio or whatever, like, it doesn't matter. This is the royal family. They don't even have access to their own social media. There's no way that they know how to Photoshop or they're there. just playing around with Photoshop, and it's like, Guys, come on, you have to take a step back. This is what I know about corruption is when you all just blindly accept something that is so absurd, then it just gets worse. And I hope that British people are looking at this and saying, Maybe something's wrong here. And their use of public funds. That's the big difference. I get on people about



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saying that they like this is a different situation from Taylor Swift, Taylor Swift take \$0 and public funds. The royal family exists to entertain England, they exist to be the face and wave and do all the things that they're not doing right now. And there has to be a question about where the money is going and why. And why are people continuing to fund this if they are not doing their duties anymore? And like you said, Liz, they can't be trusted.

Eric Bland 20:56

Well, you know, when He ascended to the throne, King Charles said that he was going to modernize the monarchy, he was going to make it more accessible, he was going to slim it down, less people on the payroll on the family payroll, obviously Andrews off it, and we don't hear about the other brother, there is another brother out there, but we don't really know of him on a day to day basis, but they were going to slim down those who are on the payroll, all the homes and everything and make it more accessible. And it seems that they're doing exactly what they've always done, which is closing ranks not really sharing any information. And in this age of AI, and it's an important discussion, we're having fun, it's tongue in cheek a little bit. But these AI photographs have, they can really hurt people, they can take down a company, you put a president of a company, in, you know, a casino, or God forbid, in a brothel or something like that. It could tank a stock or something can happen. And I think we have to be really careful of where we're gone with these photoshopping of photos. And these Aya photos. What are your thoughts about it, Liz?



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Liz Farrell 22:08

Yeah, for sure. It's very scary. But you know, this wasn't even a I wish I wish it were it's just like literally, it they took lying. It's almost like they took like, scotch tape to it and, you know, made it made it into something. I don't know. You know, maybe going back to what you said about like people's comments, and like how they're loyalists and what have you and just I love that, you know that the American sense of humor gets some credit here, because we've all been making jokes and even though yes, it's not funny as she is really hurting. But I'm Irish American, like serious Irish, like I'm 100% Irish. I don't I don't like that. I wish I had other stuff in me. But I don't it's so funny to me when people come out me who not only know about me because of the Murdaugh case. And then I say one thing about the royal family and it's like I'm off the barbecue list for the rest of the like they're like, forget you and it's like, hold on a second. Did you not know like the last name Farrell like you think I'm gonna be pro the royal family? Have you lost your mind? Like we don't like them when there's like so much history between the country and my family and the royal family. So I'm just gonna say I that bothers me. It's like you got to be sensitive to people's history with the royal family and with Great Britain in general. But that said, if you're following us because of the Murdaugh story, and you you don't see the correlation between us also having a problem with what we're seeing with the royal family. Like that's where I think we need to like you need to check your like membership card or maybe shred it.

Mandy Matney 23:45

Yeah, it's unchecked power. And I mean, like I was saying earlier, as long as people continue to look the other way or people continue to say oh everybody Photoshops and pick up these silly lies in their head to



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convince themselves that these people are not lying to you then it's going to continue like people that are not questioning this right now are enabling a bad system and they have in the palace or whatever, I don't even know what's the official name for...

Liz Farrell 24:21

I forgot I've been trying to think about all day long it's I only know about it because of the Meghan and Harry movie court of St. James. No, no, it's nothing it's like called the office or something like they have some like very sterile name is that what it's called? Something like that where they refer to with this like nameless faceless power that they're all scared of.

Mandy Matney 24:42

David keeps saying the court of St. James but whatever.

Liz Farrell 24:45

That's like official it's it's there's something else I've been telling you because Harry and Megan kept mentioning it.

Mandy Matney 24:51

I need to rewatch that Megan documentary again because it will I what my favorite part about it was it broke down how the royal family Emily gets paid and why Megan Markel, and Harry decided to break from that and decided like, oh, the these people, the paparazzi is destroying our lives and they're making up all these lies about us, blah, blah, blah. But they feel like they have the right to our lives because we're accepting tax dollars. How about we stop accepting tax dollars?



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Eric Bland 25:22

Yeah. Who watched The Crown?

Liz Farrell 25:24

Just the first season? I did.

Mandy Matney 25:26

I'm on the last season.

Eric Bland 25:28

I've watched all of them. Yeah, I've watched every one.

Liz Farrell 25:31

Do you think Eric that it's kind of interesting that like, we have this woman, Queen Elizabeth, who led that country through wars, who led them through all sorts of scandal and drama, but always kept that sort of like, British stiff upper lip and like, kept things together. Like really was the solid foundation of the country. And she dies and now the guys are in charge.

Eric Bland 25:54

And it's just like, oh, yeah, it's there's no question. I mean, if you look at Charles's history, he he's a bore. Philander. He's also extremely arrogant. When he sent it to the throne. He screamed at somebody because he wanted a different pen. When he was signing something with his crown on I don't know if you guys remember that it was at the table. And he's just a wacko weirdo. Then you got Andrew, who was the Queen's favorite? She was the Queen's favorite son. She didn't really like Charles too much. And then they had the perfect opportunity with



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Megan Markel. And then it turns out that Kate and Charles made some racial comments about Archie, when, what would he look like when he was born. And it's just, it's all the aristocratic prejudices all wrapped up in one coming out. And it's this is what you get, when you have these type of people that live in a closed society, closed life, get all the money and all the care that they need, and everybody catering them and calling them sir or whatever. And it's just chickens coming home to roost. So I'd like to downfall envelope. I'm watching for the downfall on the downfall guy.

Mandy Matney 27:08

I love that. Yeah, I mean, I think it's just past time. I think like the Murdaugh dynasty, the royal family cannot survive an age of social media. They think constantly that they can outsmart everybody. But they're a million steps behind. I mean, these guys don't even know Photoshop. I feel like teenagers could have done a better job stitching some pictures together as a family. And the other thing that was real funny is, and this is horrible. But William took credit of taking the picture when everything was all fine and dandy, oh, I took this blah, blah, blah, then we all know it was him or his family just threw Kate right under the bus and said, Oh, my bad, I'm bad at photoshopping. And, and the the British press again is now all of a sudden like lying Kate blah, blah, blah, and all just it's so easy for them to throw a woman. They won't they won't give a woman credit when it's something good. But when it's something to blame a woman on I mean, they're all line up and their first push them in front of the bus.



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Eric Bland 28:16

Oh they killed Diana. Yeah, they just killed that woman. They crucified her life. I mean, it was horrible.

Mandy Matney 28:22

But at the end of the day, I think it's about watching it is important because it's important to hold public agencies accountable. And no matter how powerful a family is, or no matter how much people like them. It's important to question everybody and everything and when things don't add up to voice your opinions about that, because I I do think something could be really wrong here and people who are just saying give them privacy, whatever, aren't helping anything. And on that note, we'll be right back

Eric Bland 29:10

You know, it's funny, you bring that up Mandy, about, you know, people on the internet, you can't hide anything, and they'll grab it. And if you're trying to sell, sell a picture, figure out it's fake in a minute. The truth of the matter is, I mean, it's happening everywhere professional golfers now, for years, they may have moved the ball in the rough, but now you got these people that can, you know, scope in and in the TV and they'll be able to say, Oh, he put his wedge down and it moved the ball and he didn't take his penalty stroke and he signed the scorecard. He should be disqualified. It's everything is in real time. And so if you think you can get it away and just say it out, and it's into the wind and nobody's gonna go back to it. They get you it's impossible today. And like you said These teenagers are extremely creative. You know, I can't Photoshop I need to be photoshopped. I wish I was photoshopped in my photos but



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these teenagers can make you know, somebody look really really good or somebody make make them look really, really bad.

Liz Farrell 30:14

Speaking of accountability through the masses, did you guys see that video from jumpsuit Pablo? He's the guy that comments on things that are going on in South Carolina is prison system. And apparently Alex owes, like, is it \$5,000? Maybe I didn't get to watch the video because it was taken down. It was made private.

Mandy Matney 30:36

Yeah so backstory. And I mean, I think I would kind of want Jumpsuit Pablo on our show. I kind of want to ask him a lot of questions. I don't know how you guys feel about that. But yeah, let's do it. Well, I do. He's a former prisoner at SCDC. And that's how he has all of these sources inside SCDC. And that's why I believe his stuff a little bit more than just a random YouTuber saying like, blah, blah, blah. This is what I heard. I mean, he's had a few pretty good scoops throughout following Alex Murdaugh. And I can't remember a time when he's been like, extremely wrong. And granted, I haven't fact checked everything that he's done. But that being said, there was a video that he put up yesterday, and it was a video of a prisoner. And the videos was a prisoner saying I hate Alex Murdaugh. He owes me \$5,000. Because he bet he bet. And this part's funny. He bet on the 49'ers over the Chiefs in the Super Bowl, and he owes me five grand and he was all mad. And he looked serious about it. And it's funny because a I'm a Chiefs fan. So Alex, you're stupid again for voting against Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce, Taylor Swift, stupid, but also, we know from his prison calls that he that's what he's been doing for a long time is placing bets. And we also know from his history



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of like, he's just an addict of chaos and screwing people over. So all of that lines up directly.

Liz Farrell 32:20

But how do you go from betting soups? Remember, he was like, I won five soups? Like how do you go from soup to \$5,000 in prison. \$5,000.

Eric Bland 32:32

It's one thing to screw over Arthur Badger. But it's another thing to screw over Big Mike. Big Mike, you don't screw over. You know what I'm saying? Who lives in the the penitentiary? You don't screw over Big Mike. Right.

Mandy Matney 32:44

And I think I mean, I would like to talk to Pablo about this. But I'm guessing that a reason why he took the video down is because they all have phones in prison. They all in it could put a source in danger. And as I was watching the video was like, why would this person take this? Why would he give it to Pablo, all of these questions. But that could be a possibility. Or he could have taken it down because it was all crap. But it lines up with who Alex is as a person. And Pablo also goes into the video talking about how in prison, you have to like work your way up to making bets of that size to like, show people that you can do that. Or something like that.

Liz Farrell 33:32

You're good for the money or yeah.



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Mandy Matney 33:34

They don't just make they don't just let you place a \$5,000 bet unless they believe that you can actually pay pay it somehow.

Eric Bland 33:44

So how does he pay him? Where does he go? Where does it go? Guys?

Mandy Matney 33:48

And again, I hope the government is listening and I hope that they're paying attention because there could be y'all could figure out where the money is. If you follow Jumpsuit, Bob love leads and follow the money in that way. Like maybe Alex does have money that maybe he does have access to money somewhere.

Eric Bland 34:08

Or it's paid on the outside the bets made on the inside, but somebody pays it on the outside and somebody goes and collects it on the outside and is you know big Mike's can you know the people who work for Big Mike are they trying to collect it from the brothers or a friend or somebody on Alex's behalf.

Liz Farrell 34:33

Freaking showing up at Jim Griffin's office.

Eric Bland 34:36

Two big guys show up at Dick's house knocking on the door saying we're here to collect for Big Mike. What?



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Liz Farrell 34:42

Oh god, that is the gift that keeps on giving. I'm sorry, that's hilarious.

Mandy Matney 34:48

Oh, and then uh, yeah, and that's funny too, because I was thinking about this yesterday. Like, how about the amount of times that Dick and Jim said like how poor he is how he has no money blah, blah, blah. And here this guy is allegedly making \$5,000 bets in prison, just proving them wrong over and over. And like, they all deserve it. Again, Alex has showed us time and time again, who he is as the theme continues. And Dick and Jim should know by now that he is a scammer and a liar, a thief and a murderer. And I hope that they realized what fools they are for defending that man.

Eric Bland 35:29

Jim does not you know, we had the documentary on crime nation this week. And Jim tripped down. During that documentary, he was very upset and said that Alex is an innocent man who is behind bars, and it's a travesty. Everybody got it? So wrong. So he is tripped down. Did you see that? Mandy?

Mandy Matney 35:51

Yeah innocent I have a problem with it. Especially because since the day that he was charged with murder, his defense team has done absolutely nothing to prove Alex's innocence. I mean, we haven't seen a shred of any end since he's been convicted. They keep saying, Yeah, we're finding the killers.



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Liz Farrell 36:16

And what are we on day like 46, or something?

Mandy Matney 36:19

GinnyJamz on Twitter is keeping track and she's tweeting every day with a and I think we're on day 46 of Dick and Jim not knowing who the killers are, and not announcing it at least. So it's just gonna I mean, they don't know. But the word innocent, too, it's like, look at all the crimes that He is admitted to let's talk about that. Like, this isn't some guy who just got framed for murder and is innocent in prison. I mean, I'll there's no part of Alex innocent.

Eric Bland 36:52

He also obstructed justice on a murder investigation, putting aside that he killed his wife and his son. He obstructed justice by lying to law enforcement, about being at the kennel and different things that could have been investigated for a long time. And he sent them on a diff. He tried to send them on a different path. So Jim talks about innocence murder. That's That's debatable. not debatable, but I mean, obviously, he wants to debate you with it. But he obstructed in the murder investigation and tried to do it from the get go.

Liz Farrell 37:27

And he's accused of doing it the boat crash as well. Can I just say, though, like, this is what concerns me and I think you pointed out to me, Mandy, that there was a tweet from somebody who's close to Jim, talking about how, because we know and we'll talk about this in a second that Alex Federal sentencing date has been decided and as person sort of speculating that, like, this is a big deal, because he's



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gonna get exonerated on the murder charge. And what's going on with Scott Peterson. In California right now has me like a tiny bit concerned, because the Los Angeles Innocence Project has taken on his claim of innocence. And the foundation for that, it seems pretty weak. And it seems like this reputable group that does great work, the Innocence Project across the country does great work. They're sort of sticking their neck out for this guy. And they don't it a lot of people don't want it. So many people don't know why. Because the evidence that they're talking about that that needs to be looked into, and that that could point to Scott's innocence, just on its face doesn't seem very promising. And it sort of ignores the 200 and or whatever. Is it like 187 other pieces I forgot somebody's counted the number of pieces that there are of evidence against Scott Peterson, I think it's in the 200 range.

Eric Bland 38:49

So what was the whole host the lies that he told, just like Alex doe hosts the lie, right?

Liz Farrell 38:54

So when you see what cuz like, we sort of laughed at that idea. I remember Mandy after Alex was found guilty. And like, I think it was Jim or maybe Joe McColloch. We're talking about like the eventualities of this guy from the Innocence Project. And we're like, don't have to file them by associating Alex name with the Innocence Project. And I think Joe McCollch is like super involved with that organization. So yeah, it's just a little concerning, because, you know, it's 20 years later, and you just think about Lacey Peterson's family and not being able to, they're gonna have to relive all of this right now. Because this this organization



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is taking on his case. So on 20 years, are we going to see the same thing without like, I'm a little worried about that.

Mandy Matney 39:34

Well the Innocence Project and I didn't know this until I did some googling but the actual innocence project, the one that we know of, I believe they had a show on Netflix, going over their cases. There's there have been, it is there is now local Innocence Projects, and the Los Angeles one is not affiliated with the reputable one. Does that make sense?

Eric Bland 39:59

Yeah to get Barry Scheck won the Barry Scheck one. That's the beautiful one.

Mandy Matney 40:04

Like on their website, they said we have nothing to do with Scott Peterson blah, blah blah blah. Is that right? But I would be interested in like they're probably going to have a lawsuit of some sort for their name and reputation because the Innocence Project was not established for cases like Scott Peterson in cases that got the best attorneys in the world to defend them cases of super privileged defendants who had lots and lots of evidence stacked up against them. There are so many other cases that are better out there for in with defendants that could not afford a good attorney and defendants that really that actually have more proof of their innocence than guys like Alex and Scott Peterson. It's not meant for it is not meant for that.



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Liz Farrell 40:53

So is it something that was started like? Does it have a reputation of its own? Or is it like Forge and then like Alex, Bank of America forge like is it just like another, it was set up to look like the Innocence Project.

Mandy Matney 41:06

Like it's set up to look like the Innocence Project.

Eric Bland 41:09

Interesting.

Liz Farrell 41:10

We pull back the veil and who's behind it, who started it and why? What was the impetus?

Mandy Matney 41:14

Because that's what that's where mine went. And then I remember the Joe McColloch started the Innocence Project and of South Carolina. He His name is on the LLC. So I was like, what's the deal with that? And what is the actual intention of some of these Innocence Projects or an hour they just taking on the refuge? The because the media totally fell for it. I mean, it was all across everything Innocence Project and Scott Peterson but it was the LA Innocence Project. And yeah, it's crazy. Yeah.

Eric Bland 41:51

So that you're right, these people are pawning off the name. Are they allowed to do that? Do you think Mandy isn't third when you think they have copyrighted their name to be associated? And they wouldn't want it to be diluted? Like



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Mandy Matney 42:05

if there was if there was the California Cup of Justice team that started started a podcast and a whole movement about free Scott Peterson, I think we would have some problems with that.

Eric Bland 42:22

Huge. And by the way, we're not going to be selling Cup of Justice franchises, we're not franchising. It's not going to become Starbucks.

Mandy Matney 42:30

But like you know what, uh, you know what I mean, now, you I have seen a whole documentary on the Innocence Project and how it began and all of the attorneys who are so in again, I think some of the local branches are really great. Like Georgia, we talked to Noah pines, who was a part of the Innocence Project, in an agility case. And I mean, I don't mean to say that every single one is sketchy. I think the maybe it's something that bad people could have gotten involved in or people could have thrown a lot of money at it and said, will you defend Scott Peterson if we give you a million dollars and then we have a big name bill that is associated with innocent people who are in prison and then and that's worked so far? I mean, how much coverage did that alone get?

Liz Farrell 43:24

Oh, a lot and like it because of the gravity toss associated with the name because once it makes you look twice, it makes you hesitate and say, did we get this wrong? Did we get the wrong guy, but then you start to refresh your memory and you're just like, I said this on the Dan Abrams show, but no one's that unlucky like Scott Peterson, Alex Murdaugh



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These are men who want you to believe that they're just you know, they got the wrong guy and you can't have that many things happen statistically in in tilting toward your guilt it just doesn't It doesn't work that way. One thing I could totally understand if it was at the kennel video is the only thing he lied about maybe you know, but no, it starts at the very beginning for Alex with with talking about the boat crash trying to pin it on the boat crash people and all that so I don't know it's the same with Scott Peterson it's just like, there's too many things.

Eric Bland 44:15

What about you know, I watch these shows. And you know, I think I'm pretty smart on certain things. But then I get a malleable and I watched the Casey Anthony Netflix special. And I started to think maybe you know her father's a wacko and something happened there. And I know Casey had to have known Okay, 30 days you don't see your kid. Your back your car smells like a you know, a dead possum. Is she totally guilty or not all guilty and her father's guilty? Did you I know you had to have watched it. Mandy, I'm not going to ask you Liz. Because you're not like Mandy and me and waste your time on crap like that. I do. Did you watch it Mandy?

Liz Farrell 45:00

No, I do waste my time on crap. Just not that.

Mandy Matney 45:01

I think that it was another case where the police just immediately believed her father and did not check anything that he was saying they just believed him and he had a bad path.



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Eric Bland 45:14

And she was under her under his spell. There was a little bit of that.

Mandy Matney 45:22

And I think she was really young, stupid, blah, blah, blah. I just don't know if she killed her. But circling back, what a person said was that like, it's likely that Alex's murder conviction is going to get vacated. And so this September or this, April 1 is when Alex will be sentenced for the financial crimes in federal court. And this pro Murdaugh person on Twitter, which literally made me giggle out loud, and like, how is this lady still making predictions on the Murdaugh case? When she is Oh, for 897? Like, not gotten like single thing right? And still have the audacity to be like that will likely blah, blah, blah, and there is no will.

Eric Bland 46:14

Even a monkey who throws a dart can get a bullseye one time.

Liz Farrell 46:19

Do you think she's the one who told Alex to put \$5,000 on the 49'ers?

Mandy Matney 46:26

But I on that note, it's just it's insane. Whenever anybody ever says a murder conviction will likely be overturned, they don't understand our system, because there's just no such thing. It's just really, really, really hard. And there's no likeliness of a murder conviction in the United States Justice system being overturned, because of the way the system is designed. And Alex is, again, he has not proven any he is not any more innocent than he was a year ago or two years ago, this team has done



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absolutely nothing to convince us that he's done anything. So on that note, we'll be right back.

Eric Bland 47:29

Mandy, it was, it was interesting that you quoted that person, because that person said, it's the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that is going to exonerate Alex and declare his innocence. So that person conceded that the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court are not going to overturn that conviction. Did you catch that in that tweet?

Mandy Matney 47:55

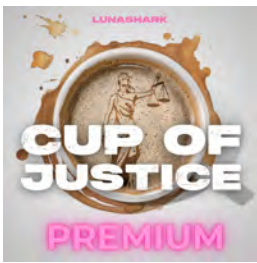
Yeah. So what does that mean? Exactly?

Eric Bland 47:58

Habeas Corpus? It's, yeah, it's a habeas corpus that he's going to lose on the district court level too. So that means it's going to be up on the Fourth Circuit. So this person is now prognosticating that Alex loses in the Court of Appeals in South Carolina, the Supreme Court of South Carolina, then does a habeas corpus and goes over to federal court loses in the District Court. And then when it goes up on appeal at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, that's when his innocence is going to be declared.

Liz Farrell 48:29

I have to admit, what's funny about that? Eric is like, yeah, that that does concede that there. They don't have a winning argument in the state. But I would venture to guess that Jean tol didn't make that decision in a vacuum. In the sense that I would imagine that she



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consulted some federal judges who know how that federal law like what fish even mentioned, during the trial, like feathers been other cases since the case that your listing which is clarified what is necessary for there to be a new trial. So I don't know. I know, they're very confident. And I know that some people in the media are very confident that the Fourth Circuit is going to be the one to save Alex bacon, but I just I personally don't see it because I don't think that she I don't think that she made that decision without putting that into consideration, too.

Eric Bland 49:23

Well, what do you think's going to happen when on April Fool's is Judge Gurgel gonna do an April Fool's joke on us or is he going to load Alex up? First asked you Mandy, what do you see? And now do you? Do you believe that Alex will be behind bars for the rest of his life for you know, putting the murder convictions aside, which are double light. Do you believe now with the state court sentencing we saw from Judge Newman and what's going to come on April 1 April Fool's from Judge Gergle are we going to see a large sentence federal court by Judge Gergle.

Mandy Matney 49:59

It's hard to say. Gurgel has been a little unpredictable thus far. And it's also hard to say what I want. I don't want him to spend any time in federal prison, because I know that that's what he wants. However, it would be nice to have like a 30 year backup if something super corrupt and horrible happened to the state charges. I don't know. But I will say this ever since Cory sentencing, we saw a lot of pro Murdaugh people in particular, going on and on about how his sentence was way, way steep compared to a lot of other financial crimes, and white collar crime, so to



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speaking. And ever since then, I've been paying close attention to federal white collar crimes and their sentencing. And it was very much on par. If not, I mean, it was not. It's not unusual for financial criminals to get 2030 years in prison. And so I, that whole narrative was so ridiculous. I thought because I was like, I swear that I've seen a lot of people get a lot worse than what Cory has. And I so I could see 30 years, but I have no idea. What do you think was?

Liz Farrell 51:21

Yeah so I wonder if there's a factor here in which Judge Gurgel is offended by the sort of trickery that they tried to pull because we're forgetting that this they had, they were hoping for the state to come after the federal government and sentencing so that it would, you know, unless make that mood, I guess but then then I remember that Phil Barber who works for Dick Harpootlian was I believe he was the clerk for Judge Gergle at some point. I know that he has some sort of history there.

Eric Bland 51:51

So I think it's his girlfriend who's Judge Gergle's clerk.

Liz Farrell 51:55

his wife now I think, but I think I think Phil has I think he might have had some history there with with Judge Kirkwall, too, okay. Yeah, because I do you guys remember it wasn't there. Didn't Gergle, Judge Gergle complement the defense on their briefs? I know that Judge Justice told that this too. But I feel like Judge Gergle said something complimentary toward Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin for how well their brief was written, so. But that That aside, I do think that I mean, all



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we need is a 35 year sentence, right? More 30 is fine, too. You know, just something that gets him into the you know, the 80s. Yeah, exactly. Because like you said, Eric, before it. Prison is not a kind and place to a person, their health. All gears. Yeah, it's dog ears, all gears. So if we can just get him, you know, close to 80 years old. I'll be fine. And I'm not I'm not saying that to concede. And I don't think that his murder conviction is going to be vacated. I think that was so much fluffy, that I don't, you know, they act like the court can't make a decision. Further, clarifying that initial case that they're citing, and I forget the name of the case.

Eric Bland 53:12

Otherwise, I would say it, look, you know, maybe a situation if he can't pay, and that's a real bet that \$5,000 bet and that man is going to get him pretty quickly. And we won't have to worry about any more appeals. I mean, it's just going to end.

Liz Farrell 53:26

I thought he was in the US sort of a segregated housing unit, too. I thought he was like, kept apart from the bad guys.

Mandy Matney 53:34

Well, according to Pablo, no, no places like actually safe in prison or like no places, actually. I mean, they kind of all mingle with each other. And even if you're in this special group or whatever, you're still going to have a lot of access to a lot of inmates. But yeah, I I don't know what I hoped for with the Federal sentencing. But it is very funny, like you said, Liz that like this is what they wanted, but they wanted their other steps to work. So now they just are showing up to federal court with egg on their face.



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Liz Farrell 54:13

Like April Fool's some might say.

Eric Bland 54:16

It is I've gotten a letter from the Emily Limehouse and from the victims and you know, on behalf of our clients and so I will be speaking and I'm very hopeful that I'm not cut off by Judge girl like I was cut off. When I was arguing for quarry Fleming sentence, Judge Newman gave me the courtesy to finish out my argument which I did when Alex was sentenced in Buford so I have a lot to say. I'm sure he's not going to want to hear it but so I plan on speaking like I did then and I know my clients want to speak and you know, the world's gonna get to see it. What is Luna shark gonna do for this sensing? Are you going to be you guys going to be there Mandy, you're going to be there. We're going to have Eric filming it.

Mandy Matney 54:59

Okay. It found it's it's federal court. Right. And that's the terrible part about it. I don't know if I'm gonna go again or not I there was a point this summer where we were going up to Charleston so much for these guys stupid federal hearings that we would get into our car. We don't get into our car often. But our car when we would get into our car before 8am, I would say want to go to federal court in Charleston. And it's like, so I don't know, we'll see. It just again, we'll argue about this until I'm blue in the face. But I wish that we could have cameras there just to show people what goes on. It's just it makes it so difficult to cover. We'll come up with a plan and we'll figure it out for Luna shark. But we also have a big trial coming up in May. And that is Colucci. And



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Liz, you have been really on the story for a few weeks now. Do you want to talk about what you think the trial is going to be like and why this is a big case for us?

Liz Farrell 56:06

Yeah, I have to say it's been really interesting because like we keep marveling at how there wasn't a whole lot of media coverage of this case when it first went to trial in 2018. And again, this is for the death of Sara Lynn Colucci, who was killed in 2015. And, and her husband contends that she tripped and fell into and we've been corrected, we keep saying garden hose. But it was actually an apparently this is established. And we're still making our way through the first trial and watching it on Court TV. But wasn't a garden hose, which you know, is extremely pliable and easy to loop around. It was a thicker industrial hose, something that was a lot less pliable. So we just want to crack that. But his contention is that she fell into the toes, and she hung herself to death, that she was suicidal over the death of her previous husband, who had died eight years earlier. And they had just visited his grave. And that that's what she did. But what we're learning about, we're learning so much I mean about this case, but we're learning that that would not fit her personality that if she were to choose to end her own life that there'd be under much different circumstances. So that said, the trial in 2018 ended with a hung jury. So a mistrial was declared. And now the attorney general's office is going to be retrying it on May 13, starting on May 13. And we're just hoping to bring a lot more eyes to the case, because we think that this is one that media would be super interested in because like with the Murdaugh case, there's a lot of crazy stuff that happened. So for instance, the 2007 death of Sara Lynn's previous husband, he died as a result of 20 some odd stab wounds that



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were declared to be self inflicted. And after Sara Lynn was killed. Michael Colucci, stepfather Ivo Colucci. Yes, killed Michael's mother shot her in a jewelry store in front of Michael's 12 year old daughter.

Eric Bland 58:19

And I've been involved in that case. And from a civil standpoint, there was a large trust and, you know, largest state wealthy people, and a lot of people were obviously concerned and grabbing at it. And we were part of the people who the attorneys who are trying to have the personal representative enforce the provisions of the will. And so when I was representing, and Ronnie was representing this personal representative, we did not really understand the importance of the this new case that is coming up. It just wasn't part of it. But it seems like a family that look again at the Myrtles had what five bodies associated with them since 2015, in one shape form or another. The Colucci is now have three. I mean, it's crazy, guys. It's just crazy.

Liz Farrell 59:14

Well, sort of. Yeah, I would say the Colucci case, Michael Colucci. I wouldn't say the Colucci's in general, but and I want to note that Ivo Colucci, yeah, I want to just note really quickly that Ivo Colucci, the charges were expunged. So he didn't end up he died before. He didn't go to trial or anything like that. But he was in his 80s. And he was in one of the stages of dementia. And so that was sort of the thought behind that, that, you know, maybe the stress of the dementia, the stress of him advancing in age and then Michael's case might have contributed to that situation. But the thing about this case, that you know, there's like I said, there's a lot of the same players, you know, same names that we keep seeing, but beyond that, This is a case in which her family has



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fought really hard for there to be justice. And they, from what we can tell, have just been left disappointed. You know, it started off that this case was with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. And it didn't seem to be going anywhere. I want to mention to I mean, we've talked about this into sunlight. But when the police pulled up after Michael call 911 That night, his face was busted up. You know, during trial, he attributed that to giving her CPR and trying to resuscitate her, which nobody in the medical field seems to have ever heard of that before. I've been asking a lot of people but they have this guy who looks like he's been in sort of some sort of altercation and then there's some signs in the car that look like there were some sign of altercation. And apparently, they like handed him her phone afterward. Like it was no big deal. Like, it's almost like, you know, you just look at like the failings of law enforcement in that regard. Like, it's like, hindsight is 2020 we they don't like the Monday morning quarterbacking that we all do. But there's just sort of moments where you have given you have to really check yourself as a law enforcement officer in terms of the benefit of the doubt that you're giving people because it means a lot in that moment, because you lose out on valuable evidence and you lose out you you skew the case in a way and you steer it in a way that then it's hard for the victims to have their to have it looked at so this ends up going to SLED because of Sarah Lynn's family and the pressure that they were putting on law enforcement to do something about it and hadn't not gone to SLED it's not clear that there would have ever been charges and here we are. Nine years after her death and we're still like her family still her daughter, her mother her, you know, aunts and uncles though they all have to go through this again. And it's, it's gonna be it's gonna be an interesting few weeks as we lead up to this case.



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Eric Bland 1:02:02

It's aunt, not aunt. It's a Philadelphia okay, it's aunt.

Liz Farrell 1:02:08

I'm from Boston.

Eric Bland 1:02:11

It's an isn't it? Mandy? Do we can we agree it's aunt?

Mandy Matney 1:02:15

Yeah, I say aunt.

Liz Farrell 1:02:17

What do you do with the you you just throw in school door? You're like, Oh, who cares about the US?

Mandy Matney 1:02:21

Yeah, doesn't exist. Right.

Liz Farrell 1:02:23

So how do you stay caught? Do you say cat?

Eric Bland 1:02:25

No caught but can you say wash? Like there's no arm wash? But I say wash and I say ball? Like it's baw you know? I mean? Come on. You understand?

Liz Farrell 1:02:34

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. So if you can say wash, I can say it's very formal.



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Mandy Matney 1:02:40

Sounds fancy. Yeah. Sounds really fancy.

Liz Farrell 1:02:44

We are fancy. Yeah, we are fancy. I thought you'd like she like it. You like that? So anyway, I I really hope I hope that listeners will get really invested in this case, because the more eyes on the case, the better chance at justice being served here. I agree. Second time around.

Mandy Matney 1:03:05

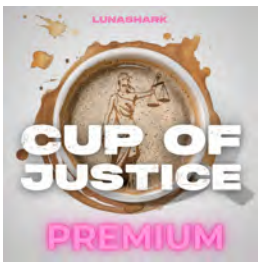
And on that note, the victims rally will be held on March 21. And that's a Thursday at 9am at the South Carolina State House in Columbia. And it's a very important time, a lot is going on with victim's funding. A lot is going on. And as we've seen, with case after case, especially the Bowen Turner case, another time when I was out of town, looked at my phone and Oh, Bowen Turner was arrested. And eight again, for this, this is the second time that this has happened since I knew who Bowman Turner was. And each time I have my heart sank and I'm sure yours did too Liz. Did he hurt someone? That was my first question both times. Thankfully, it appears that he did not hurt anyone, but he flipped his car over in a DUI accident. And we're still waiting for the foyers back on how he was acting on the scene. Good that I heard it wasn't good. And I mean, it's also just crazy to think about a flipped his car and he was perfectly fine. What if any, wasn't wearing a seatbelt? What a weird world and it just shows how dangerous of a person he is. And this is how dangerous a person can become when the system shows them again and again. They can get away with everything and they can endanger other people. And nobody is going to stop them and that's what he was doing. What do you guys think?



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Liz Farrell 1:04:42

What troubles me is I like to hold space for people to change and for them to get rehabilitated. Especially people who are in their teens when they first commit crimes because I think like Carl Stoller said to me, you know, it's basically like he's in the universe. City of prison now, so he's gonna get he's already gotten his bachelor's, now he's going back for his master's is going to end up getting his PhD. What bothers me about that? Is that, you know, there's so many we talk about Bowen Turner, in a way that's so definitive, like, he's just a bad person. And he's, you know, a dangerous person. And he is and that makes you know, that is true. But I worry about like, what about the other guys, right? Like, who get these chances? And then I remember, the other guys don't get these chances. It's you know, there's, there's a youthful offender act is intended to help kids turn their lives around. And when you attempt to buy your child's way out of it, it looks like it doesn't it makes it worse for your child, maybe I don't know, I don't know what would have happened had he just been held accountable from the beginning, because, unfortunately, with the crimes that he was accused of, from a start raping three girls and three different counties, those are progressive, that's not just a progressive crime, that is the crime. That is the that is a very difficult crime to rehabilitate somebody from but I would say if you had any chance of doing it, it would be when that person is 16 years old. And that's not the road his parents chose to take. So I just worry about not I don't want to make it sound like we're vilifying this person with this idea that people can't be rehabilitated or, you know, because the fact remains that that's not the road, his parents put them on, they didn't put them on that road, they put them on a



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different one, they were hoping to get him through a different door. And now he's he's on a path of destruction. Right.

Mandy Matney 1:06:35

And I and I, I also share the belief that especially with the younger a person is, the more that they have a chance of rehabilitation of changing I mean, we are, we are still morphing as human beings throughout our entire lives at 15. I do not believe that anybody can just be a bad egg forever. There. I'm sure there's some circumstances that there are some. But for the most part, I believe that everybody can change and can't have the ability to change the thing with Bo and Turner that makes them the most dangerous to me. From everything that I know about him, it seems like he has a pattern of a dual personality and a bad personality that comes out when he's drinking. And it's just like Paul and Timmy and it. It really worries me that his parents haven't zeroed in on that and made some major life changes on his behalf to get a man to rehab to get him out of that cycle. Because it seems like alcohol is his gateway to all sorts of trouble and and his gateway to endangering other people. And how old is he now 21, 22?

Liz Farrell 1:07:56

He's 21.

Mandy Matney 1:07:57

His parents still should feel responsible to do something.

Liz Farrell 1:08:02



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Living with them. Right, I address that he put us the sex offender registry, so raise their problem. And and I know that they did what they did out of love, I'm sure but that's just that's our problem. In South Carolina. It's the problem everywhere that when you try to buy your children out of accountability for something as serious as sexual assault, you're not doing your child, your children any favors. And you cannot say now that he's 21. And, you know, I don't I don't believe they went to his hearing and Florence, that, you know, he's he's a grown man now. And we're not going to be you're still you did it, you did this, it's yours. You put this person out in the world. So, you know, you can't have more responsibility for a dog than you do your own child. Exactly.

Mandy Matney 1:08:45

But in that case, in general, has just reminded us especially say the work, the tenacious work of Sarah Ford, and oh my gosh, she has been a lawyer on behalf of those victims. That has shown me alone, just focusing on that case and how much work she's done and how much of reassurance she brought to the victims lives and how much hope that she that her work gave them at a time where they felt really hopeless. It matters so much. And when we start to talk about cuts being cuts to victims funding, that is the opposite direction that our justice system needs to go in right now. I think more victims funding I think our justice system should focus more on victims and what happens to them and the process for them. And the so that all said the victims rally on March 21 At the South Carolina statehouse and Columbia is going to be a big deal because it is a big time and is a great opportunity to show our lawmakers that victims rights matter and The Victim Services matter and we need these services desperately in our justice system. Yeah, and on that note cups down everybody.



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Liz Farrell 1:10:09

Cups down guys.

Eric Bland 1:10:10

Cups down.

Mandy Matney 1:10:26

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