



EPISODE 06: Who Killed Maggie and Paul? Part One

Mandy Matney 00:00

I don't know who killed Paul and Maggie Murdaugh. But I'll tell you what we know about what happened on June 7 2021. My name is Mandy Matney. I'm the news director for FITSnews.com. And I've been investigating the Murdaugh family for more than two years now. This is the Murdaugh Murders Podcast. On the evening of June 7 2021, 22 year old Paul Murdaugh and his 52 year old mother Maggie Murdaugh, are found murdered on their 1700 acre property called Moselle, which is about 60 miles west of Charleston, South Carolina, around 10:07pm Paul's father and Maggie's husband, Alex Murdaugh called 911. The phone call was released by the lead investigating agency in the Murdaugh Murders, which is the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, also known as SLED about six weeks after the murders on July 22 2021. We're not sure what exactly made the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division release the 911 call now, but we're gonna play it for you and we'll talk about what we're hearing and try to learn what we can

911 Operator 01:28

This is 911 What is your Emergency?

Alex Murdaugh 01:29

This is Alex Murdaugh 4147 Moselle Road I need the Police to, (Incoherent) my wife and child have been shot badly.

911 Operator 01:41

okay, you said 4147 Moselle Road Islandton you said 4147 Moselle rolled in Islandton.?

Alex Murdaugh 01:50

Yes sir. 4147 Moselle Road. Please Hurry

911 Operator 01:55

Yes, sir. Stay on the line with me Okay

Alex Murdaugh 02:06

Hello,

911 Operator 02:08

I'm still here. Stay on the line. I'm still here. Okay.

911 Operator (2) 02:11

Kinda kind of communication.

911 Operator 02:14



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I have Alex Murdaugh on the line calls from 4147 Moselle road. He's advising that his wife and Child was shot

911 Operator (2) 02:22

Okay and Sir give me the address again.

Alex Murdaugh 02:26

4147 Moselle road, I'm getting up to it, it's bad.

Mandy Matney 02:31

4147 Moselle road is a property that is in Colleton County, South Carolina, just north of the Hampton County border. We're assuming that the call routed to Hampton county 911 Instead of Colleton county because the location is so close to the border.

911 Operator (2) 02:48

Okay. Okay, and are they breathing? No, ma'am. Okay, and you said that your wife and your son?

Alex Murdaugh 02:57

My wife and my son.

911 Operator (2) 03:00

Are they in a vehicle?

Alex Murdaugh 03:02

No, ma'am. They're on the ground out of my kennel.

911 Operator (2) 03:12

Okay and did you see anyone? Okay, Is he breathing at all? No, no.

Mandy Matney 03:20

sources have told FITSnews that Paul Murdaugh was killed by two shotgun blasts, one to the chest and another through the arm and head. Maggie Murdaugh died of multiple gunshot wounds by a semi-automatic rifle. According to our sources, two weapons were used in a double homicide, which is highly unusual.

911 Operator (2) 03:40

Okay, do you see anything? Do you see anyone in the area?

Alex Murdaugh 03:45



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No, ma'am. No, ma'am.

911 Operator (2) 03:48

What color is your house on the outside? What color's your house on the outside?

Alex Murdaugh 03:54

It's white you can't see it from the road.

911 Operator (2) 03:56

Okay, is it a house or mobile home?

Alex Murdaugh 03:59

It's the house.

911 Operator (2) 04:00

Okay. And what is your name?

Alex Murdaugh 04:03

My name is Alex Murdaugh

911 Operator (2) 04:04

. Okay, and did you hear anything or did you come home and find them?

Alex Murdaugh 04:12

I've been gone, I just came back.

Mandy Matney 04:18

Last month a Good Morning America. Journalists who spoke directly to the Murdaugh family reported that Alex was taking his father to the hospital on the day of the killings. After that he reportedly checked in on his mother who sources say has dementia before returning to the hunting lodge. But where is home to the Murdaughs? I really haven't been able to answer this question yet. We know that the Murdaughs sold her home in Hampton, South Carolina in April 2020. Maggie Murdaugh's Facebook page said that she moved to Edisto South Carolina in July 2020. Edisto is a beach town about an hour and a half southeast of the Moselle property. I know that Paul had an apartment in Columbia South Carolina, which is the state capitol and where he went to school, but I also heard that he was known to couch surf in the months before the murders. He was often in Charleston and he was there the weekend before the murders. Sources have also told me that Paul stayed with his uncle John Marvin, often in Okatie, South Carolina, about an hour southeast of the Moselle property. They were also known to go to the family river home in Okatie, South Carolina often. I say this because it



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seems like the family did not have much of a routine and it would be difficult to ambush them.

911 Operator (2) 05:34

Was anyone else at your house?

Alex Murdaugh 05:37

No, ma'am. Please hurry.

911 Operator (2) 05:46

We're getting somebody out there to you.

Mandy Matney 06:07

It sounds like Alex is replying to a question right here. And that question might be redacted. It also sounds like Alex is moving around a lot in this 911 Call and some parts you can clearly hear the dogs in the background which means that he's close to the murder scene and in other parts you can't hear the dogs.

911 Operator (2) 06:28

Okay, what is her name?

Alex Murdaugh 06:32

Maggie, Maggie and Paul.

911 Operator (2) 06:35

Maggie and her name?

Alex Murdaugh 06:38

Yes, ma'am. Okay, then please hurry

911 Operator (2) 06:42

We're getting somebody out there to me asking you these questions don't slow them down okay you sure they're not breathing is he moving now your son I know you said that she was shot but what about your son

Alex Murdaugh 07:05

nobody's there not, neither one of them is moving

911 Operator (2) 07:15



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What is your telephone number? And does anything look out of place?

Alex Murdaugh 07:31

Not Not particularly. Really. No, ma'am.

911 Operator (2) 07:34

Okay.

Mandy Matney 07:36

So no one knows how they would react to a situation so horrifying as this but at no point is Alex Murdaugh ever mentioned that he's afraid of a killer being round. Granted sometimes in situations like this people feel so hopeless to the point that they don't care if someone else takes their life and also this is a redacted 911 Call and we're not sure what parts the police took out. So in this part of the 911 call, you'll hear a lot of clicks and beeps but that's pretty normal for a 911 call and we're keeping them in so you can hear everything that was provided to us.

Alex Murdaugh 08:12

right I'm going back down there, (beeping) Are close ma'am?

911 Operator (2) 08:12

okay Yes, they've been in route with you ever since you got on the phone with me I have multiple people coming out there to you okay, can you do me a favor Mr. Murdaugh and turn on the flashers on your car so that way they can see where the kennels are.

Mandy Matney 09:36

Right here. The dispatcher asked Alex Murdaugh to turn on his flashers, but from what we've heard, he's not in his car yet. So we can assume here that at some point Alex tells the dispatcher that he's in his car and that part for whatever reason was redacted. Looking at the property, the dog kennels are about four football fields away from the main house.

911 Operator (2) 10:06

Do you have your flashers on for me? Mr. Murdaugh?

Alex Murdaugh 10:10

Yes.

911 Operator (2) 10:12

Okay, I don't want you to touch them at all okay i don't, i don't know if you've already touched them and I don't want you to touch them just in case I can get any kind of evidence okay?

Alex Murdaugh 10:28



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I already touched them to see um to see if they were breathing

911 Operator (2)

Okay, well I just don't want you to move anything just in case I can get any kind of evidence.

Alex Murdaugh

Okay ma'am I'm gonna call. I need to call some of my family. Okay.

911 Operator (2) 10:57

Well, do me a favor for me whenever you see the officer or the medics because they're all coming to you.

Mandy Matney 11:04

Here the dispatcher asked Alex a favor, but something is redacted and we don't know what it is.

911 Operator (2) 11:11

Okay, but we have them come in turn on the flashers on your vehicle so they can see you Okay?

Mandy Matney 11:19

According to the Colleton County dispatch log, the dispatcher advised Alex to put in there's a three letter word that's redacted. And then it says up when law enforcement arrives on scene. We don't know what that three letter word is. And we're not going to speculate.

911 Operator (2) 11:37

You got the flashers on for me?

Alex Murdaugh 11:39

I do

911 Operator (2) 11:40

Okay, all right. Whenever you see them.

Alex Murdaugh 11:46

Okay

911 Operator (2) 11:46

How old is your son?

Alex Murdaugh 11:49



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911 Operator (2) 11:50

Okay, all right. We're getting about there to you. Okay.

Alex Murdaugh 11:55

I'll answer if you call.

Mandy Matney 12:08

90 minutes after Alex called 911, deputy Daniel Green was the first to arrive on scene at 10:26pm. Within less than a minute, he determined that the scene was secure clearing the way for Fire and Rescue to enter. A minute later Colleton County Fire Rescue requested the coroner so they arrived on scene of a gruesome double homicide and they were able to quickly determine that the scene was secure enough for others first responders to join them at 10:28pm Just 20 minutes after the 911 call was placed SLED was contacted by the Colleton County Sheriff's Office at this time SLED's assistance was requested. Soon after the Colleton Sheriff's Office arrived on scene at Moselle, SLED took over the case. SLED took over the case for two reasons. One, the complexity of the case was beyond what the Colleton County Sheriff's Office resources could handle and two the Colleton County Sheriff's Office had too many ties to the Murdaugh family and rightfully recused itself from the case. According to the autopsy report, Maggie and Paul Murdaugh died between 9:00 and 9:30pm. That's a short window of time and we're not really sure how they came up with that. The next day, South Carolina media woke up to the biggest murder investigation in at least the last decade, a flurry of South Carolina insiders were texting each other news of the double homicide throughout the night. Soon after FITSnews broke the story. Law enforcement quickly went on the record to say that there was no danger to the public. But here we are seven weeks later and no arrests have been made in connection with the case nor have any suspects been identified. Prior to the publication of the 911 call. nothing of substance has been released to the public regarding the direction or status of the ongoing investigation. In fact, SLED has been working very aggressively to plug any leaks related to this investigation. So what do we know there has been a lot of speculation raised since reports were released last week, and those reports indicated that another person might be on the crime scene at the time of the murders. A lot of web sleuth pointed at Buster Murdaugh and speculated that he was the other party at the scene that night. So what about Buster? He's been a big question in this investigation. This week I confirmed with one of my sources that Buster Murdaugh was in the Rock Hill Charlotte area at the time of the murders. From there we can conclude the Buster was not the other person blacked out from the investigation file. Alex Murdaugh was identified by FITSnews sources very early on in the investigation as a person of interest, although he reportedly provided police with a quote unquote ironclad alibi for his whereabouts at the time of the killings, but we haven't heard directly from Alex. What that



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ironclad alibi was, he hasn't talked to any media since the time of the killings. We also haven't heard much from the Murdaugh family since the time of the murders. During the Good Morning America interview Paul's Uncle John Marvin Murdaugh, said that his nephew Paul had been receiving threats from strangers since the fatal boat crash. However, John Marvin Murdaugh told reporters he didn't think the threats were credible, and he said that the family didn't try to identify the people behind them. I have to note here that all of the boat crash survivors and Mallory Beach's, family members voluntarily submitted to questioning and volunteered to provide their DNA as a part of the double homicide investigation of source close to the situation told me that the Beaches and the boat crash survivors have not been questioned again since providing their statements and DNA. During the interview John Marvin and Randy Murdaugh said their family is misunderstood by the public.

John Marvin Murdaugh 16:09

I see words like dynasty used in power. And I don't know exactly how people use those words. But we're just regular people and we're hurting just like they would be hurting. If this had happened to them.

Mandy Matney 16:26

No one is doubting that the Murdaughs are hurting right now. But many are doubting that they are just regular people. The Murdaugh family has loomed large and low country law for more than a century, with three generations of its members serving as a solicitor, which is South Carolina's version of a district attorney between 1920 and 2007. They also own one of the most prominent law firms in the state of South Carolina. So three weeks after the murders, Amanda Loveday, who is Chief Operating Officer at a Columbia South Carolina based public relations firm called NP strategy released a statement about the Murdaughs having a \$100,000 reward offered by the family in connection with the murders. The statement said that Alex and Buster Murdaugh offered the reward for a person to get this reward, they must provide information that leads to an arrest. But what's interesting about this one is that tips must be submitted before September 30. So there is a deadline to this reward. So now I want to talk about the evidence or lack thereof that we know about in this case. So we know that Maggie Murdaugh's cell phone was found along a rural South Carolina road just outside of the family's 1700 acre hunting lodge the day after the murder. Sources have also told FITSnews that multiple guns were removed from the property the night of the murders. Considering the crime scene was at a hunting lodge. This is not at all surprising, and it does not mean that the murder weapons were taken from there. We also know that law enforcement impounded a 2021 Chevy Suburban registered to the Murdaugh law firm from the scene. We also know that on June 16, SLED agents were collecting evidence in a swampy area approximately two miles south of Moselle and we have no idea what they were doing there. Alex and Buster Murdaugh were facing a massive wrongful death lawsuit, which their insurance company refused to cover them for in the death of Mallory Beach. A hearing in that lawsuit was scheduled for June 10. Three days after the murders. That hearing included a



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number of motions requiring Alex and Buster Murdaugh to fully respond to previous requests to disclose their financial documents and asking the judge to have the case moved from Hampton county to Beaufort County. That hearing could have also meant that Paul and Maggie Murdaugh would be added to the lawsuit. So all of this means that Alex must have been under immense pressure with a lawsuit looming combined with the fact that his father was dying of cancer Randolph Murdaugh III died at his home on June 10 2021. The day the hearing was supposed to take place. And we know that SLED has asked for patience and that a judge recently ruled that SLED did not break the law in this case, by being selective of the information they've released. We have to wait on law enforcement. We have to give them time and it's still early to judge in this case. So on that note, we need more time so I made this podcast for one reason to expose the truth on another platform. But it brought on way more work and way more pressure than I ever imagined. Turns out spending 99% of your free time working on a murder investigation is not great for your mental health. I can feel myself getting close to burnout and I cannot afford to get there. So I need to prioritize my mental space and I need to take a step back. We will still be doing podcasts but they won't be every week because it's just been absolutely grueling on David and I. We will be back with more episodes, but we need some time until then.

DAVID MOSES 20:31

And my name is David Moses, fiance, producer extraordinaire and I may be a little biased here, but I believe that Mandy Matney is the most knowledgeable investigative journalist covering this saga and others in South Carolina. If you believe in her reporting, like I do, subscribe to FITSnews.com. It truly has the most accurate and timely coverage of any news outlet. If you believe in our mission to expose the truth, wherever it leads, please follow and subscribe to the podcast so you get an alert when we publish the next episode. Until we return. We want to hear from you. Email us at info at Murdaugh murders podcast.com Any questions you want answered? What do you want to know about Mandy's reporting? Are you curious about advertising on FITSnews or sponsoring the podcast? Drop us a line to info at Murdaugh murders podcast.com. That's info at MURDAUGH murders podcast.com And thank you to all of you supporters out there that are leaving five star reviews, leaving positive comments. It really does keep us going.

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