

Jan 29 2024

S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLLETON) AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED]
) JUROR #741

PERSONALLY appeared before me, [REDACTED] who being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I was juror #741 in the case of *State of South Carolina v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh* tried in Colleton County, South Carolina. I was an alternate juror.
2. During the trial, I witnessed the clerk of court, Becky Hill, come to the jury room and she and the forewoman went into the bathroom. After Mrs. Hill and the forewoman exited the bathroom, she told the jurors that we could not ask the forewoman questions.
3. Before the defense put up their case, Mrs. Hill told the jurors “the defense is about to do their side, they are going to say things that will try to confuse you, don’t let them confuse you or convince you or throw you off.”
4. Mrs. Hill made the above statement warning that the defense would try to confuse us in the presence of all of the jurors, as we had assembled in the same jury room.
5. Mrs. Hill said, “if you get emotional, we want to see your face, because that is what they want to see.” All jurors were assembled in one room when she made this comment as well.
6. Mrs. Hill also informed us that Alex Murdaugh was going to testify but I don’t recall exactly what she said. All jurors were assembled in one room when she made this comment as well.

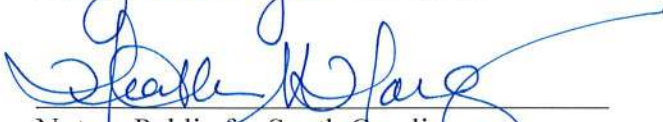
7. During the visit to Moselle, Juror #826 and I walked to the scene together. Then Juror #826 began walking with the Clerk of Court, Becky Hill. I could tell they were talking, but I could not hear what was said between them.
8. I also overheard discussions in the jury room that Mrs. Hill drove a juror home. I believe it was the juror whose nickname was [REDACTED]
9. Before the jury began deliberating, I heard a member of the Court staff say that the deliberations shouldn't take long. I don't remember specifically who made this statement, but it was made in the presence of the entire jury right after closing arguments in the jury room.
10. As the jury was deliberating, I believe Judge Newman came to the room I was in and told me the jury would have to spend the night at a hotel if they did not have a vote by a certain time. I do not recall the time deadline.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Juror #741

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SWORN TO before me this 29 day
of January, 2024


Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 11/24/2030