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[00:00:03] **Mandy Matney:** I don't know what kind of game team Murdaugh is playing with the feds. But after Alex Murdaugh's not-guilty plea and Cory Fleming's plea deal, I am worried that something really nefarious is afoot. My name is Mandy Matney. This is true sunlight, a podcast exposing crime and corruption previously known as the Murdaugh Murders Podcast. True Sunlight is written with journalist Liz Farrell and produced by my husband, David Moses.

[00:00:54] **Mandy Matney:** I want to start off this show by wishing Sandy Smith a fabulous birthday today. When we talk about the true heroes in this story, Sandy Smith should always be at the top of the list. She has shown the world grace, kindness, courage, and strength while fighting for justice for Stephen. The world has given her every reason to be angry, but she chooses to stay in the sunlight while she clings to faith, hope, and love. David and I spent the last few days with Sandy celebrating her birthday. As we were laughing over a couple of beers. I started to think about how lucky I am to have Sandy in my life, how she's become a steady source of sanity in all of this chaos. No matter how many times she has been lied to, betrayed, and mistreated. Her moral compass stays the same right is right, and wrong is wrong. I've heard Sandy say that a million times over the last few years. The truth is that I wish everyone could know Sandy like I do. I wish that they could see how hurt she is by the things that people say about her online. I wish that people knew how much harder they are making this on her. I wish they knew how honest of a person Sandy is and how she always puts her children, her grandchildren, and those she loves before herself. I wish they knew how hard the last eight years had been on Sandy, not just losing her son, but being betrayed by our own community. Sandy was told over and over the people knew what happened to Stephen, but they wouldn't go to police. Sandy knew that something was wrong with their son's death from the get-go. But hardly anyone would listen to her until her case was in the middle of a media superstorm and 2021. Sandy told me the other day that she wants to be able to forgive whoever killed her son. But she can't do that until they come clean and tell the truth. Sandy wants to forgive them. She wants to be able to be a peace with us. She wants to be able to go through the grieving process. But she can't do that until she knows what happened. The good news is that SLED is making significant progress with the case attorney Eric Bland who's representing Sandy, says subpoenas and warrants have been issued in the case and that the case is now being investigated by the state grand jury. That could mean a lot of things. But ultimately, it does mean that progress is happening, and that is a wonderful thing. But let's be



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sure to keep up the pressure. Keep sharing the green squares on social media, keep reminding people about justiceforstephen.com, Keep telling the world about Stephen Smith, keep the pressure going. And if you know anything about Stephen Smith murder, please, please, please, please email tips at SC dot sled doc of or even email us and we will get that information to the right people. Let's do everything that we can to make this Sandy's last birthday without answers. She deserves that.

[00:04:10] **Mandy Matney:** So while Sandy Smith was celebrating her birthday on Wednesday, Alex Murdaugh, who, by the way, celebrated his birthday on Saturday in prison, was in Federal Court this week for the first time. Alex was finally charged federally with a 22-count indictment last week, and he was arraigned on Wednesday in the federal courthouse in Charleston, South Carolina. The same courthouse where his buddy Russell Laffitte was convicted of six felonies back in November. Beth Braden, a journalist from Tennessee who now works with Luna Shark because of the support of all of our premium members attended the arraignment Wednesday that reported that Alex Murdaugh entered a plea of not guilty to the 22 federal charges on Wednesday. Now, we didn't know what exactly to expect act with this federal arraignment because literally, everything is so unpredictable when it comes to the Murdaughs. And it's why we sent Beth to make sure there weren't any extra shenanigans. But remember last week when Dick and Jim claimed that Alex was cooperating with the feds and that they expect this matter to be resolved quickly and before trial, and in response to that, most of us with a brain we're like a Alex Murdaugh, this serial liar and murder cooperating. Hmm, I'll believe it when I see it. Well, he pleaded not guilty. And to make matters more confusing, his Attorney Jim Griffin told the court that they quote," anticipate a change of plea hearing in the very near future." I know that there are attorneys out there listening that will think that this is normal, and that it means that they're just striking a plea deal. But the thing is, nothing from Team Alex Murdaugh is ever normal. Everything is always swirling around their power and influence. And court just works differently for these guys, even at the federal level. Remember when we said that President Joe Biden and Dick Harpootlian are close, specifically Dick Harpootlian has the President of the United States cell phone number things work differently when you have those kinds of connections. And we cannot ignore that. We cannot underestimate Dick's influence in federal court. And I have this feeling in my gut that is telling me something is off with these charges. Alex is facing over 100 years in federal prison in millions of dollars in fines at the federal level. But what does that matter at this point? The man has two



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life sentences and SCDC in a long line of victims to pay already. Why is the federal government doing this? Now? If they're doing it to put pressure on Alex why didn't they do that before the murder trial? Is it that Alex just wants federal charges now so that he can get out of prison for a minute and go to Charleston for court every once in a while? Remember Alex is not in general population in prison, which means he can't play games with people like he used to. I just want to know if these federal charges are somehow another game Alex is playing and for what at the end of the hearing prosecutor Emily Limehouse said that they have notified Alex of his right to remain in federal custody. But Alex quote," intended that he wants to waive that right?" What does that even mean? If Alex got the chance to go to federal prison, which is known as a much cushier behind-bars experience, but he won't take it. I don't know what's going on here. But it feels like Alex is still playing games with the system. And guess what? South Carolina and United States taxpayers are the pawns here. These games cost a lot of tax money. Did we not learn anything from the Satterfield case, remember, Alex and his lawyers confessed judgment and then literally tried to take it back when it didn't play the way that they wanted to? Are they doing the same thing here? Dick and Jim are saying not guilty for now, but when it suits us more, maybe he will change it to guilty and they're saying Alex intends to waive his right to federal custody, but he's still not actually doing that. Alex is still seeing what there is to gain that is not cooperating. And remember, there are victims in the federal case to the Satterfields, the Plylers, the Pinckneys, the Badgers they deserve to have Alex admit to doing them wrong. They deserve closure. And they don't deserve to be ganked around by a narcissist murderer, man baby who wants to play games and use the federal government in the process. What scares me is that this could be an attempt to stop progress on finding out whatever the big picture is here and on holding others accountable. There are a lot of people in South Carolina who have been worried about what these investigations will find. And unfortunately for the federal government, they don't have the best reputation when it comes to holding men like Alex to account, look at what Jeffrey Epstein was able to get away with for so long.

[00:09:38] **Liz Farrell:** Okay, let's talk about Alex's best friend now, Cory Fleming. Something tells us that Cory's case is going to be likely slow simmering stew straight through until the end of the summer. Not only are we waiting to hear when he'll be no doubt gently sentenced for that one charge the federal government decided to indict him on it his state trial is still scheduled to begin in September. In the



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meantime, we have questions. Everyone has questions, actually. Because how can we not? So one? We know the state is not happy with the federal government's decision to get involved with the financial elements of these cases. So what does that mean? Is that just a simple term for reaction, or does this state know that something ridiculous is potentially afoot? We obviously believe that the federal government's sudden and seemingly superfluous involvement in this is due to debt, corporate liens ties to the Department of Justice, but what is actually happening here are a couple of justice co-host Eric Bland spoke with state prosecutor Creighton waters on Wednesday, and Creighton confirmed the discord with the federal government. He was also clear that there is no world in which Alex Murdaugh would get to serve out his state sentence in a federal prison. He said the state is 100% committed to seeing this through with Alex and seeing it through with Cory crane said that Cory would not be getting an easy out here by simply admitting to a small portion of what the state believes he actually did to the charge against Cory, and for the most part the charges against Alex are redundant to the state charges. Clarice federal indictment doesn't even address his alleged wrongdoings against Pamela Pinkney. So that's also a big why, for us. The generous and hopeful thought here right now is that Cory has some really good information. But just like with Alex, how will we know? Unless we see some swift arrests come on the heels of all of this, it's going to be really hard to discern what actual effect Cory's sexy little deal with the federal government has had on anything other than his own well-being and peace of mind, because the system is once again asking us to have faith in it. It's asking us to trust them that the right thing is happening here in the dark. And by the right thing, we don't mean the thing that's justifiable. That's the problem with these guys. They can justify anything but we'll get into that. Let's first talk about question number three. Will Cory be charged with perjury? Perjury, yes, perjury. The government will tell you that it makes deals with bad guys all the time. And the US Attorney's Office will shrug off our concern here as Mandy and Liz just are not getting it. They might try to say that Cory's previous declarations of innocence to the state boards in an effort to save his legal licenses in South Carolina and Georgia isn't really a big deal, that he can just amend those declarations even though his statements were signed by him and at least in the Georgia case, notarized but the fact is Cory is a liar who is only now telling the truth, because it suits him. He's not a big fat liar, like Alex but he's kind of worse. He's a triathlete of liars. And that makes it harder because from the sound of that starting gun, he has seemingly been prepared for every leg of this race right down to some of the careful wording in his response to the Georgia Bar Association in February 2022.



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Other parts of that response weren't so carefully worded though. So first, we want to remind everyone listening that the world was very different in South Carolina in September 2021. When Alex Murdaugh and crew were first outed, this was a band of brothers who were very accustomed to not getting in trouble. The system was designed for them as a whole, but in the low country, it was further adjusted for them, meaning it's hard for us to believe that any of these guys would have believed that real consequences were coming their way, at least not to the level that we've seen so far. So last week, Cory's attorney told Judge Richard Gergel that quote this week meaning last week, Cory planned to relinquish both his South Carolina and Georgia Law licenses as of late Wednesday morning, a week after they told the court this quarry was still listed as a regular member of the South Carolina bar under temporary suspension on the Georgia bars website where his email address is listed as Cory rabbit with two T's for some reason his status is listed as on suspension and having unpaid license fees. We also check the South Carolina Supreme Court website for the latest disciplinary orders and there is nothing for all Cory. But that's not the lie, guys. That's not the perjury that's just us checking to see if he in fact has followed through and relinquished his licenses bureaucracies being what they are. We're not going to read into this too much. I will say this though, if either of us were in charge of either of those entities. We have hit the delete button on Cory's name the second those words were uttered. We'd be like bye, girl. By that said, here's the potential perjury Cory told George's disciplinary board that he knew nothing about the scheme to steal the Satterfield money. A safe assumption would be that Cory also told the office of disciplinary counsel in South Carolina this as well. We don't know for sure if he did because that process is secretive by design to protect attorneys and to allow for shady power moves like the time decay and Jim reported Eric Bland to the bar for speaking to the media. Remember that when they tried to use the bar as a way to scare Eric into silence? We wonder how often that happens. Anyway, here's what Cory said last week and sworn testimony to a federal judge. After Assistant US Attorney Emily Limehouse read the allegation, sands quarry judge Gergel remember him from Russell Laffitte's trial broke in to ask Cory some questions. Judge Gergel was like, Okay, you heard all that? Right. And you disagree with anything she just said that you did? And Cory was like, nope, not disputing any of it. We don't know what Judge Gergel's inside voice was saying to him right then. But considering his reputation as an upstanding person, we assume he was like, Good God, man, because he was basically like, are you telling me under oath that the statements made by the assistant United States attorney are accurate? And Cory was



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like Yup, sure am that then Judge Gurgel said and we're quoting him here, you knew he meaning Alex was stealing part of the money. Cory said part of it. Yes, sir. Judge Gergel confirmed with Cory that he had lied to the circuit court about how much money the firm had planned to take for a fee. And he asked him to explain some things, namely the many parts of this that still don't make any sense. So our opinion and it's not a unique one is that Cory like any defense attorney would took the facts of his case and was able to cobble together an explanation that minimize his role as best he could, specifically what he knew about Alex's plans and when he knew it.

[00:16:53] **Mandy Matney:** Cory's official story is that he knew Alex was going to steal some of the money, about \$100,000 of it, that he fraudulently charged the Saturday fields for expenses that did not exist and use that money for him and Alex. He claimed that they plan on keeping back some of the additional money for their personal use. He himself had taken \$26,000 in fake expenses. He denies ever knowing anything about the Forge account. Now going into this Cory knew that Alex had his back because Alex has tried to publicly absolve Cory every chance he has gotten by swearing that Cory knew nothing about any theft whatsoever, which obviously we now know for sure is a lie. We point this out because it means that Cory would know that Alex would likely back any story that he offered to authorities. And luckily for Cory, he held back a couple \$100,000 from the lump sums he had sent to Alex's PO box for the fake Forge account. Now let's just say Cory's official story for the record isn't fully accurate, and we have to question that story because as we have said that story has changed. That money that was kept back allowed him to explain it as this quote "the money he was going to let Alex take but Alex didn't get around to taking for some reason." Do you remember in a lead-up to the murders when it was clear Alex was desperate for money when he kept pestering Chris Wilson for that \$792,000 fee from the case that they had worked together. You remember that, right? That, as we've seen, was a pattern of behavior for Alex. He was an insatiable Cookie Monster of stolen settlements. He was an insatiable Cookie Monster of Palmetto State Bank loans and a very generous personalized overdraft policy. But Cory's official story is that Alex didn't get around to the theft part of their conspiracy. And his official story is also that he didn't know that the fake Forge account existed. Meanwhile, he hadn't set up any structured accounts for his clients through Forge and he sent a check for millions of dollars made out to Forge and not Forge Consulting the actual name of the company to a PO Box in Hampton. None of this



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adds up. But here we are and the federal government is like totally you're so honest, Cory, by the way, do you work out?

[00:19:47] **Liz Farrell:** Okay, back to the hearing. Judge Gurgel kept pressing Cory because Cory's explanation of how this one down honestly makes no sense to anyone but Cory the cobbler of truth. He wants to say that he did everything non criminally here except these few little things where he knew who was holding back a small percentage of the money for Alex and where he himself had lied about his expenses and had taken a little cash back for himself. But to do that he had to explain why he had told the circuit court that Moss, Kuhn, and Fleming was taking \$1.4 million in fees when really they only got \$670,000. Judge Gurgel was like Why lie about that? Cory Cory said, and we're quoting this part, um, well, as the information says, a portion of it was going to be spent by Mr. Murdaugh, approximately \$100,000. And then the rest of it, I was under the impression we're going to the beneficiaries of the estate. So basically, he said that he kept back a significant portion of the money and lied to the court in a way that would get the Satterfield their money, when really he could have just given them the money. Judge Gurgel said, Well, why would if the fees are \$670,000, then naturally, it would go to the beneficiaries of the state cracked, I thought they did. Cory said. Judge Gergel then said but you understand what I'm saying is that normally, you wouldn't need to overstate your legal fees, because the net amount is what goes to the beneficiaries, correct? Yes, sir. Cory said, so let me understand this a little better. Judge Gergel said one day we're going to have a sentencing hearing. I need to understand this. Where did you think the 600 and some odd \$1,000 was going to go if not, was Mr. Murdaugh to get some portion of it Cory said yep, a portion of it was going to Alex and Judge Gergel unfortunately didn't make Cory answer as to the rest of the money. But basically, Judge Gergel was saying your truth does not make sense when compared with your lies. Judge Gergel asked Cory if this arrangement was a normal thing to do. To give money to the defendant in a case Cory, of course said No, sir. Then Cory consulted privately with his attorney Debbie Barbier, Judge Gergell asked him what his thinking was behind the fraudulent expenses and where that money were supposed to have gone. Cory told him that was a quote number that was a holding spot. What is a holding spot? Judge Gergel asked him what that holding spot was for. And Cory said and this is a direct quote, just because I didn't know what exactly Mr. Murdaugh was wanting to do with regard to the money. And he didn't exactly know how you're going to reduce the fee to free up the money so that he could have some Judge Gergel then asked,



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you knew he was stealing part of the money? And Cory said yes. And you knew that was wrong. Judge Gergel asked. Oh, absolutely. Yes, sir. I did. And that is where the problem for Cory should exist, because here's what his other attorneys Thomas Pendarvis and Christopher Lempesis of Beaufort told the Georgia State Bar in a 73-page response. Here's a smattering of those statements. Okay. Mr. Murdaugh did not direct or regulate Mr. Fleming's professional judgment in rendering legal services to the Satterfield state, quote, none of Mr. Fleming's actions during either representation resulted from any direction or regulation by Mr. Murdaugh. Hmm. So when Cory said he held PAC money because Alex declared he was getting a piece of this, and when Cory was allegedly waiting for further instruction from Alex on what to do with the fraudulent expenses, that wasn't Alex directing or regulating Fleming's professional judgment in the Satterfield case? Here's some more, quote "during their 25 plus years of friendship. Mr. Fleming developed a strong trusting relationship with Mr. Murdaugh, never doubting for a moment Mr. Murdaugh's honesty, trustworthiness and fitness not only as a lawyer, but also as a friend. That friendship was destroyed on September 3 2021, when Mr. Fleming first learned of Mr. Murdaugh's professional misconduct, and tortious acts as later described in this response." okay, so Cory thought Alex stealing a portion of the money that was meant to go to the children of Alex's dead housekeeper could be described as honesty, trustworthiness and fitness not only as a lawyer, but also as a friend. Here's some more quote Mr. Fleming did not know of and did not participate in any conspiracy with Mr. Murdaugh to take funds belonging to the estate of Gloria Satterfield or any of its beneficiaries. Oh, Cory. Like we said, the response is a total of more than 70 pages. It's a minefield for any investigator who would like to go in and hide Like the bevy of contradicting statements, the question is this: willll, any of them actually do it.

[00:25:05] **Liz Farrell:** In addition to that question, we also have one about Cory's bond conditions. Now, you might remember in fall 2022 When Russell Laffitte was trying to lose one of his ankle bracelets, or at the very least get permission to be off federal home detention. He filed a motion for bond reconsideration. in it. He had a footnote noting that Cory Fleming state bond conditions were far less punishing. Cory was released on a \$200,000 bond, was not confined to his house, and did not have to wear an electronic ankle monitor. Turns out Cory's federal bond conditions were similarly different from Russell's. There was no ankle monitor and he was released on an unsecured \$25,000 Bond by federal Magistrate Judge Molly Cherry.



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Coincidentally, Molly Cherry, before she was appointed to her federal seat in 2020, at one time represented Cory Fleming, his law partner, Jim Moss, and their law firm in at least one civil case in Beaufort County about 20 years ago. Once again, that's how interconnected South Carolina is. We don't have a transcript to the bond hearing. So we don't know if that connection was noted for the record. Anyway, Russell's bond conditions allowed him to have alcohol but not to excess. Same with Cory's. That was contained in Section L. Now, Russell's conditions do not include sections M, N, or O though. Literally there is a chunk of blank white space under the section that notes his use of alcohol on Cory's. Now, this is the same form. He has a section M and it's checked, stating he will not use or unlawfully possess a narcotic drug or other controlled substances defined in 21 USC Section 802 unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner. Okay, Section N for Cory is not checked, but that would have required him to submit for drug testing. But Section O is checked and that requires Cory to participate in a program of inpatient or outpatient substance abuse therapy and counseling if directed by the pretrial services officer or supervising officer. So what is that about? Now? During the arraignment, Cory was repeatedly asked whether he was answering these questions with sound mind and under no undue influence. At one point his attorney Debbie Barbier a noted for the judge that Cory was on prescription medication that he had given the names of to the probation office. She said, quote, they have no effect whatsoever on his ability to understand and answer your questions. Judge Gergel responded, I actually have a copy of that. And I have seen those medications. He then stated for the record that he had observed Cory and he seemed to fully understand what they were doing. So again, what's happening here? Why is the court making a point to note that Cory can't take any controlled substances or narcotics without a prescription and why are they laying the groundwork for the potential of drug treatment? We have to point this out given Alex Murdaugh's purported drug use his connection to drugs in general, and his trafficking charge because it makes us ask the question about what, if anything, this could have to do with all that. So like we said at the beginning, Cory is going to be a slow simmer. There's so much to cover with him as we venture toward his federal sentencing and his state trial. We do not want the federal government cutting this man to deal with no real benefit to the bigger picture of Alex's crimes and we do not want anyone sitting on their thumbs. If this system is going to be cleaned up, then let's clean it up. And that should include looking at Cory's past cases and any signs that this was not his first rodeo with Alex the federal government and Cory seem to want to make this look like one bad decision. One bad situation, giving



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him one single charge to slap him on the wrist for but do we know this was just a one off for sure. For instance, is anyone looking into a 2012 civil lawsuit that involved Cory's cousin, his son, his wife, and Alex Murdaugh?

[00:29:13] **Mandy Matney:** In and of itself, this case isn't necessarily suspicious, but it does warrant some questions being asked to determine just how deep all of this goes and is the federal government actually asking these questions in this 2012 case that we found Alex Murdaugh sued Cory Fleming's wife on behalf of Cory Fleming's son, who was injured in some type of automobile accident in 2010. I say some type because we have read a lot of Alex Murdaugh's lawsuits, and the man was brief, and his complaints suspiciously brief. Like he wrote the absolute bare minimum to intimidate the other parties into settling which seemed to work well for him. Because well, the system was designed for good ol' boys like Alex. Anyways, according to Alex brief lawsuit, Cory son, who was also Alex's godson, was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Cory's wife Eve, when she quote "caused the minor child to exit the vehicle of the SUV. The minor child slipped on the wet bumper rack and fell to the ground, severely breaking his arm." How does that happen? Exactly? The lawsuit doesn't say in just a few sentences, it accuses Eve Fleming of quote, careless and reckless acts including directing the minor child to exit the vehicle from the rear, and failing to warn the minor child of the wet condition of the bumper rack and failing to exercise the degree of care as required by the circumstances then and there existing in violating the statutes and rules of the road which are in violation of the law and negligence per se. According to the lawsuit, Cory's son broke his forearm in the accident and developed osteomyelitis, the biggest word I have ever seen allegedly written by Alex Murdaugh. And that word means inflammation or swelling of the bone. And apparently this injury required multiple surgeries for Cory's son. The lawsuit doesn't say if the vehicle was moving or not. But the scenario described in this lawsuit doesn't make any sense to me. How is she violating the rules of the road by telling her kid to get out of the back of her SUV? And how exactly did he fall and break his arm? The lawsuit reminds me a lot of the Satterfield settlement that I found in 2019 Few details, few documents, a total of eight filings over two years. Like Satterfield, this lawsuit has Cory on one side and Alex on the other. In fact, the summons in the case signed by Alex Murdaugh, oddly state Cory's law firm Moss, Kuhn, and Flemming above his signature. It looks like they were sloppy and forgot to scratch off Cory's law firm in the template. So, again, it was sloppy, like the Satterfield case and so many others. In also like the Satterfield settlement, in this case, a good



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amount of money was paid out by the insurance company and guess who benefited Cory and Alex. Cory's cousin Jean Fowlkes was approved by the court to be the guardian ad litem and Cory's son's case, meaning his cousin served as a son's legal representative. So Cory didn't have to put his name on the lawsuit. He had a family member do that for him. South Carolina Attorney Barrett Brewer—not to be confused with Barrett Boulware—was assigned to represent Eve on behalf of her insurance company USAA. He filed a brief three-page answer to the complaint that essentially said that the complaint failed to state facts that would require a cause of action and that the complaint should be dismissed and poof, like magic more than a year later. USAA offered to settle the case for-get this-\$120,000 and Alex got a whopping \$48,000 off of that settlement. That is for essentially telling an insurance company that a kid broke his arm and that the mom is at fault. And by the way, Il Fleming Cory's wife is an attorney too and is still licensed to practice in South Carolina. And guess which judge approved this settlement. Carmen Mullen? So five years later, when Cory was suing Alex in Gloria Satterfield death for a suspicious amount of insurance money, shouldn't Carmen have said hum, wait a minute. Y'all just sued each other a few years ago, and y'all are BFFs? What is going on here? Exactly? And is this insurance fraud? Like, imagine if your kid breaks his arm while your spouse was watching him? And then your husband's best friend sues you on behalf of your son? And then you get around \$50,000 from your insurance provider, which is life changing money for so many people? How is that allowed? And shouldn't Carmen Mullen have seen the whole Moss, Kuhn, and Flemming template on the first page of the lawsuit and been like, Hmm, red flag? What is going on here?

[00:34:49] **Liz Farrell:** This isn't the only time we've heard of Cory and his wife filing an insurance claim involving Alex in some capacity. There's another incident that might need to be looked into involving a boating accident in which court He was docking his boat, and somehow his wife allegedly got injured. There is no complaint filed in the public index that we can find but allegedly caught his wife was represented by Alex in filing an insurance claim. Again, in and of itself. This is not necessarily suspicious, but look at some of the players there and look at what they've been accused of doing. Like we said, there's a lot more to Cory Fleming, and we plan to share everything we're finding with you as we go.

[00:35:33] **Mandy Matney:** In that sketchy 2012 case, it's not the first time that I've seen a case that Alex was representing a friend who was suing a family member for a



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car accident. Alex was representing Blanca Simpson, you know, the Blanca star witness in the Murdaugh murders trial who appeared to be suing a relative on behalf of another child. The case was filed in 2019. And like so many other of Alex's sketchy cases, it stalled until he was suspended from practicing law in 2021. It was then given to another PMPED partner, and guess who dismissed the case in February of this year. Judge Carmen Mullen. I'm not saying that the case shouldn't have been dismissed. But how is Carmen Mullen allowed to go anywhere near any of Alex Murdaugh's old cases? It just seems ridiculous. I've said it before. And I'll say it again, the longer the South Carolina Supreme Court stays quiet and does nothing about Carmen Mullen. And by that, I mean at the very least suspend her while a fair investigation is conducted. The integrity of our system is compromised and continues to rot from within. We aren't asking for much here. We just want for those who so steadfastly believe that we have a good system for electing judges here in South Carolina to show us that accountability exists for our judges here in South Carolina. I never know what to say when people ask me what is going on with Carmen Mullen, but I will say this, people should ask our South Carolina Supreme Court justices that question, email them, call them be pesky about it. They are in charge of policing our judges. And right now the message they are sending is that judges can get away with anything here in the land of no consequences. And don't worry, we have a lot more to say about our judges plan for a later episode. The South Carolina Attorney General's office in the US Attorney General's Office cannot pretend like they just fix the system with just getting Cory Alex and Russell, we all know it goes deeper than that. We know the quarry has a lot of tea that he can spill, if he's forced to spill it. The question is, will the Feds or the state actually get in there? Cory was really close with Alex Murdaugh. Could he know where the money went? Could he be the key to unlock the whole scheme and tell us what exactly Alex was up to for all those years Cory's name was brought up dozens of times throughout the Murdaugh murders trial. But I keep thinking about the part when Paul's friend Nathan Tuten, was being questioned.

[00:38:43] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Is there ever been a time where you cashed the check, brought it back to Alex's office and there was someone in his office?

[00:38:47] **Nathan Tuten:** Correct.

[00:38:49] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Multiple people, right? Is that correct?



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[00:38:51] **Nathan Tuten:** Correct.

[00:38:52] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Tell us who those folks were that you would have been there when Alex is sending you to get cash. You're coming back with the cash and there's someone sitting in his office.

[00:39:00] **Nathan Tuten:** Just different occasions. One particular occasion was Greg Alexander, who's I believe is chief police for Yemessee.

[00:39:10] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Okay.

[00:39:11] **Nathan Tuten:** Cory Fleming.

[00:39:13] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Do you know Cory Fleming?

[00:39:15] **Nathan Tuten:** I do.

[00:39:16] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** What is he? What did he do?

[00:39:18] **Nathan Tuten:** He was an attorney as well.

[00:39:19] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Okay.

[00:39:20] **Nathan Tuten:** Alex's best friend.

[00:39:22] **Unnamed Prosecutor:** Okay, and who else?

[00:39:23] **Nathan Tuten:** And Chris Wilson.

[00:39:28] **Mandy Matney:** So what is Cory know about those bags of cash? Exactly. Could Cory know enough to get other big fish fried in this case? One of our big concerns right now is finding out what Cory's role was in the boat crash or what his role was supposed to be before the cook family figured out the connection to Alex will Cory ever come clean about what he was doing with Connor cook and we need to find out what If any role Cory had in the Stephen Smith case, honestly, we are fearful of Alex connections to some members of the US Attorney's Office and the FBI



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in the aftermath of Alex unexpected arrest by sloughed in October 2021. Someone acting on ellex behalf reached out to the federal government almost immediately after it was clear that sled wasn't playing around. This person seemed to be trying to get the feds to take over at a time when logically the person had every reason not to trust Alex who remember had by at that point been accused of stealing millions of dollars from his own law firm. People who should have wanted to see Alex be held accountable. We're protecting him. We don't think that that has stopped, but we will keep asking questions about it until it does. Stay tuned, stay pesky and stay in the sunlight.

[00:41:15] **Mandy Matney:** True Sunlight is created by me, Mandy Matney, co-hosted by journalist Liz Farrell and produced by my husband, David Moses. True Sunlight is a Luna Shark production. Right, Luna?

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