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Mandy Matney 00:06

Hello and Happy Tuesday. Last week, we got back one of our FOIAs related to Bowen Turner's latest arrest. Y'all remember Bowen, right?. The Orangeburg, South Carolina man was accused of raping three girls. One accusation came in while he was awaiting trial for a another charge, the guy who got a sweet secret plea deal because his parents hired a lawyer legislator to defend them, who then violated the terms of his very lenient sentence and went to jail for a brief time, but then was led out on the anniversary of the death of one of his victims, and who then lasted for months before violating the terms of his parole again. Yep, that's Bowen Turner. We FOIAd the dashcam footage for his DUI arrest. And what we got back was disturbing, to say the least. He is everything we told you he is and worse, it is all right there on camera. We're going to break it down for you on True Sunlight this week, because it really was something. But today, I got to talk to Liz and Eric about our thoughts on the video and what we think it tells us about the justice system that basically created a monster. Also on the show, we talk about Eric's latest case protecting clients rights. This time, he and his partner Ronnie Richter are suing a lawyer legislator named Marvin Pendarvis of Charleston. Pendarvis is accused of forging his clients name on a settlement from law enforcement defendants and then trying to buy his way back out of the problem with a bag of \$50,000 in cash. It is a wild case, but super unsurprising because of how little the South Carolina bar seems to do in the way of protecting clients. Oh, and Premium Members of this episode will get an extended cut. That includes our complete conversation on the tricks of the foil trade and where we're at in our deep dive into the Stephen Smith investigation. Let's get into it.

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Liz Farrell 02:22

Cups up guys.

Eric Bland 02:23

Cups up. So good to see you. It's been so long.

Mandy Matney 02:27

It has been a long time.

Liz Farrell 02:29

How long has it been?

Eric Bland 02:30

Three weeks?

Mandy Matney 02:31

Yeah, three weeks.

Liz Farrell 02:32

Right? Gosh.

Mandy Matney 02:34

Yeah. Time flies.

Eric Bland 02:35

Tell us about Wichita, tell us about who was your travel mate?



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Mandy Matney 02:41

Yeah.

Eric Bland 02:41

And what you were doing.

Mandy Matney 02:43

So one of my best friends lives in Wichita. And about six months ago, this woman reached out to us who was a fan of the show. Her name is Kristen and she works for the Attorney General's office in Kansas. And she reached out saying like this is a long shot, but would you possibly want to come to Wichita to speak at the crime victims conference and I was like my best friend lives in Wichita and she has two babies that I haven't seen yet. And so I need to get to Wichita anyways, let's make this work. And then probably a month ago as we were planning the speech, it just hit me like Sandy should be here. This is a crime victims conference and I can talk about my experience with her and other people but it would be so much more impactful if Sandy was there. And I wasn't taking a speaker fee to begin with because it was like the crime victims thing. I just want to come to Wichita anyways, but I was like how about she gets it and then she can fly? And they said yeah, that's cool. And so we booked Sandy's flight. We paid for her upgrade to first class because it was her first flight ever and we were like we are yours first flight ever yeah with our first flight ever. Wow. And it was so sweet. She was zero stress. David and I were more stressed the entire walk right on the plane no problem. Yeah, zero stress whatsoever. And she was just I loved just looking over and like watching her watch the clouds because it was just because I just kept thinking like wow, if you've literally never been on a plane before this has to be a very different experience and



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but then the DC to sort of Wichita we had a very mean flight attendant and which was ridiculous. The flight attendant bully. Yeah. And she just put us all in horrible moods and it was a long day and a long flight and we were super busy with the show and that kind of sucked. And then Sandy took a different plane back. And we did our best to say like, do you want us to walk you through it? And she was like, no, no, no, I got it. And her frequent flight was delayed. That was the first strike. And it was delayed an hour and a half. And then she missed her connection. And, boy, it turned out she checked her bag because I don't blame her. Like you walk into the airport, and it looks like you're supposed to do something they're like, and I think they just told her to check a bag, and she checked it. And so our bag got lost. She got stuck overnight in Dallas. American Airlines was zero help. David was on the phone for 12 hours straight yelling at people. It was really something. He was finger pointing on the phone like yeah, listen, because they were all just trying, they were trying to send her home like a whole day later and not pay for a place and she was like all sleep at the airport. And we're like, no, you're not sleeping at the airport. American Airlines has to put you up somewhere. This is ridiculous. And oh my gosh.

Eric Bland 06:19

It wasn't weather related wasn't cancellation was it?

Mandy Matney 06:22

It was a gate broke or something to do with one of our gates. And so they had a backup of getting people out of the Wichita airport. And I gotta say Sandy is the biggest trooper in the universe. It took her a whole 24 hours basically to get home from Wichita, and she was in the

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Dallas airport. And then when she landed in Savannah, her bag wasn't there for like eight hours. And she was like, all stay at the airport. That's fine. And we were like, No, you could go home. But then her keys were in her bag that she checked, because we didn't. We didn't realize that she was checking a bag. It was a whole thing. And anyways, American Airlines was zero help. And I want to get that across.

Eric Bland 07:10

Well, you have.

Mandy Matney 07:14

They were horrible to Sandy. They were horrible to David. And well with somebody like Sandy that doesn't fly often. And like they just kind of bully you around and think that you have no right and think that like, they can do whatever to you. And it's terrible. And I hope that they fix it today. She's so good. She was happy as a clam the entire time, like I would have been so pissed off.

Eric Bland 07:42

And what did she say to you after she got home? What was her statement?

Mandy Matney 07:46

She was fine as it was; we have to take the good with the bad. And we had a great time and an awesome experience. Like, take the good with the bad. That's it. Yeah. And I was like, dang, we all need to, we all need to learn from Sandy because that was insane.



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Eric Bland 07:59

It's good advice. I've had some bad travel experiences. And I have kind of tried to take that approach on my last three times. The last three flights we've had, we've had delays and everything. And you know, we lost our baggage. And I'm like, You know what, there's worse things in life. And I think if you try to just go with the flow, right, much easier than just sit there and be angry. What do you think, Liz?

Liz Farrell 08:24

No, I was just gonna say I think it's a testament to what Sandy has been through in her life and the expectations that have been set for her in terms of people coming through for her good point, because I think you end up with a lot more tolerance when you're waiting for the justice system to kick in and actually give a crap about your son's death. Right. So I think that probably puts you in a much different frame of mind when it comes to like the little things in life like I because I know that all of us, you know, I think I've been flying since we were kids. And there's just a whole different expectation for us in when we go to the airport. But I think it takes it takes somebody has been through it to really deal with American Airlines in a way that's more Zen and peaceful.

Mandy Matney 09:09

And it's such a small thing like those are tiny to be stuck at the airport for a few hours to us. It's like a you can just really get wrapped up and like in just a bad like just one bad flight attendant put me in a bad mood. I'm a worse, but like Sandy is just like used to just dealing with that all the time and was able to take the good things like she was like,



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I've never been to Texas before and I get to spend the night in Dallas. Like oh my god, you're so sweet.

Liz Farrell 09:41

Like the worst place to spend a night in Dallas airport.

Mandy Matney 09:45

Oh, gosh.

Eric Bland 09:47

You know, it's funny you're mentioning Sandy and Stephen and then all I'm getting a lot of inquiries from the media about where this is, you know, it's it's, you know now Now we're in the spring. And there's no more Alex. There's no more real investigations. And, you know, I saw chief Kiel at the sentencing of Alex. And, you know, I said a load to him. And it wasn't really the right place for me to hammer him. But, you know, we are going to have a meeting with Alan Wilson, that was confirmed with Sandy. He's got some personal issues he's dealing with, but we're gonna be on the books, I think in May. So what do you guys hear? And I mean, I have nothing to tell, you know, when the press calls me and I know you guys were doing a real deep Mandy, Liz dive into the files. I mean, do you see any sunlight on the horizon? I mean, I'm starting to really, I feel bad.

Liz Farrell 10:45

I think this is a good time for us to bring this up, actually. So one of the things that we're doing in our deep dive is going into the personnel files of every state trooper who has responded to the scene, and who played



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a pivotal role in the case either not getting solved, or sort of punted off. And the South Carolina Highway Patrol has quoted us about \$1,000 to get to redact these files, which basically, you know, it's a prohibitive way...

Eric Bland 11:20

Because of an ongoing, vast, ongoing investigation.

Liz Farrell 11:23

No, no, no, it's just so what happens when you're doing FOIA and especially when it comes to personnel files, they run it through a lawyer and the lawyer does the redaction is usually or were maybe the HR director or something like that. But in South Carolina, it has been I mean, there's plenty of precedent for this. But redaction is not our problem. Yeah, that's for you, as a state agency, like you're redacting for yourself and your employees, you're not redacting for us to protect your right to protect yourself. And so the argument has been made several times that these agencies should absorb the cost of redaction and then the cost of retrieval can be on the people who are doing the foiling. So we're stuck right now in trying to figure out the best path forward for that, because there's a lot of we've gotten some of the personnel files back, we've gotten some of the Justice Academy files back. And we're already seeing things that are, I would just say, I wouldn't say like life changing.

Eric Bland 12:23

How do you challenge your redaction?



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Liz Farrell 12:25

We are going to.

Eric Bland 12:27

How do you? How do you know that they're not redacting stuff? That is not the social security number or the exactly.

Liz Farrell 12:33

Which is why we exactly engage an attorney, basically, we have to right.

Mandy Matney 12:37

And it's like, it's also like, why I don't want to pay you to hide information from us. Right? That's essentially what they're doing. And that's where the problem with our FOIA laws lies. And it just comes down to if you have enough money and willpower to fight these people, because they make it so difficult, especially when you're getting information that they don't want you to see. They make it extremely difficult, right.

Eric Bland 13:09

So let's say there's something that's redacted, and you smell that it's more broad than it should be. Do you have to start a FOIA suit? Yes. And then you would have to ask the judge to look in camera, which means in his chambers, he looks at it and he'll make the determination or she'll make the determination whether that was an appropriate redaction. But what if you're wrong? I mean, how do you know if you're right? How do you know if you're wrong? And not everybody has the money just to start a FOIA suit.



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Liz Farrell 13:38

Not just that. Everybody, Eric. Newspapers don't have the money. You know, the two, the three biggest papers or I shouldn't say three biggest papers. Three papers and major areas in South Carolina are run by the same corporation, McClatchy, the McClatchy company. So okay, that is a situation where you have now three newspapers that are basically operating off the same budget. So which is low when it comes to having to be able to fight these things? I remember the Post and Courier filed a lawsuit in Alex's case, early on with the murder investigation. They wanted the incident report and they wanted they fought the redactions on that too, didn't they? And I remember thinking at the time, like I don't know if that's one that I would dig in on because it's a murder investigation. And redactions are, that kind of comes with the territory, but with personnel files, what happens is, everything gets printed out. So think about it this way, like if you have a disciplinary action, and there's a ton of emails back and forth that end up in your file. It's not just the email to you know, Sally from Joe, it's the email from Sally to Joe and then all the other emails that were included in that thread. And that's one email that they'll, you know, staple and put in a person's file or whatever. So you end up paying for a bunch of stuff that you don't even need or want and you probably know this: your discovery, Eric, like the amount of discovery you guys ended up getting, right? And you're like most of this is...

Eric Bland 15:07

They inundate you so that you don't really catch sometimes on purpose.



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Liz Farrell 15:12

Yeah, right, exactly. And in this case, you're paying for a lot of extra stuff that you don't even need or want and they're not going to put any sort of critical thinking to that think you have to be the one that's doing the thinking and saying, like, I don't want repeat note, no duplicates. I don't want, like that kind of thing. Because then they're, they're what they're doing is they're taking this person's personal thought, and these, these personal files are like 800 pages a person. They're huge. And so it's like, okay, well, 800 pages, you know, divided by how many pages an hour to redact, divide, you know, times the hourly salary of this employee. And that's where they come up with this big number. So it's like...

Eric Bland 15:51

Do you ever get jacked for the copying costs to where you have to fight where they're not? They're not charging you for what the statute says they're charging like 10 cents a page or something?

Liz Farrell 16:03

Becky Hill was charging us \$4/page for digital copies. Yes. Early on digital copy.

Eric Bland 16:12

Get the hell out here.

Mandy Matney 16:14

And the Post and Courier, God bless their souls at the beginning, probably in 2021 or late 2022 before we started getting a lot of filings and things because we were paying for it over and over again. The Post



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and Courier put them on blast and wrote a huge story and then like the week, next week, they were free. So thank you Avery Wilks at the Post and Courier for doing that.

Eric Bland 16:38

Do these agencies just get bombarded though with FOIAs? Do they complain? Like we have 10 employees that are dedicated to responding to this stuff is do they or do they get ridiculous for us is my question I'm trying to find out.

Liz Farrell 16:56

Mostly from lawyers to be honest with you, when you look because because Mandy and I have a little trick we do where we FOIA for the FOIA list. So we like to FOIA to see who fired for things. And most of the people foiling are lawyers.

Eric Bland 17:11

And so but it is a good for it's a free form of discovery, you know, for sure, exactly.

Liz Farrell 17:15

It's a free form of discovery. Right. So then you have police agencies that are larger county agencies, they have people whose sole physicians are dedicated to managing those voices. And so that's why it can take a long time to get them back. Sometimes it's because but lawyers are not allowed to use a FOIA as a way around discovery.



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Eric Bland 17:37

Right. Right. So as long as it's a public document, I mean, do you find they're slow walking you or the detail you is part of an investigation, but it's really not that part of the investigation? Is there just a big tension when you do FOIA?

Liz Farrell 17:55

It's never smooth. It's rarely rarely smooth.

Mandy Matney 17:59

Yeah and the other thing that I want to complain about, about our FOIAs is, and thank God, we have Beth. Beth Braden, we'll tell her what to FOIA for and she does it and she keeps track of it but a big part of her job because they make this so annoying, is sending checks. Like going to the post office and sending in checks or money orders. The highway patrol only accepts money in money orders, which I didn't even know what that is. I had to look it up.

Eric Bland 18:33

Where do you go to Western Union to get a money order?

Mandy Matney 18:36

Yes, she has to go to Western Union. Like we have to pay Beth to go to Western Union to get information from our own government. And it is absurd. Like when my 12-year old cousin has fundraisers for her basketball tournament or whatever I can pay online. It's super easy. They've figured that out, why can't our government? I don't think I've ever filed a FOIA that I can pay in a way...



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Eric Bland 19:04

The government doesn't take Venmo or Paypal or anything.

Mandy Matney 19:08

One time Becky Hill took Venmo which that was strange. It was for when she was a court reporter which that's another weird thing. We were paying for transcripts for when she was a court reporter and she was just like, bring that to me, Venmo or whatever. And we're like, this is weird, but whatever. Again, when you don't have time to fight something and you don't have a full time first amendment lawyer who knows everything and is ready to go like, it is impossible, and they make it impossible and they make it hard by design. And there's got to be something better with our laws.

Eric Bland 19:52

How many do you guys have on deck at any given time? Three FOIAs, 8, 10, 12...?

Liz Farrell 19:58

Oh, no, there's a lot. At least 20? 50? I don't know.

Eric Bland 20:04

How do you keep up with it? Because they delay you they fade say, Okay, can you specify, you know, make your, your request a little bit more restrictive and not so broad. And so that's the back and forth. Yeah. Do you guys check your spreadsheet? But we use spreadsheet data?



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Liz Farrell 20:21

Yeah. Right. But before we do the FOIA, we talk about how to restrict it. Because, you know, just being around the block, we know how to ask for things in a way that doesn't distract the whatever agency you're fighting for, because you know that they're going to reject you wholesale, if you ask for it a certain way. So we try to be as specific as possible about what we want, like we're not going on fishing expeditions, which I'm sure that the Highway Patrol thinks that's what we're doing with these personnel files. But back to that, I will just say this, like, with your original question about what we're finding, in Stephens case, we do have some news to share. But we're gonna wait on that until we get more information from those personnel file. So we have some, you know, some pretty significant things that we're finding that I think we'll speak to.

Eric Bland 21:10

Is it a good news that that will ladder to better investigation, or is it really is a Nexus kind of information?

Liz Farrell 21:21

I think it's just more context to understanding how to take certain information. Because I think, especially when we look at some of the reporting by other agencies in the last year, and just sort of like how it seems like they're stating certain things, as fact, when it comes to who's, you know, the suspect or who's a person of interest, I think, I think it gives more context to that and understanding, you know, perhaps maybe like the integrity of that information. Cool. Yeah.



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Eric Bland 21:49

Well, I The point is I, you know, I was optimistic for a long time, based on my discussions with Chief Keel and I have to take him at his word until he proves otherwise. But I just feel like we're walking in mud a little bit.

Liz Farrell 22:05

Yeah. Yeah. It's hard to know without knowing what they're doing, right.

Mandy Matney 22:09

It's hard to know. And we were talking at the victims conference this weekend about this. Like, it would be nice if they would tell you in Sandy, like how many people that they've interviewed things like things like that.

Eric Bland 22:27

They don't necessarily write me a list of question. Send it to me, please.

Mandy Matney 22:31

Right. And just Yeah, because it just to show that they're doing something because then hiding behind it's an open investigation where an investigation against you, right, and it's just like are you putting in we also know that they are doing they're interviewing Becky's co author Neil Gordon for hours about Becky and it's like, okay, if you guys have time for Becky, then you should have time for Stephen.



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Eric Bland 23:00

And right but Becky, you're right, because Becky can't do any harm. And she's out of office. Yeah, she's like her office sees not it's it's not a position of power anymore where she can make the stuff or get rid of documents.

Mandy Matney 23:12

But it seems like low hanging fruit, right? It seems like low hanging fruit for SLED and I know that that's more difficult. But let's take a break and then we'll talk about Bowen Turner.

Liz Farrell 23:32

So Mandy, you were talking earlier about your flight to Wichita, and what you didn't tell people is while you were on the flight, we had some breaking news in Luna Shark, because one of our FOIAs came back and it was a FOIA that we put in directly after Bowen Turner was arrested again in March, I believe it was like March 9th. So I looked in our text messages to see what and it's like our little channels of history, but to see when we FOIAd for this big rush and for Liz, so he was arrested for DUI. He had flipped his vehicle and that wasn't enough for him. I think he had open container as well. But resisting arrest and that is the most important charge to us. As far as this boy goes, because you got to see it play out. So what we fired for was the dash cam for the responding officer. So we got three videos back. Two of them are very just videos of the scene so you can see what he did to his vehicle. It was pretty gnarly. Surprise, what kind of vehicle it was a pickup truck Silverado Chevy Silverado. And he turned it into, you know, a twisted piece of metal.



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Eric Bland 24:46

How old is he now?

Liz Farrell 24:47

He's 21. I believe he's 21, 22.

Mandy Matney 24:50

21 or 22.

Liz Farrell 24:51

Or something like that. But he is the guy for people who don't remember who was accused three times by three different girls in three different counties. of raping them of sexual assault and he was able to play that out to a single count of assault and battery and get a five year suspended sentence under the youthful offenders act in South Carolina and that is in large part because he could afford or his family made it so they could afford State Senator Brad Hutto as US attorney and that is a person who wields a lot of power. He has a very huge reputation in Columbia and certainly had a lot of influence in the Orangeburg County area. So as this sort of investigation got put off, and the families continued to get misled, one of the victims, Dallas Stoller died of a self-inflicted wound while waiting for justice to be done here. And in addition, the prosecutor David Miller was the entire time hoping for a judgeship. Still up for a judgeship. Is that right Mandy? He hasn't that has not been added yet. Yeah, it sure is. Yeah. So this sort of cookie deal seem to have been done. And this judge who doesn't ordinarily serve in the Orangeburg County Court happened to be in session that week, he was riding the circuit from Charleston, and they were able to slip this in



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and sort of a closed door secret plea deal. And it was very foreseeable, predictable, that this is an individual who did not deserve that grace of that sort of plea deal that allowed him to not serve any time and almost immediately, he was arrested for violating terms of his plea agreement. And in that arrest, you sort of saw this personality that you would expect from somebody who was accused of sexual assault three times by three different people in three different counties. He was rude. He was sexual in nature with the was that with the police officer, he was made comments, sexual comments.

Eric Bland 26:57

What a male police officer? A female?

Liz Farrell 27:01

No, a female, female. So when we got this FOIA back, so he got arrested, and he served some time for that.

Eric Bland 27:11

What does he do now? What does he do?

Mandy Matney 27:15

Nothing.

Liz Farrell 27:16

He says he works for a construction contractor.



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Mandy Matney 27:17

Construction. Yeah. Somebody who was related to them or something.

Liz Farrell 27:22

Yeah, there's some sort of connection to them.

Eric Bland 27:25

Is he a big is a big guy?

Liz Farrell 27:30

He's like six, pretty big, okay, he's a 5'11. And like 250 pounds or something like that, which we all get to see on full display in the front seat of the Highway Patrolman's car, because he had no shirt on.

Eric Bland 27:39

Who's driving without a shirt?

Liz Farrell 27:43

Well as somebody who was in a horrible car wreck, I think. But in November of last year, he was led out of prison, and it lasted what's November to March? Is that five months? Yeah, four months. So he lasted, he lasted four or five months before getting into trouble again. And unfortunately for America, for South Carolina, Bowen was almost immediately able to play get a plea deal on his three of I think three of his four charges. So he's already pleaded out on the DUI and the open container and such. He's still awaiting a hearing on his losers lawyer. Well, isn't that a great question? Eric? We're going to find out. There's no lawyer listed. Okay. And but we do know, we've gotten some



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information that he might still have a pretty influential lawyer on his side.

Mandy Matney 28:34

But yeah, he was able to, he was able to plead out for the DUI, which is largely upsetting because everybody knows somebody is, or everybody's seen a case, usually DUI cases take a really, really long time to do. It's really stressful. You have to pay a lawyer for months and months and months to quote unquote.

Eric Bland 28:54

I have one now for a client and we're nowhere.

Liz Farrell 28:58

So have you ever gotten a plea deal? Where a client has been able to play down their DUI within a week, three weeks? Was it no less than three weeks? Two and a half weeks?

Eric Bland 29:07

No, a prosecutor won't do that. It's not good.

Liz Farrell 29:10

It's not good. For the time served. you weren't Oh, no, no. Interesting.

Eric Bland 29:15

You know, there's Matt out there that watches these cases. This is extraordinary. Maybe we should talk to Matt.



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Mandy Matney 29:21

We should talk to Matt and I've met somebody recently.

Eric Bland 29:25

Yeah, we did. He gave me his card. We're at the victims rally. He was standing right with us where you guys were recording. So I have his card on my desk. I'll send it to you.

Mandy Matney 29:35

Yeah because I mean, we need more. Unfortunately, it's like we're making all sorts of noise about this and a couple TV stations have picked it up and whatnot. But a lot of people have asked me like, What can we do and even a petition of some sort. Bowen Turner just needs whatever max is possible at this point and that he needs a judge that actually cares. And there was a lot of discussion on Twitter about this guy needs to hit rock bottom, and he hasn't. And it's, it's really scary for the rest of us for what it has to take for him to hit rock bottom and hit rock bottom for him. And I didn't understand that I was like, This guy has been in the Daily Mail for being an accused rapist. He is like, the whole world knows who he is, how has he not hit rock bottom yet, and somebody on Twitter said like a person like that just need a person like that needs serious, serious punishment, because they are the he's shown the pattern that he is not learning. He has not learned from any of his crimes. And he's also learned from the system, the system has taught him that he can get out of everything over and over and over. And I thought it was very significant that he mentioned, take me to my grandma's house, take II talks about his mom. And it's very clear that his family is still protecting him and enabling him. And I hope to God, that



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him I hope his family watches that video, I hope every single person who's supported him in the last five years watches that video and see the person that he is. And it is highly highly concerning to see how he treats a woman of authority. And how he would treat any other woman when he treats a woman of authority a police officer and that way, he calls her a bitch, he is screaming. And it's just extremely disturbing.

Eric Bland 31:51

I would have thought given the amount of sunlight that you guys had put on this case and other other people, but mainly you guys didn't know magistrate or arresting officer or if there was a junior solicitor involved would have done this so quickly like this, you know, it's a little bit surprising to me.

Liz Farrell 32:10

It's disheartening, actually. Because even still, with all of that scrutiny and knowledge that this is going to come back on them. Whatever pressure they made, it might have felt in expediting those charges. And maybe that's because there's something bigger planned for him, I don't know. But the resisting arrest charge is not going to carry a whole lot of years for him. So right now he is in the custody of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, which is good. But I know that we've had this discussion on the show before and just how, you know, there's there's some sort of conversation that needs to be had like, he was a miner when he was accused of raping these three girls. Now I would argue that three accusations of rape from three different girls and three different counties signifies a giant problem. It's not just a singular incident where you can sort of say this is somebody who needs to but



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Eric Bland 33:06

He wasn't 14 years old. Let's be clear. Here. We're talking when you say minors, yeah, he's 16 old enough to drive a car.

Mandy Matney 33:13

16, 17, 18 years.

Liz Farrell 33:15

Old enough to drive a car 16. But here's the thing I think to myself, like okay, well does this intense amount of scrutiny that came with his case, then contribute to his behavior moving forward, right, like, is it sort of a self fulfilling prophecy at that point? And I'm sure that that's what the people in his life use as an excuse for his current behavior. But the person that we saw in that car with that highway patrol person, that is not somebody who is a, this is not the effect of the media on him. This is who he is at his core. And I think that was my sort of, I don't know if it's vindication but sort of absolution in seeing Bo and Turner in the front seat of this patrol car. And the cajoling the arrogance use of language use of language the...

Eric Bland 34:07

I'm surprised he didn't get a nightstick across the face. You know, usually if that's done somewhere scary, it's that's done somewhere. The officers have a way of tuning somebody up before they get to prison. And they say, Well, I was just part of the auto wreck. I'm surprised he didn't.



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Liz Farrell 34:23

Not with a dashboard camera anymore, Eric, they don't do that anymore.

Eric Bland 34:28

Well, it goes off the dashboard cameras magically says you know what? We clicked off. I don't understand it.

Liz Farrell 34:34

That's when he tripped and fell into the car. Right?

Mandy Matney 34:36

But that's what's so aggravating. I'm sure the highway patrol the Highway Patrol, I was probably aware of who he was and who his lawyer has been. And I was thinking about that too. Who has it? Who is that? That has been Brad Hutto, who is up for election this year. He is a state senator. So he's in the Senate. Correct? Yeah, and I was thinking about that too, like, this is just so unfair. 99% of people if they say one word to a cop, they are resisting arrest. It's resisting arrest, but they get beat up like you. He is a privileged defendant. They know that they'll have a lawyer, they know that they have a different system to work with. And then cops know that they can get away with a whole lot less. And not saying that that's the way to solve anything. But I was just absolutely disturbed and stunned watching that entire video. And it's just stomach wrenching because over and over, I was just thinking, this is the monster that our system has made.



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Eric Bland 35:48

This is just, look I don't want to talk ill about the dead, but it certainly reminded me of Paul's behavior after the boat crash.

Liz Farrell 35:57

He makes Paul look like a gentleman Eric, he makes Paul look like a ballerina. Wow. Like, I mean, honestly, wow. It's that egregious.

Eric Bland 36:08

And you guys release the video, right? Do you release the video to the world or just to our members?

Mandy Matney 36:14

To the world because we were like this is so important. People need to see this. And again, it goes back to back and 2019 when or 2018 when Dallas said that she was raped. A lot of people in our community stood up for this kid, including teachers, including adults within our community, within Orangeburg, bullied Dallas, and other kids made justice for Bowen. Hashtags are Free Bowen hashtags. Every single one of them should take a look at that video and say this is the monster that I protected, that I enabled and that I helped create. And I hope that some of them learn a big giant lesson, including Judge Mark Lee Dennis who approved Bowens who approved the plea deal, because I mean, I understand Brad Hutto is a defense attorney. And that's a whole separate thing. But when it comes to the people representing our system, and the people representing the state of South Carolina, and that's a problem, Brad Hutto also represents the state of South Carolina wall representing a thrice accused rapist and fighting for him. And it's



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just extremely concerning that they looked at this kid with so many problems and said, Good luck, buddy, we're gonna give you a free pass on this one. And they forever should feel horrific about that decision. And they, I hope that they go to bed every night. And I hope that they think about it, I hope that it haunts them, I hope that they're terrified. Because if he if he raped somebody again, and it's amazing that he didn't hurt anybody in that car accident, he is a danger to society. And if a judge does not see a danger to society and does something and stands up for the public, and does something about it, then I What is the point of our entire system?

Eric Bland 38:23

You're so right, that there are a lot of times that somebody can be really dressed up and cleaned up. And they come in with, from a, you know, a well to do family or, you know, supporters that are teachers and principles. And, somebody that is standing before a judge looks like well, he looks like a really nice kid, you know, this is just partying and you know, maybe it was consensual, maybe it was not. I think what you see in that video, and David just sent me the picture is the real person. And I think that the judges, the prosecutors, the victims advocates, everybody has to maybe pause a little bit and say, Let's peel the onion a little bit. Is the guy in front of me in the blue blazer and the khakis the real person? Or is it the person that we see in the car because you just said something that is so poignant man, and that is he's now going to become more and more aggressive. The odds of him just getting the light clicking on and the contrition happening where he's going to just toe the line. This kid is heading down a bad path. And it doesn't look good, where it's going to and he's going to feel persecuted, probably



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going forward with as many different things have happened and people talking about it. Somebody better keep a close watch on this guy. That's the bottom line.

Liz Farrell 39:41

He's not just on a bad path. I mean, he is far down the road. He is, we are looking at him and I mean, he's looking at us in the rearview mirror. That's how far down the path he is. He you know, the thing is, you can dissect some of the things that he said in this video that are so telling as to how he views himself Yeah, and within the justice system. So one, he talked about being a white boy and how he doesn't belong in jail. So obviously he views jail as something meant for brown people, people of color, so he's a racist. Yeah, racist. That seems like a pretty racist thing to say to me call is racist. He obviously thinks that, you know, because I would love to have seen what he would have been like with a male patrolman in the front seat driving, would he have felt as comfortable? You know, there's fear. If you took the entire span of his speaking, he spoke almost the entire time he was sitting there, there were very few areas where he paused to the point, like think of it like a child begging their mother for a lollipop. Where's Mom, please, mom? Mom, Mom, please. Instead here, it's ma'am, please, ma'am, ma'am, please. And it was over and over and over again. The other thing is, it was very triggering from survivors of sexual assault standpoint, because you're talking about somebody who goes through the begging for access, let's say, begging, then apologizing, then putting it on you that you're the frigid one, you're the cold one. So with her, he would constantly say, Well, I know how you are. I know, I know what you're about, basically saying, because he had determined in his mind that she was a lesbian,

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that that's why she's acting the way she is, you know, I know how it is. I know it is that kind of thing. So there were so many things that you could break down and look at and be like, this is actually not just something that developed as a result of, you know, feeling persecuted, like you said, Eric, it's something that developed as a result of who he is as a person what his upbringing was. And like you said, Mandy, you have this entire culture in Orangeburg, especially as it surrounds the school, they went to that so badly, either he looks a lot like them, and their behavior. And so that is scary. Or they so badly want him to be one of them that they overlook all of this. And I don't know how, after watching this video, any magistrate judge would have been able to say time served for the DUI. And I don't know, I don't know, if the Highway Patrol prosecuted this. Do we ever find out whether there was an actual prosecutor here, because in South Carolina, the law enforcement often prosecutes DUI cases, which is absurd. And in magistrate court? Yeah. And so what that means is that they go up against these attorneys, and they barely have a chance because most cops, almost all of them, in fact, did not go to law school. So they are not lawyers.

Mandy Matney 42:46

And they shouldn't be. And I mean, the fact that this was this, this should have been escalated. And nothing in the judicial system ever works that quickly, a charge within three weeks, already disposed of like nothing works that fast. And it is extremely suspicious. And we're going to look into again, these are more people that we are adding to the list of the enablers who have blood on their hands.



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Eric Bland 43:15

Why is it that he sees me sitting in the front seat in the car after he commits an accident? And you know, he's DUI, they suspect he's DUI? Why did they let him in the front seat of the car and should be in the backseat of a car?

Mandy Matney 43:28

Okay, so this is crazy, but from what a few police, law enforcement sources have said, and a lot of people online is that highway patrol does not have a cage or a barrier in their vehicles. And with somebody like Bowen and Turner, you do not it is safer to have them next to you than behind you, which that makes sense. But why? And I guess Highway Patrol is typically doesn't transport defendants so I don't know what happened.

Eric Bland 44:01

What are you going to do? Exactly? She should have the Highway Patrol stops or DUI or somebody standing or exactly what what are they what are you talking about?

Mandy Matney 44:13

And also, like we, we have a problem with our dog Luna. She always comes into the front seat, and she is so demanding, and she's 90 pounds, and we tried to put several barriers up and couldn't do it. So we got a bliss cage, basically to separate the front from the back of our car. And we got it off of Amazon, but it works great. So like why can't they at least do that as a solution that would at least be a little bit, at least some sort of barrier. There is no reason why Highway Patrol should not have



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barriers in their vehicles and that again, and the other thing that I was thinking about watching that video.

Eric Bland 44:50

Just sends the wrong message though, if you put a potential defendant in the front seat of the car, you're treating that person as an on criminal almost, you want that person to be afraid when you get pushed into a backseat of a police car? I did one time I got in a massive fistfight when we were in Avalon, New Jersey and and we were put in but you get scared. There's a big difference between being in the front seat in the backseat of a police car.

Mandy Matney 45:17

Oh yeah. And the other thing that I was thinking about in this is just representative of our system is why they didn't have a thrice accused rapist. Why on earth, they didn't have somebody else in that car with them. Another officer would have. And I mean, that police officer for backup, yeah, for backup for safety reasons and to protect women, for God's sakes, protect women from this man, like we have we've shown over and over how he is a danger. And kudos to Sierra Renee Kalamarez. She was amazing. She was awesome. The highway patrol officer did a fantastic job. She kept her cool. She was unbelievably amazing. But also she shouldn't have to be concerned for safety in that way. And she shouldn't have to have to handle so many things at one time, and there should have been backup in that vehicle. Because that's a dangerous person.



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Liz Farrell 46:16

Did you hear when she called for backup, she did call for backup at the jail. She said that she did. Yeah. She said she had a combative subject. And he overheard her. What's so funny to me is that he was anyone who wanted to say, oh, he acted the way he did because he was drunk. Even though he was denying that he was drunk. He picked up on her because she was talking very softly into her radio, that I have a combative subject. And he just snickered and said, You know, I'm not combative, and like so he heard her. He understood what she was doing. But she wanted to be met with other officers in the Sallyport. So that, you know, obviously, you wouldn't overtake her. And it's just and for good reason.

Mandy Matney 46:57

It's just some bladder control.

Eric Bland 46:59

He's out of control. He is out of control.

Liz Farrell 47:02

So with that said, we will be right back.

Mandy Matney 47:18

So Eric, you had a busy week, you want to talk about the Pendarvis case?



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Eric Bland 47:22

We did. We, you know, we got this case where there's a state representative of Marvin Pendarvis, out of Charleston, young lawyer up and coming here his name a lot. A pretty good attorney does a lot of cases where he sues the government for wrongful imprisonment or something happens in a jail or prison to an inmate. He represented Adrian Lewis, in a situation where Adrian was arrested in alleged false imprisonment because he was with his daughter, there wasn't a custody order that said he couldn't be with his daughter. Ultimately, the charges were dismissed. And, you know, he spent time in jail. Pendarvis got the case from another person. The allegations are that he told the client that the case was worth a couple, you know, over \$300,000, the client was insistent on going to trial, Adrian Lewis, the case survived summary judgment, which means it's going to trial that in the civil realm, the defense file summary judgment, meaning the county and they would be able to get it dismissed if there wasn't a legally cognizable claim. And the judge held that there was and it was going to go to trial, and he wanted to go to trial. And the allegations are that it was settled for \$10,000. And the allegations in the complaint are that Marvin signed Adrian's name without his consent, he forged his name. Once Adrian found out that there was a settlement all hell broke loose. And then Marvin did the mistake of trying to use self help to correct something that he did wrong. And he tried to give money to Adrian first he gave him two checks totaling \$6,600. Adrian said, No, that's not acceptable. I didn't settle this case. Then he tried to give him another check for \$15,000, which Adrian would not accept. And then the allegations are that he showed up to his house with a bag full of cash.

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Liz Farrell 49:39

Not just a bag full of cash, Eric \$50,000 is what the allegation is. That's a lot of money to show up at a doorstep with.

Eric Bland 49:45

I don't know anybody that carries that kind of cash or has that kind of cash, but be that as it may. The real problem is he wrote checks out of his escrow account. So just so that our listeners know, a lawyer has two accounts. We have The operating account. And then we have a trust escrow account. And anything in the escrow account belongs to the clients. It's not my money, it's their money. The interest in that account is called an IOLTA. And it goes to the bar. And so if I'm going to make a settlement, and let's say 100,000, comes into my escrow account and my fees 33%, I have to take my 33% and write it over to my operating account before I can take it because it's got to be accounted for. And then I write the remainder of that money to the client. Well, I may have three or four or five settlements at one time in escrow at different points where I'm paying off medical providers. He was writing checks, if it is to be believed that it was a \$10,000 settlement, he was writing checks from his escrow account for more than that \$10,000. So that means he was writing checks from other people's money. It's a, it's another black eye on our profession. Certainly the added component that he's a state representative is troublesome. But everybody should have learned what happened here. On the Murdaugh case, when you do these kinds of things when you take money. I don't know, I don't know why he would have done it. He certainly knows better. But, you know, this has so many different layers. Again, it has the layer component of the lawyer who has betrayed a client invasion of the trust

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account, when we file a legal malpractice case complaint like this, we notify the bar, and we provide a copy to the bar because the bar, we have rules under the rules of professional conduct. If we have noticed that somebody in our bar is violating the rules, we have a duty, we're duty bound to notify the bar because they have to shut him down. If he's invading his trust account. For Adrian Lewis, there is the possibility that he could be invading it for other purposes, maybe his own. Remember it. Mandy is selling a house and the buyer comes in and pays me that money. I have a duty to pay off Mandy's mortgage, and then the net money goes to Mandy. So let's say Mandy's house sells for 200. And she has a mortgage of \$140,000. Well, she'll get the 60, which is the net money and then 140, I gotta go pay off. Let's say she has Bank of America as well. There have been times where lawyers don't pay off that mortgage right away. And they use the money that \$140,000 Mandy thinks her mortgage is paid off, she's already moved into a new new house. And the lawyer says, You know what, I'm gonna buy stock from that, I'm going to take \$50,000 I got a stock tip that I can buy. And I'll put that money back next week, and then I'll pay off the mortgage, Mandy will never know it. It's no problem. And what ends up happening is that stock tanked. Now, he doesn't have that \$140,000 to pay off the mortgage. And Mandy is rocking along in her new house, thinking that the mortgage is paid off. And all of a sudden, she starts to get notices from Bank of America that says, hey, you have made your monthly payment. And so that's why these trust accounts are so dangerous for lawyers and why our a bar must stay on top of when they hear that somebody is invading a trust account, because there's so much money in trust accounts. Can you imagine in personal injury firms, and I'm not saying PNP do but I'm just going to use them as an example. They

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settle cases for millions and millions of dollars, and they have 20 attorneys. So think about how much money could be in their trust account from all these different settlements. And they're paying off medical providers and funeral bills and all these different things. And they're waiting for court approval. So think about the millions in their trust account. Well, when you have a solo practitioner, like Marvin, and he represents a lot of different people at any given time, there's a lot of money in the trust account. And it becomes something that a lawyer keeps looking at and looking at becomes enticing. And he says to himself, well, if I take a little bit out now and then I got another fee coming in next week, and I'll replenish it. It's a bad thing. And we're never allowed to touch our touch our trust account. So it's serious. The bar needs to look into this. And I'm sure they are, but it also now they the citizens of Charleston have to look at this man and think about hey, is this the kind of guy that we should have representing us? And that's a decision for them. I'm not making it for them. But that's a decision because it goes to his character.

Mandy Matney 54:46

Well, but you said something that I just want to comment on. You said lawyers should have known from Alex Murdaugh that you can't get away with us and I disagree. I think our bar has not been hard enough on those involved. I don't think our bar has done enough to show that the buck stops here. I don't think that the bar has done nearly enough to show that you cannot get away with this. In Alex Murdaugh's case, he had to literally murder his family before people started looking at him and then before, and we had to scream from the rooftops for Cory Fleming to get disbarred.



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Liz Farrell 55:31

And look at that as a travesty. Yeah, yeah. Look at what happened to Cory as an injustice.

Mandy Matney 55:36

They cried. Other lawyers cried with what happened to Cory Fleming.

Eric Bland 55:41

I did not know.

Mandy Matney 55:47

But like, that's what I'm saying is there were other lawyers that were involved in Alex, that looks the other way that helped him become the monster that he is. And, of course, I'm sure Pendarvis saw that whole thing and was like, I could get away with anything, because you pretty much could. That was the lesson of Murdaugh. That is the lesson that our bar put out with Murdaugh, you can get away with anything unless you kill your family, and the entire media is after you. And that is why they have to go beyond people who were involved in this besides Alex and Cory.

Eric Bland 56:27

I firmly believe, Mandy, if you had not found that \$500,000 petition for the settlement of the Satterfield, I'm not so sure that the extent of his victimization of clients would have ever been publicly disclosed. Now, the law firm, obviously was doing their investigation with Jeanne second year on the Chris Wilson money. So let's play that out. They find



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out that he took it. That's internal money. Would they have gone beyond that?

Liz Farrell 57:04

To look into his files? There's no incentive to do that. No incentive.

Mandy Matney 57:07

Why would they write and there's no bar to tell them not to.

Liz Farrell 57:11

And they didn't go back that far, Eric. In the investigation that they did do the investigation they did post Alex finding out about Gloria Satterfield was limited. They you know, we, of course, we know about cases that go back, what, 15 years or so 16 years, but as far as the forensic accounting that they did, it was the limited in scope.

Eric Bland 57:34

So how do you know that? I never heard that. How do you know that?

Liz Farrell 57:37

Sources tell sources. Okay. I've been told myself, okay, yeah. But there's two things here that I noticed. One is that Representative Pendarvis, when you look at the span of his career, he became a representative soon after he became an attorney. So they commit attorney in 2014. And he was elected to office in 2017. So now you're looking at that, you know, this isn't a very long career, but it's one that is mostly been had while in office while being legislator lawyer. So that's a culture unto itself that we talked about ad nauseam on this show and untrue



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sunlight, the legislator lawyers think of themselves differently. They think that they're beyond reproach. So that's just that's just me who he's part of that that club. The second thing is that I don't know why, obviously, in addition to like, the bar has not shown itself to be interested in at it at all in being more fierce about its existence. I know that lawyers fear losing their license more than anything. I know that that's a thing. But I think they're just lucky that most people abide by the law. I don't think there's any sort of like enforcement that's happening that's meaningful. But why doesn't the bar seek to educate clients? Because, and I think that's what we want to do. And through the show, right, it's to teach, we're doing it we're doing right. The Why isn't there something that you can hand a client like? Adrian Lewis, yeah. It says, like, here are the things that you can you legally unless legally do for you. And you have the right to expect from me.

Eric Bland 59:15

Or you think you think we want to invite people that as a bar, invite clients to get more educated than they should be to sue us? I mean, yes, Liz, do you understand that to other lawyers, to other lawyers and firms passed on Adrian's case, it got to us because the second lawyer said, Look, I don't want to do this. I don't go after other lawyers. But you know, Ronnie Richter and Eric Bland. Do I mean, wait me, you're crazy. You think that right bar is going to invite right clients to become more educated to sue us. I think it's the right thing to do.

Liz Farrell 59:53

Listen to what you just said, Eric. That that's it to go after other I will not go after other lawyers rather than I will defend the rights of clients like



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that. That is insane it is it's what we do in shame on whoever that was shame on you. Shame on you. I hope people in your circle know that you passed on it.

Eric Bland 1:00:14

And lawyers have no problem soon doctors we have no problem soon an architect journalists for libel defamation. Wait a second put all of a sudden when hell hell no. I can't do that. I'm not going to sue another lawyer. Why would they look at me funny in a bar meeting or at the country club. But that's what Ronnie and I've been doing since 1998.

Mandy Matney 1:00:37

Well, and thank God for that because a this is such a huge problem. And it I was just thinking like, the amount of people on Twitter who give me crap every single day for saying that. Shame on Dick Harpootlian for fighting for Alex Murdaugh, to the extent he does shame for Brett Hutto for fighting for Bowen Turner to the extent that they did, lawyers have zero problem fighting so hard for the scum of the earth. And meanwhile, they're like, oh, no, I cannot go after another lawyer tisk tisk tisk tant can't do that. It's just, it's a very, it's a system that we have to talk about in a system that we have to realize that we can improve. And like Liz said, a way of improving that is empowering clients.

Eric Bland 1:01:29

One client trust invasion is too many. I want you guys to go back for the last 20 years. If you can put Beth Braden on it. You would not believe how many lawyers have invaded their trust accounts over the past 20 years. It happens two or three or four times a year on the advance



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sheets where we find out that you know about that we know of that somebody's been disbarred or temporarily suspended or, you know, we don't know about private letter cautions because they're not printed publicly, or things like that. But it one is too many. And we have four or five year of lawyers invading trust cats. They're the ones that are caught and caught, right? How many do borrow \$100,000 and then get into a real estate transaction and it makes money and they put the \$100,000 back, that is wrong. Just because you put it back. You don't get to take an interest free loan from somebody from your trust account. It's just insane.

Liz Farrell 1:02:30

Can we talk about the reasons why lawyers don't want to go after each other? I think obviously, the the number one reason is just that. Because it's like, you know, they're they're my people, right? Lawyers are my people. So I don't want to go after them. But the second reason is that I think in particular in South Carolina, you know, people say to us all the time, like what a small little world the lawyering community is in South Carolina because you hear the same names come up and over and over again. It is one of the most cliquish. I don't know if childish is a juvenile, the way these guys power over each other. It's almost political. Like it's almost like politicians.

Eric Bland 1:03:12

You'll see in my book the reactions that I've gotten from judges and other lawyers for a portion of Ronnie and my practice of suing lawyers, if you would think that we're the worst people in the world, like how dare you do that? I remember my kids being ridiculed at school from your



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father's the one that's suing my father. You know, we've sued Nelson Mullins next to Pruitt McNair, the big bigs, I don't understand it either. We're in the business of seeking redress for victims. Why do lawyers have a special license? I mean, we put our pants on the same way. We put our shoes on the same way. I would think we're we are self policing profession. So I would think we want to clean ourselves up, because we have we've been held in disrepute for so long. The best thing in the world is if lawyers therapy 30, Ronnie's and Eric out there suing lawyers. The problem is it's Ronnie and me, Thomas Pendarvis. And that's about it, who are willing to sue lawyers. I'm telling you the truth.

Liz Farrell 1:04:16

And Thomas defensive as well. But let's also just talk about this for one. So it is not a requirement for lawyers in South Carolina to have malpractice insurance. So there's not a treasure trove for lawyers to pick out if there was sort of this requirement that lawyers carry a certain amount of malpractice insurance. I guarantee lawyers would have more interest in picking it because they love nothing more than to pick through an insurance policy. Right. So there's that problem. Good point. The other thing is that I think when we talk about the legislator lawyer issue in South Carolina, it's probably hard for people that understand how toxic This is to the entire system itself. It's not just about this little group of people who get to choose the judges who then rule on their cases. It's about the power that they get and wield over other lawyers in the state so that those other lawyers don't want to cross the lawyer legislators because of the power they have over judges, because your meal ticket is to be able to get favorable judgments from judges, right. It's to be able to move that case forward.

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Eric Bland 1:05:18

Not have it stall not have it dismissed.

Liz Farrell 1:05:20

Not have it dismissed. And there are certain judges in South Carolina who know how to play that game. And they are they are willing to take out another lawyer legislators battle to take on that fight for them in the courtroom, even if that has nothing to do with the lawyer legislator, you know, at hand. So I think that's what when we're talking about where the toxicity lays, it's, I think those two things are very large. The fact that you guys don't have to have malpractice insurance means that there's little incentive to go after other lawyers to begin with. So if there, there was some sort of insurance policy there.

Eric Bland 1:05:57

Yeah. But you're talking about solo practitioners, most, most law firms have to have malpractice, because when they do real estate closings, they do. But the Crip it's mainly criminal defense lawyers, believe it or not, they don't have malpractice.

Liz Farrell 1:06:12

Insurance just keeps getting better, right? And then yeah, and then the lawyer legislators, it's just, it's not just about the choosing the judges, it's about that. And they do not want to let go of that power. Because they know that that power means something to other lawyers who are willing, unwilling to challenge them because of it.



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Mandy Matney 1:06:26

And they've designed the laws so that they can get away with all this. And I think that that's the thing that I keep, like they have designed a system so that they can win. And now this system has got to stop electing so many lawyer legislators.

Eric Bland 1:06:42

Yeah, what's the answer? What is the answer that if you're in the legislature, you, you can appear in front of courts while you're in the lead? I don't know if that's the answer, you know?

Liz Farrell 1:06:53

The answer is they have nothing to do with choosing judges, that would be the answer. Because if you don't have that power, right, then if you have no influence over the judges, then you have no influence to wield over other lawyers outside of the legislature.

Eric Bland 1:07:06

And I think we need to take away the legislative immunity. Yeah, basically 679 months out of the year, because you have a case, you hire a lawyer. It's not fair.

Liz Farrell 1:07:18

Don't take a case, if you don't have time for it don't take it.

Mandy Matney 1:07:21

It just skews the entire system. Because if you're a doctor, you can't do that. So you're not going to run to be a state representative. Because



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you know, that you can't go to you can't go to Columbia for this amount of time. It's just an incentive for lawyer legislators to run because it's like, oh, I can get out of work for this amount of time. And I enough, I'm a defense attorney, then I can use this to my advantage. So it's just the the the perks just keep coming for them. And they have designed it. So it's for them. And so we have to find a way to take it back. And we figured them out. And it's not right. And we have to change it.

Eric Bland 1:08:00

What's up with the Colucci case, guys, is that common? Tell us real quickly. We're almost at the end. Tell us about Colucci. What do you got?

Mandy Matney 1:08:07

Well, it's funny because the we've been talking about Bower Turner. We've been talking about people, lawyers who get away with everything. And they just keep going. We've talked about Alex Murdaugh for a very long time. These people have patterns, and we have found a pattern with Michael Colucci. That is horrifying. I just keep seeing pattern of and they're they're all happen to be men of the so many. They keep getting away with things over and over again. And they're in the same system of men with privilege and men with power. tend to get away with things. And this is all not. This is all related. And this is all purposeful. It's designed this way so men like this can get away with it. And I was just so frustrated last week, we were going through the clergy case. Colucci has got so many brushes with the law, we're talking about people with that have brush after brush with the law. And police officers just believing him police used to. He's used to



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police officers coming and saying, Oh, this happened blah, blah, blah. And he said this happened and then they don't follow up on him. And they they just believe what he said. So before his wife was murdered, or killed, whatever we want to say. He just kept getting away with things over and over and the system just allowed them to do it and I hope to God that the Attorney General's Office is listening and they are realizing that they can do something about this man because again, as we've seen a toe in Turner and so we've seen with Alex Murdaugh, they just keep getting more dangerous. The pattern becomes they have a brush with the law. They have brought softer brush they get away with it, get away with it, get away with it, and then they they keep going and they get more dangerous and they they end up hurting or killing people. And I hope that our work on the Colucci case is shining the light on that. And Liz, you can go from there.

Liz Farrell 1:10:15

Yeah, so there's a couple of things I want to say about Colucci. One, we talked about the symmetry of sunlight. But disappointingly, the Attorney General's Office seems to think that Michael Colucci was on house arrest at his parents house. And that has not been the case since April 2018, which is before his first trial, which means that we've gone six years now without apparent accountability as to where his location is, and reports of him violating the terms of his house arrest, including we've seen ourself questionable photos on Facebook, videos on Facebook, that were sort of show us that he might not be adhering to those rules. The other thing is that we get accused a lot of not understanding what defense attorneys do, and not understanding that people deserve a defense. We talked about this a lot. But I have to say



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that both Mandy and I have been while also horrified by Andy Savage just because he is so savage. You can see that he is using the law. He's using his skills more than Dick and Jim did. And I'll specifically talk about Dick. There's so much bluster in how did commanded himself in the courtroom. So much trickery, some so much bluster so much, half truths and twisting. That's what we were always complaining about when it came to Dick and Jim. With Andy Savage, he is so much more methodical. And I just I think that people are really going to when the retail happens, are really going to find that sort of difference between the two.

Eric Bland 1:11:57

The two sets of legal teams is really good. I have been I've watched him in the War Room. Remember, I was part of the Slager, Michael Slager civil team, but I, he asked me to cross examine Michael Slager before he went to trial, and I did and Andy...he is a lawyer's lawyer. I mean, he just came up every stone is overturned, to look to see what's under it. He's not a guy that flies with the seat of his pants. He is extremely, extremely well prepared.

Liz Farrell 1:12:27

He really is. I mean, it's scary. He's scary good. That said, we've criticized the prosecution a lot in the Colucci case, the first case, and I feel very justified in that as we get more and more people watching the first trial. We've gotten more feedback from friends of ours who are attorneys who also tell us that the things that we're seeing are really egregious. So the prosecution repeatedly not objecting to things that any normal attorney would object to, from Andy, just sort of allowing and II to state



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things as fact that certainly aren't fact. They really bombed it. And so we're hoping that in the retrial, that the Attorney General's Office sees that as their second act with the Murdaugh case that this is a time to shine, this is a time to show that the state is paying me as a prosecutors to go above and beyond in terms of putting the right people behind bars. So I'm hoping that is the case. I'm a little bit discouraged by some of the things I'm hearing behind the scenes in terms of where the Attorney General's office is in prepping for the case and some of the basic facts that I wish that they would have seized upon earlier, but only seem to now be seizing upon. So it's gonna be a wild ride, Eric, it's going to be I mean, for Andy, he's How old is Andy? He's in his late 70s. Is that right? This is sort of his swan song. Right? Yeah.

Eric Bland 1:14:05

And he's had some health issues and he just keeps fighting along and yeah, he he's probably towards the end of his career and I think he wants to get a good result on that.

Mandy Matney 1:14:19

And so with that, cups down everybody.

Eric Bland 1:14:20

Boy what a great show. We covered a lot.

Liz Farrell 1:14:23

Cups down.



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Eric Bland 1:14:24

Cups down.

Mandy Matney 1:14:35

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