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Mandy Matney 00:02

I think I know who might have killed Maggie and Paul Murdaugh and while these details are hard to fathom it's been a long time coming. Alex Murdaugh should be facing murder charges soon and this week we should be closer than ever to the truth of what happened on June 7, 2021. My name is Mandy Matney. I have been investigating the Murdaugh family for more than three years now. This is the Murdaugh Murders Podcast with David Moses and Liz Farrell. So we're back. And as always, when we take time off, it has been a baptism by fire coming home. I won't lie and say that it was a huge surprise coming home to news of murder charges finally coming against Alex Murdaugh. About a month ago we were told that the Colleton County grand jury was set to hear evidence against Alex Murdaugh and the double homicide of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh. This July we were initially told it was going to happen last week. So Liz, David and I packed up our podcast studio and were fully prepared to break the news wall on vacation. Then while living my best life frolicking around a Jamaican pool with a cold pineapple drink in hand, I got a text from my best source in his case saying something along the lines of enjoy your vacation, it isn't happening this week. So the universe gave us the break that we really needed. And on Tuesday morning, Will Folks of FITS News got the green light to publish the big news. Agents from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, also known as SLED, as you all know, by now are scheduled to present evidence against Alex Murdaugh in the double homicide of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh this Thursday, July 14 2022. And that is a big deal. But like we said, this news has been a long time coming. We all feel like we've been waiting forever for this. So on Tuesday afternoon, I spoke with Will Folks about the breaking news.

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Will Folks 02:24

I think it's something everybody knew was coming. I mean, over the last few months we've been reporting and you've been reporting on all the evidence that's been accumulating, in fact, we had law enforcement sources telling us as recently as June that there's a mountain of evidence implicating Alex Murdaugh and these killings. And so I don't think today wasn't a surprise. I think it's just the timing. And certainly the fact that this was, you know, almost immediately confirmed by the family confirmed by his attorneys. You know, I think that just goes to the credibility of that network of sources that both FITS News and the Murdaugh Murders Podcasts have built up over the last few years covering the story.

Liz Farrell 03:02

Shorty before Will broke the story about the upcoming Grand Jury presentation Tuesday morning, law enforcement had informed the families about what was coming. Within two hours Legacy Media began publishing their own reports. We knew they could not have gotten the story from the same sources we did. So we immediately figured it was coming from the Murdaugh camp, which is exactly right, John Marvin Murdaugh told the Post and Courier that he had been visited by SLED. Jim Griffin finally put himself on the record on Tuesday afternoon, telling Fox Carolina that Alex plans to ask for a bond hearing so that law enforcement will have to lay out the evidence against him. I don't want to dwell too much on this, but definitely want you guys to understand that when we point out how legacy media does this stuff. It's because they have been a huge part of why the Murdaugh's were so protected for so long. They continue to use the very same sources who



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obviously want to spin the story in a way that allows them to keep and grow their power. So back to John Marvin, why did SLED feel the need to alert him and Alex other siblings about the upcoming charges? This is a good question. South Carolina has a victim's Bill of Rights which includes a victim's right to be reasonably informed about an arrest being made in their case. But is John Marvin a victim? I don't mean to minimize his pain here because I know he cared about Maggie and deeply loves Paul. To our mind though the direct victims in this are Maggie's family and Buster to alert the Murdaugh family to Alex and pending indictment seems really tricky to us because once again, law enforcement seems to be factoring in a family that just over a year ago they were investigating for obstructing justice in the boat crash investigation. This is also a family who doesn't seem to want to acknowledge its own power while doing everything they can to preserve their legacy and wealth. Then again, maybe John Martin's role as Maggie's personal representative and Randy Murdaugh's role as Paul's personal representative puts them in the victim category, which is a real sticky mess. And we'll talk more about that. Anyway, we're so glad that the murder investigation is finally winding down since last summer, we've repeatedly heard that these charges are coming. Finally, we can say it's happening and mean it.

Will Folks 05:13

Yeah, you're right. I mean, in late May, we started seeing this cycle of what's happening this week is happening this Thursday. And, and every week since then pretty much it's been the same thing. You know, we go through the same treadmill of anticipation, and everybody gets excited. We start planning and then oh, no, it's not happening. But yeah, this



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week, I think it was different. Because, you know, first of all, everyone in the aftermath of that one year anniversary, when that didn't happen, I think people at that point knew Okay, well, it's not, you know, no one's waiting on anything symbolic. They're actually waiting on particular evidence. And they're waiting on being able to present that evidence in a manner that they believe is going to be effective to get the indictments. And so we started hearing the rumblings a few weeks ago about the timing. And just as we got closer, it became clear just the specificity of the sources regarding okay, it's not happening in Columbia is happening in Colleton, and it's not going to happen the holiday week, it's going to happen after and over time. That's, you know, one or two sources, the chatter, you write it off, but then you start hearing it from more and more people, and then you start going to those credible sources. And you know, as well as I do, these folks aren't the best bluffers. So if you've got something solid, and you put them on the spot, you can almost feel it through the phone line. Or even better yet, if you're having a cup of coffee with him, you can see it. But it became very clear over the last couple of weeks that okay, this wasn't a drill, you know, we'd been through the drill. But this wasn't a drill. This was actually happening. And and again, you know, we don't find anything out unless we're sure of it. And, again, having the family and the attorneys for Alex Murdaugh confirmed so quickly, I think, once again, just goes to the credibility of those sources, and how hard we've worked to build that network.

Mandy Matney 06:53

So we were originally a little suspicious about the state AG's office and SLED deciding to present to the Colleton County grand jury as opposed



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to the state grand jury, which has been handling this case from the beginning.

Will Folks 07:06

You're absolutely right. That's a huge question. Why is this being handled in Colleton County where the Murdaughs have been rulers reigning supreme for decades, as opposed to the statewide grand jury, which is clearly proven that it's not afraid to take on the Murdaughs? And I don't know the answer to that. And I'll be honest, the people that I've spoken with those who are questioning it, have some really good questions. And I think the biggest question is, you've got statewide grand jurors who have been exposed to all this information, who have seen all of this information and who, in addition to that have seen all the other investigations into Alex Murdaugh, whether it's the financial crimes, whether it's the obstruction of justice in the aftermath of the boat crash, which I think is going to be coming back on the radar here, before too much longer. They've been exposed to all of this information, they've been provided with evidence related specifically to the homicides. So why are they not handling it? It makes absolutely no sense. And I do think that there is some concern in the Colleton County grand jury the fact that they're handling it and not the statewide grand jury. But hopefully the evidence is so strong that again, for an indictment, all you need is the probable cause. Again, it's not a court of law. It's not guilty or innocent. It's just a question of is there enough evidence here to justify a charge? But yeah, it is concerning that it's happening in Colleton and not up at the statewide grand jury, which again, has proven that it's unafraid of taking on the Murdaugh's.



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Mandy Matney 08:29

One of the key differences between the state grand jury and county juries is this, the statewide Grand Jury is tasked with handling investigations that span multiple counties, like the financial crimes, whereas the county juries handle crimes that clearly occurred in their own jurisdiction, such as murderers.

Will Folks 08:51

One of the theories is correct. You're correct. One of the theories is that because the murders happened in a specific county, that the jurisdiction is exclusive to college and county. And I think the logic there is similar to the logic after the roadside shooting back on Labor Day of last year, which obviously happened in Hampton County. So those charges, you know, he was sent to Hampton County for the bond hearing, etc. And so everything was handled through there instead of through the statewide grand jury. And I understand that, and certainly there is logic there. And if they want to be deferential to the local law enforcement, local prosecutors, I certainly respect that. But once again, you've got a group of people who have been tasked to investigate all of these crimes, and I don't see any difficulty in pointing to this double homicide as part of a broader criminal operation and part of a criminal network. We know that Alex Murdaugh was under investigation for these financial crimes right before the double homicide took place. Is there a connection there? We don't know. But there's certainly enough suspicion to warrant that homicide investigation being part of the statewide grand juries investigations, and again, it just surprised me that this was taken out of their hands and sent down to Colleton County



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where again, the Murdaughs had been ruling, without opposition for decades.

Mandy Matney 10:15

Grand Juries are secretive and confusing and a part of the criminal justice system that so many really don't know enough about. So I asked Will to explain the difference between a state grand jury and a county grand jury?

Will Folks 10:30

Yeah, I think the differences between a county grand jury and a state grand jury, I think, I think you're looking at the complexity of crime. And I think a statewide Grand Jury case is going to involve, like you said, multiple counties, but sort of a network of crime, not necessarily one particular crime. So again, what the statewide grand jury has been looking at with Murdaugh, and what we've seen over the past few months, as co-conspirators have been indicted on various crimes, as additional crimes have been filed against Alex Murdaugh, what we've seen is that you've got this pattern of criminal activity, you've got this various facets of criminal activity, and you've got all of that activity taking place across an entire region, the 14th circuit there in the south common law country. And so that's clearly a case that's tailor made for the statewide Grand Jury because it's complex, it's broad, it has all these different facets, a county grand jury, on the other hand, you know, it's going to be like John shot, Tim, or Brenda stole from Beatrice, you know, it's a very simple crime is something that's pretty easily documented, as far as probable cause go. And it's not a big sort of involved process. So I understand again, why you would take a



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murderer out of the hands of the statewide grand jury if you want to show deference to the local prosecutors to the local authorities, but again, the 14th circuit solicitor here has recused himself. And basically now you've got Attorney General's prosecutors going down to his circuit in front of his grand jury and essentially standing in his shoes to present these allegations against Alex Murdaugh. And again, it gives a lot of people heartburn, and I think it gives them heartburn for good reason. But once again, we just got to hope that the evidence is strong enough that any kind of doubt that anybody would have related to whether or not there's probable cause here that that would be erased.

Liz Farrell 12:22

And we'll be right back. Speaking of evidence, we'll do a quick rundown of what we know so far. First, is the high velocity impact spatter that was apparently found on Alex clothing. From that night, we were told it could have only come from one thing, and that is standing over Maggie's body when she was shot, we know that investigators are going to be able to show that the weapons used belonged to the Murdaughs. And real quick, we can already tell from at least one report in mainstream media that one of the ways that the Murdaugh camp might try to discredit investigators is by questioning the two guns one man scenario. How could Alex kill Maggie and Paul using two guns? One thing to keep in mind is that the Murdaughs had a small arsenal at Moselle guns were readily available to them. I think this will be one of the things that will become more clear after the indictment, but think of it this way. If one of the guns had two bullets, and those two bullets were used to shoot and kill Paul, then the shooter who we can now say was allegedly Alex can either reload or grab another gun? It's not



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difficult to explain. Okay, back to the evidence. We have also heard that Alex had gunshot residue on his hands. We know that Maggie was apparently learned there that evening by Alex and otherwise had not planned to be at Moselle. We know that the timeline Alex gave law enforcement has been highly questioned and that there is evidence discrediting his narrative from that night including a video found on Paul's phone that shows that counter to what he told SLED Alex was that Moselle just before Paul and Maggie were killed. We're also told that there's other evidence that shows Alex movement from that night, which again, discredit his quote, unquote, ironclad alibi, then there are the financial crimes that he's been accused of those might speak to motive. At the time of the murders. Eliquis, a powerful attorney whose word was simply accepted as the truth. No one knew then that he'd been allegedly stealing from clients for years. On Tuesday, he was disbarred by the state Supreme Court, meaning he's now just a guy whose word means nothing. Finally, the last bit of evidence we know about was revealed to FITS News newsreaders last week, and that is the geofencing data I'll let will explain that.

Will Folks 14:33

Yeah, this was actually one of the more fascinating stories, I think of this whole saga is just this whole debate over cellphone records of tower dumps, and geofencing Of course, which is taking a particular time and location, and then just trying to get a record of any devices or objects tied to GPS that have moved through that area. And it's a fascinating field even outside of the Murdaugh store because you go in To Fourth Amendment protections, and there have been a number of court rulings recently, which have called into question geofencing warrants



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and courts have actually said, Okay, you can't just ask for this information and receive all these records of people who, you know, may have had nothing to do with a crime, you've actually got to have what they call particularized probable cause, which means, okay, there's something beyond just, oh, we think they were there at this time, you can't do that. It's not that simple. And so in this case, as you will know, like we've been saying, there's a mountain of evidence, you've got the forensic evidence, you've got the video and audio. And now we've got on top of that these digital records of where phones were moving, at what time, and not only is that an evidentiary addition to this investigation, but it's also something that I believe helped law enforcement as they're putting together this broader timeline of what happened. And so I think we're gonna see once these indictments are unsealed, and once the law enforcement agencies and prosecutors start holding press conferences and making announcements, I think we're gonna see that this geofencing data played a huge role, not only as evidence, but in that broader timeline of what may have happened at Moselle on that fateful evening.

Liz Farrell 16:09

Okay, so knowing that evidence is one thing, we still don't know what happened or why it happens?

Will Folks 16:16

Well, that's the big question is, what cards are going to be laid on the table from prosecutors and from investigators? How much are they going to tell us? What are they going to tell us about motive? What are they going to tell us about how it happened? What are they going to



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tell us about whether anyone helped him because again, there's a lot of speculation that he may not have acted alone? And again, I haven't heard anything to suggest that any other suspects are being looked at. But still, there's been speculation about that. So they've got to answer some of these questions. And I think the other thing they've got to answer is what took so long. Here we are 14, nearly 15 months after the murders. It was very clear again, in the hours after the murders, when the announcements were made, that there was no danger to the public, it seems clear they knew what happened. So again, why did it take so long to get us here? Is it just because this guy is so powerful, so influential? He's got such, you know, well heeled attorneys in his stable? Is that what took so long? I don't know. But we do need those answers. And my hope is that prosecutors and investigators will not opt to keep those cards to themselves. My hope is that they put as many of those cards on the table as possible, not only because of the public's interest here, but because of the fact that there are so many victims of the Murdaugh family and of this criminal empire down there. And we all deserve these answers.

Liz Farrell 17:34

We do deserve all the answers thinking back to last June. And also because he's a public figure employed by the chief law enforcement agency in this area. Up until last September, we talked to Will about this. Remember, Will was the first person to stick his neck out and report that Alex Murdaugh was a person of interest in the double homicide.



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Will Folks 17:57

Yeah, it was absolutely brutal in the aftermath of that report coming out. And again, it was 48 hours after the murders. And obviously, we were all doing what we do, which is go to the people who know, go to people who have that direct knowledge of the investigation and say, what's up, what's happening. And so it was the same thing like this way, you get the information from the sources, the best you can. And it was very clear, Alex Murdaugh was who they were looking at, who they were focused on. And in fact, I don't believe I've ever shared this, Mandy, but I'll go ahead and tell you now one of the things that I was actually authorized to go a step further as it related to Alex Murdaugh, I was actually authorized to call him my prime suspect, but in doing due diligence, and in trying to show respect and to wait and not rush to judgment. You know, my response was, Well, let me ask you this Person of Interest applicable Is that something that is also true and accurate. And all the sources agree that that was also true and accurate, because again, I didn't want to rush to judgment. And so it was crazy. It was crazy to actually kind of show a little bit of deference to Alex Murdaugh, and then you come out using this term Person of Interest. Nobody's like jumping down your throat for it. And I was like, What do you guys don't even know? You don't even know. I mean, we could have caused so much harder against this guy. But yeah, the reaction to that story was very negative. And as you know, there's this very entrenched legal community and Alex Murdaugh's just a pillar of that community. And they're all in this clique. And so they recoiled at it. You know, they were very upset. They felt like that. We were not just slamming out Murdaugh, we were slamming the entire profession. And so yeah, there was a lot of how dare you? He's a grieving father. He's a grieving



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husband. How dare you? And, you know, no, it's not about that. It's about again, sources who know what the truth is, sources who we've built up over years of relationships and just being able to trust those sources and the information they provide us.

Liz Farrell 19:51

Remember the ironclad alibi, shortly after the murders, FITS News, was first to report that the Murdaugh camp was telling people behind the scenes that Alex's alibi that night was indisputable. They obviously wanted to prevent any stories that would paint Alex unfavorably, but ironclad it's a heck of a thing to say whenever I heard that term, I was like, Yeah, okay. We'll see. Frankly, if Mandy and Will hadn't been doing the work they were doing last summer, mainstream media might have been fine and dandy with the unspecified, quote, unquote, ironclad alibi and done nothing more to push the story.

Will Folks 20:26

That's correct. The reports that we heard was that he had an ironclad alibi, that he was cooperating fully with SLED and with law enforcement, and that we were crazy to implicate him in any way that we were going to end up getting sued and embarrassed. And in fact, I think I put one of the quotes in the story this morning from one of those sources about, you know, you're going to look like an asshole. Well, no, he never had an ironclad alibi. And I think one of the things that's going to be so important about all this digital data, the geofencing, the cell tower dumps, all that historical cellphone information, I think that's going to really minute by minute showcase exactly, the movements exactly where he was. And certainly, obviously,



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we also know there's audio and video, which goes against things that he and his attorneys have told investigators regarding the timeline. So yeah, from the very beginning, I felt the ironclad alibi thing was bunk. But again, you asked, Did I ever stop and pause? Well, you know, again, we very early on, could have gone much harder against him. And again, I settled on the term person of interest, because I felt that that was going to allow the investigation time to kind of breathe. And also, frankly, you know, I wanted to hold out hope that okay, all these people are telling us he's not not guilty. He's a pillar of the community, etc. He had obviously snowed hundreds of people down there, you know, maybe he snowed me a little bit in those first minutes. Because otherwise, I think, you know, when you get a source like that telling you he's a prime suspect, ordinarily you go with it. But we settled on person of interest, because I think it was the responsible thing to do. And it ended up being, you know, I think the right call.

Mandy Matney 22:09

So one major question in all of this, as we move forward, is whether the state attorney general's office will designate this as a capital murder case and seek the death penalty against Alex. I asked Will Folks about this, as he's more familiar with the state prosecutorial procedures.

Will Folks 22:29

Well, in a case like this, you better decide quickly, and I think it absolutely would fit the Capitol category. If there's the sort of premeditation that we think might be at play here. And again, I'm referring to a financial motive or a motive to sort of paint a picture of, okay, the families being targeted by people, if there's a premeditation,



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based on any sort of motive like that, a financial motive or a motive to sort of throw the scent off of this other investigation, the boat crash situation. I think if there's any of that, I think it's absolutely a capital case because there's premeditation. There's a clear motive. And as we've also previously reported, Liz Farrell reported this that there is that belief that he may have lured Maggie Murdaugh to Moselle on that fateful evening. So that's another factor that would absolutely go toward a capital case.

Liz Farrell 23:23

A couple of things to know about the death penalty in South Carolina. Needless to say, it's been pretty gruesome here. If you look at the statistics, you'll find that South Carolina has executed more than 300 people since 1900. And most of the people put to death have been black. We haven't had an execution here since 2011. Because of the pharmaceutical companies ban on selling the drugs necessary to do so. But earlier this year, our legislature decided to make the electric chair the default method of execution. And Alex's attorney Dick Harpootlian was key in having the firing squad added as an option. We have an inmate on death row, who chose the firing squad as his option, but that case has been halted by the state Supreme Court while they decide whether the punishment is proportionate to the crime. Richard Moore is accused of killing a convenience store clerk in 1999. At any rate, a murder must meet one of 12 criteria set out by state law for it to be considered a capital case. The criteria are pretty specific. In fact, one of them is related to the murder of a solicitor or former solicitor and another is related to the murder of a family member of a solicitor or former solicitor but that's not what happened here. Obviously in Alex's



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case, the AG could seek the death penalty because he's being accused of two murders, and this might be more difficult to prove, but the death penalty could be sought. If Alex were trying to eliminate Paul as a potential witness against him in the obstruction case or the Mallory beach wrongful death case. Here's Will with more about how the AGs office might they pursue this.

Will Folks 25:01

Well, they couldn't do it for a long time, because the only method of execution was lethal injection and the companies that manufactured one of those three chemicals in that cocktail were not providing the chemicals. So only recently has that been ramped back up. But yeah, this would absolutely be a good test case, I would say. I mean, this is probably the biggest criminal case South Carolina has ever seen. And again, we don't even know, you know, we're looking at these murder indictments as a are forthcoming murder indictments as a major development. And there are huge developments in the highest profile component of this case, up to this point, but we still don't know how deep this thing goes, we still don't know how many people are involved. We still don't know how many institutions are out there that played a part in it, they need to be held accountable. So yes, it's a big moment in the case, but the fight for justice for a whole lot of victims continues. The AGs office can handle capital cases, they've got multiple attorneys in that in that office who are are certified, ready able. And in this case, I think they will be exceedingly willing to take on that challenge, if that's what the decision is. But again, that decision lies with the Attorney General Allen Wilson, he's going to have to decide whether or not to pursue the death penalty in this case, and I do not envy him for having



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to make that decision. Because that is a very tough call. My suspicion is that the Attorney General will face tremendous political pressure not to seek the death penalty, I know you're probably sitting there thinking, wait, wait a minute, this guy may have in a very premeditated fashion with some very serious motivations, killed his wife and kid in cold blood. Why wouldn't you seek the death penalty. But again, we got to remember this guy was part of the club, he was part of the clique. He was part of that community of trial lawyers that wield so much power in South Carolina. He was one of them. And so I think the AG is going to face tremendous pressure from those people not to seek the death penalty, but I do also think he'll be facing a lot of public pressure from a whole lot of victims to go in the other direction and seek the death penalty.

Mandy Matney 27:07

We'll be right back. We talked to Eric Bland on Tuesday about another sticky issue here. A very complicated issue, in fact, so remember, Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin were Paul Murdaugh's attorneys in the boat crash case, up until his murder, they are now representing Paul's suspected murder, which isn't only awkward, it could present a conflict of interest, meaning they might not be able to continue on as Alex's attorneys. This could be a big deal, because again, Alex could be facing the death penalty, and whoever represents him could be basing their success on whether or not he is sentenced to death. If convicted. Everything is on the line here. So the question is Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin ethically represent the man accused of killing their former client? We asked Eric Bland this because he is one of the top experts in South Carolina on attorney misconduct here is what he said.



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Eric Bland 28:09

So one, you have three things that you deal with here the appearance of impropriety that did appear improper that dick is representing allegations against his former client? The answer is, yeah. Is that the beginning and end of the analysis? The answer's no. Number two, are they substantially related? The answer is on their face. No. Now the complicated one is the third prong which is did they learn something in the course and scope of the representation of ball, either directly from Paul, or through their investigation? That if they walked into court to defend Alex on these murder charges, are they violating their duty of candor? Or did they become a material witness? Or based on the rule that you just cited? Are they violating duties to a former client?

Mandy Matney 28:57

We want to talk briefly about Alex's potential motive and the murder. One consistent theory for motive involves the Mallory beach lawsuit which could put Alex on the hook for owing millions of dollars for Mallory's wrongful death. So if in this is a big if the state focuses on the boat crash lawsuit being a potential motive, as Alex world was collapsing, and Paul was the source of his family's downfall, here is what matters when it comes to deciding whether or not dick and Jim stay on the case.

Eric Bland 29:31

They come into possession of information from Paul that would actually show Alex's culpability. And are they going to now go before a court in the murder case, as they own up Alex had no motive at all and no intent at all. You know, there was no reason why he would kill his son. Well, if



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they're doing that, and Paul told them where they came in possession during that defensive poll from investigators who investigated all the sudden Wait a minute Alex really does have implication in the Martins lead lawsuit now and had that because he bought him the alcohol. He obstructed justice. He tried to manipulate the police. He knew that Paul was using a fake ID now all of a sudden it starts to get problematic because now there is incentive for him to take out Paul. So it's not that Paul's the state would bring a motion to disqualify thick and Jim, the state actually can do it. The opposing parties can bring a motion to disqualify the other side's lawyers can raise these issues. So it's really interesting, you know, on first blush, you say, Oh, they're not substantially related. So did consumer fine for representing outs. But then you got to say, no, that's not where the Allen analysis ends. The question then becomes, did they learn something in representing Paul, that now if they go into court to defend Alex, they're violating their duty of candor to the court?

Mandy Matney 30:59

I asked Eric, specifically, what would be an example of information that Dick and Jim had that could present a conflict of interest large enough for them to be removed from the case?

Eric Bland 31:11

And the answer is, Paul says my dad knew that I had a fake ID and he encouraged me to use it knew I was using it and didn't do anything about it. Remember, Mark's claims that he didn't supervise Paul properly? Right? That would be motive is a civil suit. Paul may if Paul was living right, if Paul was living and let's say he never got killed Mark



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Tinsley suit Alex and Paul, Paul may say in order his lawyer may say to mark in order for me not to have a judgment against me for the rest of my life that I'll never get out from under unwilling to tell you that my dad knew that I had a fake ID encouraged me to use it. In fact, he sent me down to the store on many occasions to buy beer for a party. Now all the sudden it gets really sticky.

Mandy Matney 32:02

And speaking of sticky situations, when talking to Eric Bland on Tuesday, he brought up another potential problematic situation for the Murdaugh family. So remember John Marvin Murdaugh, Maggie Murdaugh's brother in law was made personal representative of her state last year. This was apparently after Maggie sister's name was scratched off as personal representative and someone wrote Randolph the third's name in our 2005 Will, which is also super weird because a family of lawyers should have known that handwriting on a will ultimately and validates it and eventually, John Marvin was made PR Maggie's estate and Randy was in charge of Paul's estate. This means as personal representative of Maggie and Paul's estates. Alex's brothers are in a position to choose their fiduciary duty over their own brother. A big question everyone has right now is will Alex's family turn on him? In this PR situation presents a conundrum will Alex's brothers sue him for wrongful death as PRs of Maggie and Paul's estates?

Eric Bland 33:11

Randy and John Marvin. The question is who are the heirs now Maggie has a will so we know how her stuffs going to travel through but Paul didn't have a will. Paul died intestate without a will. So whatever assets



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he has, upon his death would go to his mother because he didn't have children and he didn't have a wife. They would go to his mother and father 100%. Well, it's Mother's Day. So that means it would go to his father. Well, now his father's charged with murdering his mother and murdering him. The state has a statute that says No he can't inherit from Paul, whatever Paul had. So now it falls to his next closest there, Buster. So the question is, is Randy going to sue Alex for wrongful death of Paul. Now, if Alex was Bill Gates, I you would do it in a second. He would sue him because he has a duty. Listen, Randy, as personal representative has a duty to the estate of Paul. He owes no duties Dallas, and he has to do what's in the best interest of the estate of Paul, the state of South Carolina is telling Randy your brother killed your client, the estate, so we don't know whether Alex is going to have the money and so Randy is going to have to most likely bring a wrongful death suit against Dallas. If he's dispensing his duties to the state. Remember, he owes 100% duties to the estate of Paul nothing. He can't take Alex into consideration when he accepted being PR for Paul's estate. He accepted it Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels and so he's going to have to now make a decision if these murder charges are brought due I bring wrongful death charges against Alex. Now he may say, Well Alex is broke and there's no money left because Tinsley is going to clean the clock. Bland cleaning his clock on Satterfield. Bland cleans his clock on Plyler. Bamberg cleans his clock on technique, and then the state is going to seek retribution and they're going to make him you know, pay money to, you know, whatever there's criminal charges are however, he still may have a lot more money because we think he's hiding our money.



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And we do think he's hiding money for the record, and we need to know where that money went. Because the victims need to know because the victims deserve that we need to know who is paying Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin and where that money is coming from. to be extremely clear. When murder charges do come this week. It does not mean this is all over not by a long shot. This is merely the beginning. For those of us watching this case closely. The news this week comes as no surprise, but we need answers about much more than who killed Maggie and Paul, we need to know why Alex wasn't arrested that night. We need to know why Duffy Stone's investigators were allowed on scene we need to know why John Marvin was pictured with those investigators we need to know what is going on at USC law is this where corruption and our South Carolina legal system begins we need to know how Alex was able to steal millions of dollars from innocent clients such as the Satterfield family, we need to know what role judge Carmen Mullen played in the Satterfield heist, considering she is still ruling from the bench and deciding who gets their freedom taken away. We need to change the way judges are elected in the South Carolina justice system, which has proven in this story time and time again, to serve as a playground for the corrupt and powerful we need to know how the South Carolina Supreme Court who finally disbarred Alex this week ahead of indictments allowed such widespread corruption to take place among officers of the court, and we need to know what they will do in the future to prevent that Alex didn't act alone. And most importantly, we need answers for the victims. In this case, we need to know what happened to Gloria Satterfield, we need to know what happened to Hakim Pinkney, we need to know who killed Stephen

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Smith. We need justice for Gloria for Mallory for Maggie for Paul for Hakeem for Stephen, and we won't stop until we get answers for all of them. And to end this podcast I do have some positive news to share about Stephen Smith. Stephen's wonderful and fearless mother Sandy Smith, who has fought tirelessly for justice for the past seven years, will finally be able to commemorate Stephen's resting place with a headstone and a ceremony on Sunday. The headstone means the world to Sandy who wants me to thank every person who donated to the standing for Stephen's fundraiser. Last week was the seven year anniversary of Stephen's brutal and still unsolved murder. We hope that someone out there listening has information and now that the tides of justice have changed in Hampton County that someone will come forward with evidence. We will be making noise and demanding justice in Stephen's case until we have answers and those responsible for the murder bungling the investigation and ultimately obstructing justice answer for their crimes. Stay tuned. The Murdaugh Murder's Podcast is created by me, Mandy Matney, and my fiance David Moses. Our executive editor is Liz Farrell, produced by Luna Shark Productions.