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Mandy Matney 00:02

I don't know how so many of Alex Murdaugh's accomplices have managed to avoid accountability. But after more shameless actions by Alex brother and former law partners this week, it is time to take a closer look at everyone involved. My name is Mandy Matney this is True Sunlight a podcast exposing crime and corruption previously known as the Murdaugh murders podcast. True Sunlight is a Luna Shark production written with journalists Liz Farrell. It has been a roller coaster these past few weeks, and I'm excited to say that we are so close to the publication date of my new book, Blood on Their Hands. So many of you have been incredibly supportive. And I want you to know how appreciative I am. I think it's safe to say I met a few 100 of you amazing listeners in the last week. And each one of you felt like meeting an old friend. I was especially moved by the amount of people who came up to me and said, I know you're an introvert. And I'm sure your social battery is low right now. But I want to thank you for what you do. Y'all Listen to me. You really listen, and you show up when it matters. That is a big deal. And I will never take that for granted. Because y'all were so kind to me this weekend. I'm already feeling more energized and more confident as I step into my author era in the next two weeks. And looking at the calendar ahead, I will be coming out of my shell more and more to sign books, meet fans and share my story with y'all. A lot of you have asked how you can get signed copies of Blood on Their Hands. And now we have answers. There is a very limited supply of signed copies of my book available and they will be on talk shop live this Monday at 7pm. Talk Shop live is like a virtual event where you can buy the book live as we're talking about the book. I'm excited to be joining

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the ranks of the Dolly Parton who also participated in talk shop live. And on Monday, I will be with my good friend who happens to be a fitness celebrity and one of the funniest people I know Jenny Fisher, this will be the only opportunity to preorder a signed copy of the book. So don't miss out. Mark your calendars for 7pm November 6 and save the link in the description to join me on Monday, which will be a very special night. And looking ahead, the best place with current info of where all be and when is Luna Shark media.com/events. Some will be open to the public and others will be reserved only for premium members. And exciting news. If you order your copy of Blood on Their Hands book before November 14, you will get a free month of Luna Shark premium membership. Just go to Blood on Their Hands book.com and complete the form with a photo of your receipt. If you are already a premium member, then just share your proof of purchase on that same website and we will mail you a signed bookplate that you can insert into your copy when you receive it with premium membership. You will have access to a number of upcoming live events virtually and you get to join the amazing Luna sharp community. This is our way of saying thank you to everyone who has pushed me to get to this homestretch. So yet again, there is a lot to catch up on since last week. Let's start with the easiest one dick and Jim's apparently big mistake. So remember how in January 2022, Alex agreed to sign a confession of judgment in the Satterfield case, which was essentially him admitting to the theft and agreeing that he owed the family \$4.3 million. Obviously, we've said this 100 times, but this was a ploy all along so that he can look like he is capable of the human emotion called remorse and thereby get in the courts good graces to the point that the court would let him out of jail

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on a PR bond. And the court was like no, after the trial, in which the world saw just how guilty Alex Murdaugh was of killing his wife and son, Dick and Jim surprised no one by filing a motion basically asking the court to void the confession of judgment which Alex had signed and executed a year earlier. Why did they do this? Well, many people, including our cup of justice co host Eric bland believe it was done in part, just to screw with Eric, meaning it was personal, but also this confession of judgment in which Alex admits he owes the Satterfield. This money created trouble for him and the Nautilus case Nautilus, the insurance company that paid out the bulk of the settlement and 2019 was now going after Alex for the money he stole from them in the Satterfield fraud. So instead of owing \$4.3 million, he potentially would owe in excess of 8 million for his theft. This is when Alex was like, Man, I lied about the dogs. So you shouldn't have even paid that money to Cory Fleming in the first place. GLORIA fell down the stairs on her own. Therefore, you go see her family about getting your money back. Think about how arrogant and entitled of a person you have to be, and how averse you have to be to consequence to hatch a scheme using your housekeepers family to steal millions, get caught, watch your best friend, get fired, fired, and then arrested for helping you with the scheme. Watch your law firm, the law firm your own family helped start 100 years earlier, get sued, watch the bank that had been so generous and permissive with you for your entire life, get sued, be sitting in jail yourself hatch another scheme in an attempt to get out of jail pretending to be sorry for the first scheme and admitting fault for it. And then after you get convicted of killing your wife and son, which you know you did, because You sure did work hard to cover it up. You then

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decide to say Psych and try to claw back at the guilt you admitted to and the money you said you owe the family in your two lawyers who say you aren't paying them do all of this for you with a straight face. Then, when the judge is like no, you can't do this Alex you turn to the court of appeals to reverse that decision. Then six weeks later, you're like I've changed my mind on that. In the meantime, you are still making the state of South Carolina try you on these charges. Even though you have already admitted to stealing this money at least four times publicly through your lawyer on television in the confession of judgment while on the stand in your own murder trial. And then again, under oath by pleading guilty in front of a federal judge. In you're not just insisting on a trial, you are insisting on a trial that happens only on your terms and when you want it to occur, which is after you've been sentenced in federal court. But the state and court are holding firm. And now you're scheduled for trial on November 27. But you still won't accept that. And instead you're doing everything in your lawyer's power to stop it. The chaos of all of this is honestly just sickening. This is who the system has historically catered to this man. Anyway, why is Team Murdaugh changing its mind on appealing the judge's decision on denying them what they want to do in rescinding the confession of judgment other than to mess with Eric. We're not sure but it appears that they realized possibly for the first time in all of this that they are dumb. That confession of judgment basically caps what the Satterfield can get from Alex at \$4.3 million, which would not include the interest nor does it account for the taxes they would not have had to pay had their wrongful death settlement been handled honestly from the start. By rescinding it, they would have been opening Alex up to the potential of



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a jury or a court awarding the Satterfield's even more damages. Can't have that happen. We talked about this on cup of justice, because even though we can see what they're doing, we don't actually know what they're up to here. If Alex is broke, then what does it even matter? They're operating like this guy is going to get out of prison and get his law license back or something or like he has money out there somewhere. So speaking of the Satterfield case, there are two more updates there. One is that Beaufort County appears to already have sent out their notices for potential jurors and is reportedly indicating that they should plan on being sequestered for this trial, should they be chosen, sequestered? The man who broke prison rules and who got his attorney to break prison rules by reading allowed over the phone from his alleged journal he kept during the murder trial so it could be recorded and played in a multi part documentary that was used in his continuing to be used as a part of his scheme to get a new trial. He wants his jury sequestered during his trial on charges he has already publicly admitted to four times and twice under oath. Yeah, better get those jurors locked down so they don't hear something about Alex Murdaugh that makes them think he stole from the Satterfield. The absurdity of this is astounding. So it is not clear why jurors are apparently being told of the possibility of sequestration. Is it a routine thing, not in our experience in Beaufort County, but we can tell you who this would most serve? If true, it would help dick and Jim, as they tried to build a case that Elyx financial trials are going to be so costly to taxpayers that all of these cases should be consolidated and therefore postponed past the current November 27 trial date. And after he is sentenced federally, which is the goal, from what we understand the

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pressure on the AGs office is real and even coming from lawmakers, you know, dicks buddies and the legislature. So it behooves Team Murdaugh, for this to look like an expensive circus in the making, from the cost of sequestering a jury to the cost of law enforcement and courthouse staff. It is staggering the links these guys will go for a trial that will not be like the murder trial. His financial cases are black and white. And even though Dick indicated to reporter Eva pilgrim at Crime Con that he has a few tricks up his sleeve, AKA a few loopholes to exploit in defending Alex Murdaugh's financial crime cases, these trials will most likely not be longer than a week or two. But sure, Let's scare the jury into thinking they will be locked away in hotel rooms during the holiday season. And let's fool the public into thinking that trying Alex is not in their best interest. Again, it is unbelievable. Now why does the state want to try Alex separately in each of his financial cases. They are fighting for state accountability. Dick and Jim are trying to work the system so that Alex can serve his time federally in order to ensure that Alex is kept where he is and where he deserves to be behind state bars. The state knows that one of their best options is to get him on the three strikes law. If they can get him convicted in three of the financial cases then he will get life in prison without parole. I'm no state budget expert but it sounds like that is worth it to me.

Liz Farrell 12:58

And finally, our last sticking gym update of the day their quest for a new trial now that their murder verdict appeal has been put on hold. They have officially asked the state court for a new murder trial in a 74 page filing that includes 11 exhibits that was filed in Colleton County Court

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last Friday. This filing is word for word the same one they publicly filed with the Court of Appeals in early September. The only seeming differences are this and I need to say this in a case that is full of hot irony. It's really something to see a motion that accuses the Collin County Clerk of Court of tampering with a jury stamped with the name of the college and county clerk of court to show that it has been clocked and received by her office honestly, it's perverse. So that's it Dick and Jim have officially asked the court for an evidentiary hearing to prove that Becky Hill did what they're accusing her of doing, which really guys, it's been almost two months since you publicly made these accusations against her. In the meantime, the investigation has been showing that the charges you've made in this motion are not being corroborated. Plus, it's been repeatedly pointed out that the core accusation that you're making that Becky fabricated a Facebook post to get the egg lady juror kicked off the case has nothing to do with the actual reason she was kicked off the case. Two months have gone by and you have nothing new to add no other evidence you've discovered from people coming forward. Once again, these guys are all smoke and mirrors and they shouldn't be taken seriously. But here we are. It's not clear yet how this is going to go down. But so far, what a tremendous clown show and abuse of the system. On Wednesday afternoon, Dick and Jim filed a rare writ of prohibition with the Supreme Court, which we hope is their final throwdown. We'll be talking about this more in depth next week. But suffice it to say that this 245 Page filing is filled With gross exaggerations and mischaracterizations of the truth. They're asking the Supreme Court to remove Judge Newman from their cases, it's yet another step in their plan to get that November 27. court date



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delayed past Alex's Federal sentencing and it's yet another sign that these men know in their alleged hearts that the facts of Alex's case are bad. They're only beatable by manipulating the system and causing epic amounts of chaos. The only recourse they have the only path to winning is to shop around for another judge, one who perhaps will be more favorable to them. It is a universally held opinion that Judge Newman did his job fairly and admirably and he was excessively fair to dig in, Jim, I might add where he could have sanction Jim for his extra judicial tweet during the trial, he chose not to where he could have sanction dick for pointing a gun at the prosecution and making a joke he chose not to the accusations they're making against judge Newman are despicable. And we hope that every member of the South Carolina Supreme Court acts with integrity when deciding this motion, we hope that they consider the truth, the context. And finally, we hope that consider the messengers and their history of misstating. The truth in this case, again, we'll talk more about this next week. It's just more games and it's gone way past audacity at this point. If we thought for a second that Alex Murdaugh did not get a fair trial, we would call that out. So far, all we've seen in the way of evidence from T Murdaugh is bluster and abuse of procedure. And if you think for one second, this isn't just a trick, then ask yourself this, if what Judge Newman did was so egregious that it rises to the level of getting the Supreme Court involved, then surely there should be some call for sanctions for the judge, right? Surely he would need to be punished for his horribly biased actions in South Carolina's largest and perhaps most expensive case ever. But oh, no, no, no, they can Jim don't want the judge punished. They just want him removed so they can get Alex out of



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prison. Surely the Supreme Court is smart enough to see through all of this, and PS they never even filed a motion with Judge Newman first asking him to remove himself, which is what procedure would call for. Are they just dumb? Or is this yet another tactic to delay the November 27 trial to slow down the system and bog them down with nonsense? And I guess the better question is, who's going to stop them? Okay, one last thing before we get started on today's episode, Cory Fleming, the state newspaper reported that his 13 Year 10 month sentence is going to look more like nine years total, chances are it will end up being even less than that because of the credits he's yet to earn. The Federal Bureau of Prisons still shows no expected release date for Russell Laffitte and that could be because of his pending appeal. Corey, by the way is still listed as being under interim suspension with the Bar Association. We're going to continue to keep an eye on his status because when it comes to good ol boy attorneys in South Carolina, you just never know what will happen since he voluntarily gave up his license and was not technically disbarred. We do have to wonder if he's holding out hope that he'll be reinstated when he's finally released. I know it sounds crazy, but think about the context here. Crazy is relative.

Mandy Matney 18:21

We'll be right back.

Liz Farrell 18:24

Okay, so the biggest news this past week was that October 29, was the deadline for Alex victims to make a claim with the court to receive money from his assets. In addition to the boat crash victims, specifically



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the beach family, Morgan Dowdy and Miley Altman, the Plyler sisters, and Gloria Satterfield. Two sons. There are three other victims making claims they are Alex's older brother, Randy Murdaugh, his former law firm PMPED. And his former law partner Johnny Parker. So first a bit about how this works. There's about \$2.4 million in assets that the receivership that after the receivers take their fees that works out to about \$1.8 million, then there will be a fee of \$50,000 to \$75,000. That's expected from the special referee Walter Tolleson, who was appointed by the court to devise a fair system of compensating the list of claimants. Now anyone who felt they were owed money from Alex Murdaugh could have filed a claim. It didn't just have to be people he stole from, just simply people who didn't pay back. That's what makes this whole thing interesting seeing who chose to file a claim and who didn't. Let's start with who chose to. Obviously we know that marked Hensley's clients would be on the list because without them there would be no assets to divide in fall of 2021. Mark put a stop to what he saw as Alex and his family and friends working quickly to liquidate his assets and hide them. Mark and his clients are the reason the assets were frozen in a receivership. Up was put in place; we knew the Satterfield boys would be on that list because of the confession of judgment they got from Alex that confession secured them a spot in line in May 2022. Also, we should mention the Satterfield family filed the transcript of judgment in court about a year and a half ago. So Elux confession of judgment of \$4.3 million has been accruing interest ever since then. Next, we expected that the Plylers would be making a claim because Alex has yet to be held accountable for what he did to them. Okay, so notice anything so far, every victim who filed a claim is



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someone who is already known to the public, it appears that no other victims have come forward. Obviously, we know they're out there. So what's happening there? We think a few things. First, we have to understand the categories here. There are six groups of victims in our minds, the first two groups are connected. There are the ones who still don't know they were stolen from because they haven't been told or it hasn't occurred to them to ask questions. And there are the ones who might suspect they were stolen from but haven't done anything about it. These two groups are connected culturally, meaning there's no telling how thorough PMPED was, and going through Alex files, we can tell you that people are still scared to speak out against the Murdaughs and the firm, it's not worth it to them to invite trouble by pulling it any threads and their past dealings with Alex they might be happy with the money they did get from him. So why look a gift horse in the mouth, right? Their lives are easier when they stay out of the drama. The third group is the group who were alerted by PMPED about the fast and quote or made whole by PMPED will return to that idea of being made whole by them. And the second basically this group might have been reimbursed for the theft directly by PMPED and they might or might not have been represented by attorneys. The fourth group are victims who were represented by outside attorneys who have already settled their cases against PMDD. And perhaps as part of that settlement agreement, they agreed they would seek no additional compensation. The fifth or the victims we already mentioned and the sixth group are well, they're shameless. Let's start with ole Randy Murdaugh. Now you'll remember that right before the receivership was put in place like right when it was known that this was going to happen. Randy along with



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Alex, former law partner Johnny Parker filed claims against Alex saying that he owed them a whole bunch of money. Then on the same day as the hearing regarding the receivership I like filed two confessions of judgment telling the court yeppers I do owe them that money. It was one of the many attempts by Tim Murdaugh to keep his money circulating within the Murdaugh economy. Okay, so on October 28 2021, six days after the plaintiffs in cases against Alex made a motion to the court to freeze ALEKS assets and appoint a receivership Randy filed a claim with the court saying Alex owed him \$90,000 That he had loaned Alex \$90,000 Meaning he filed this when he knew the court was being asked to take action to stop the wasting of Alex assets. Here's David with what Brandi said in

DAVID MOSES 23:08

the days prior to September 2 2021. Defendant represented to Randolph Murdaugh the fourth, that he needed a loan to cover an overdrawn bank account, and that defendant had already written other checks, including checks to workers, which will make the account more overdrawn. Defendant did not disclose that he was in a poor financial condition.

Liz Farrell 23:31

There are not enough keyboards in this world for me to slam my head against defendant did not disclose he was in poor financial condition. Okay, a who needs an emergency loan of \$75,000 to cover an overdrawn bank account and isn't in poor financial condition. B this is Palmetto State Bank we're talking about Alex account was perpetually



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overdrawn. He wasn't bouncing checks there see, did Randy wonder where all of Alex's money was going? Wasn't it concerning to him that his brother didn't have money he could transfer over to cover these alleged checks. If Martin Z knew that it made no sense for Alex to be claiming to be broke, then surely his own brother and law partner would have had that same thought no, and D. Because Randy says in the days prior to September 2, he was told about Alex need for money. Hmm, why is he staying this date? So specifically, because the timeline matters here. It's one thing to say that Hindsight is 2020 that we know much more now than we did that. But the truth is those and Alex's inner circle knew a lot especially over that summer and in our opinion in an effort to protect themselves. They continued to aid him and now here they are looking to be reimbursed for that. So back then Randy said that quote prior to September 2, he learned of Alex's need for immediate Cash. Here's the thing Randy's check, according to the exhibits Randy so helpfully provided in his filing last week wasn't written until September 3, and it wasn't deposited into Alex account until September 3. What was happening on September 2? Why would Randy say prior to September 2, because September 2 is the day that PNP D says they quote first discovered Alex's staffs, and according to the complaint they filed in Collin County Court on October 6 2021. The morning of September 3 is when they asked Alex for his immediate resignation. So the date Randy was loaning his brother \$75,000 with the purported agreement that he paid him back within 30 days a day when law enforcement should have been called and Alex Murdaugh should have been led out of PMPED. And handcuffs. By the way. PMPED already had enough information to know that Alex was not someone to



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be trusted. Maybe Randy didn't know them. Right. Let's revisit the testimony of PMPED. CFO, Jeanne, second year on that one.

Jeanne Seckinger 26:04

We had a partner meeting at Lake House House the morning of Friday, September 3,

Creighton Waters 26:09

is the defendant their name is raining out there. Radio

Jeanne Seckinger 26:14

is not there initially. Initially, when we showed all the remaining partners what we found that that even still, the consensus was let's get Randy in here and let's show you so he wasn't blindsided really came in we presented him in evidence. And he immediately hung his head and said he stole it. We've got to do something about this.

Creighton Waters 26:47

To make contact with the defendant,

Jeanne Seckinger 26:50

Danny Henderson in Randy Murat Quint and Brian Alex about

Creighton Waters 26:56

and what was reported to you after that conversation,



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Jeanne Seckinger 26:58

what was that like had admitted that he stole the money and that we were forcing him to resign.

Mandy Matney 27:05

So again, according to PMPED Alex was asked to resign the morning of September 3 2021, which would mean that this conversation between him and Danny Henderson and Randy would have had to occur that morning had Randy already written and deposited the check before knowing his brother was a thief maybe sure seems like he could have made a call to Charlie a wrestler fee and put a stop to the payment on that one. No one faults a man for loaning money to his family. By the way, no matter the circumstances or family members ability to pay back that loan. That is a personal choice that is often made by the heart and not the head. But that personal choice should not be something that ends up taking away money from people who had no choice, not a professional one, not a personal one and having money taken from them. Randy Murdaugh was not duped into this deal. Now, weeks later, Randy said he wrote another check on Alex behalf. This one was for \$15,000. He said, here is what Randy told the court it was for later,

DAVID MOSES 28:17

Randolph Murdaugh, the fourth transported defendant to a rehabilitation facility for treatment for drug addiction. In order to get defendants treatment, defendant requested that Randolph Murdaugh the fourth pay for the initial treatment in the amount of \$15,000. And Randolph Murdaugh, the fourth wrote a check to the facility so that



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defendant could get his treatment, and Randolph Murdaugh the fourth has not been reimbursed by the defendant for this money.

Mandy Matney 28:46

Now, according to Randy's filing last week, that check was written September 14 2021. A full 11 days after Randy gave Alex \$75,000 Where did that money go? And a full 10 days after Alex's roadside shooting buffoonery and a full eight days after Alex told the public he had entered rehab which was purported to be in Atlanta. The check for 15,000 was actually a check for 13,000 and it was made out to sunrise detox Orlando. In the memo of this check Randy made sure to write Alex a loan for treatment. Two days after this check was written Alex was back in Hampton County standing in front of the magistrate judge on charges related to his roadside buffoonery. That's quite the journey right? We're not going to get into it on this episode, but this certainly raises questions about where Alex was, on the day his attorneys called SLED for purportedly from a detox center in Atlanta to arrange for him to confess to the roadside buffoonery. I mean, us cynical person might say, Hmm, this drug addiction thing seems suspicious was it just to cover for him to leave the state and avoid SLED because he knew that they were on to him with the murders, that they had doubts about his roadside shooting story and that his partners had reported him for stealing. What's he really in rehab or detox starting September 6 2021. Well, according to John Marvin Murdaugh's testimony, that's exactly where he was.



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Jim Griffin 30:34

Their job to transport Alex, Dr. Alex, from hospital and Savannah to a detox facility in Atlanta. That weekend, or

John Marvin 30:47

Well, I believe it would have been on that Monday. I was not driving Randy and I took him Randy was driving I was in the bag. But yes, sir. We did take him to a detox facility. And,

Jim Griffin 30:59

and where was the facility located?

John Marvin 31:02

Just outside of Atlanta. Okay.

Jim Griffin 31:05

And what was can you describe for the jury Alex alates condition, like physical condition on the car?

John Marvin 31:16

Yes, sir. So when I met Randy over in Savannah, he had Alex and I got into car or Randy struck with him. I had never seen anything like it. I've seen television shows of talking about the leg twitching and squirm Enos, if you will, and that's the first thing on me. And you could just tell he was sweating. He was thrashing about you know, jam it? Did he? I don't know how much detail you want me to go into?



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Jim Griffin 31:50

What did you turn around the seat of the car? And what was he doing? Yeah, so so

John Marvin 31:54

maybe halfway there. At one point, he taken a seatbelt off and he had his head down where your fanny would be in the seat and is trying to stretch his legs and just kind of steady just like thrashing them and kicking them. Again, I've seen TV but I've never seen something like this in real life

Jim Griffin 32:16

and was able to control himself.

John Marvin 32:19

No, sir. I said about detail. So he, he messed himself he, he had diarrhea. It just couldn't control him.

Jim Griffin 32:33

And then I

John Marvin 32:35

say diarrhea I'm not talking about at a restaurant with him in the car in his fence.



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Mandy Matney 32:43

Now, regarding that \$2,000 discrepancy, Randy accounted for that mistake on November 4 2021. With a quart, of course Alex had confessed judgment to the incorrect amount, but what can we expect from these guys? Honestly. So in total, he loaned Alex \$88,000. In the days after it was known that Alex had stolen from the firm that their family built around \$43,500 of that debt was satisfied through the sale of Elux Kubota Tractor and a rotary cutter purportedly sold to him by Buster his filing includes two handwritten receipts dated October 5 2021. Now Randy says that Alex owes him \$52,809. That's the \$44,500 balance plus \$8,309 in interest, which Randy accounted for in two parts to make sure he got the benefit of rising interest rates. Now, another thing that was included in Randy's filing last week was a handful of exhibits outlining timber sales from a piece of property owned by Randolph Murdaugh's estate Randy John Marvin and Alex Randolph the state owns 50% of the property in Randy John Marvin and Alex each own one six. So one six of the timber sales made since Alex has been in jail have gone to the receivership. The receivership by the way contested Alex 2021 confession of judgment and immediately sought to invalidate it. That decision is still pending. In the meantime, for Alex's family to sell timber on this property they co owned. Randy as Alex's creditor had to renounce his interest and Alex's share of that money went into the receivership account. It is not clear why Randy is including this information in his filing is it to show that he was reasonable in the past that he could have fought to take this money then but didn't it or is it to remind the receivers that one way to compensate him would be to give them Alex's share of the property no



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matter what the reason the idea of Randy who gave Alex money when he had reason to know Alex was a low down scheming Liar Liar trying to get back that money is not just gauche, it is utterly shameless. Randy is hard to figure out. He didn't attend most of Alex's trial, he didn't testify at all. Despite being on the witness list on December 31 2021. He, like the other PMPED partners, created a new business entity to practice law. 10 days later, he created seven new limited liability corporations at waters Avenue LLC at waters Avenue is the address of the river house where Paul and his friends were headed to on the night of the boat crash. By the way cedar branch timber LLC for timber LLC, Murdaugh timber LLC river pines, timber, LLC, St. Mark's timber LLC in waters Avenue common LLC. In a New York Times story that ran three days after Alex's sentence, Randy said that he really wasn't close to Alex and that they didn't spend much time together alone.

DAVID MOSES 36:13

Randy Murdaugh said he had no doubt that his brother was a serial liar and a thief. He said he also believed that Alex had not told the whole truth about what he knew about the killings, but as directly whether he thought his brother carried out the murders, he said he still did not know as a lawyer. He said he respects the jury's verdict, but he finds it impossible to picture Alex, a man he has known for decades as a protective husband and father pulling the trigger and inflicting the carnage that prosecutors described as a crime of cold calculation. He knows more than what he's saying. Randy said he's not telling the truth, in my opinion, about everything there.



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Mandy Matney 36:56

And this is what we call the RE Randy. Randy seems to publicly take a giant step back from Alex now that we know about the money Alex stole from him and the firm in 2017. We can certainly understand why here is Jeanne second year from the trial explaining what Alex did in 2017.

Jeanne Seckinger 37:24

So, as we said we had the clerical error. And a few days later, la came to our staff is not quite clear which staff has a record don't show that but a voided check. He acted as if he'd lost the original check and had another check written. So replacement and track was then written to Alex again, which was a mistake again,

Creighton Waters 37:49

that second check, get cashed. The second

Jeanne Seckinger 37:51

check got cashed pretty much immediately within a week or two. And then about a year later, the first check got cashed as well. And that's when a cotton system that he had cash but checks were looking back I realized that the mistake had been made, that the moneyed had their names are right beside each other in the vendor list, and that they made a clerical mistake and that he was paid money that he was not.



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Creighton Waters 38:19

Right. Ultimately, did he get that money twice that he was not supposed to oversee again? And ultimately, was it because he claimed that he had lost the first check? Correct? Ultimately, did he cash both checks again, and cashed the original one a year later? Right. Was he in front of about this back at that time when it was detected? I guess in 2017, is that right? He was

Jeanne Seckinger 38:44

at that time? He was not? I don't remember that he was confronted by me. I know that Danny Anderson spoke with him about it and and like just claimed that he made a mistake and thought that he had paid the money that he had loaned the money that year. And Danny just kind of let it go and sweep it under the rug.

Liz Farrell 39:03

Meanwhile, Randy was definitely on Alex's rotation in those jailhouse phone calls. But we only received a few of those phone calls between Randy and Alex back from our FOIA, we were told that the jail lacked the ability to redact just pieces of the conversation. And therefore if personal information was exchanged during the call, they just left out the whole call. So we're not sure if that's what was going on. Randy, we should mention is also the personal representative of Paul's estate on August 30 2021. He sent Carlton County probate judge a letter on PMPED letterhead asking the court to open an estate in Paul's name. The next day Alex renounced his right to administer Paul's estate. Then on September 2 2021. The day PMPED says it first learned of Alex's theft



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and the day before Randy wrote Alex's check first \$75,000 The court appointed Randy as P R. On October 6 2021. The same day PNP D filed a complaint against Alex and the day after Randy was purchasing a Kubota and rotary cutter from Alex Randy resigned is Paul's PR and instead appointed John Marvin, but that resignation was never signed off on by a judge. So in March 2022, Randy was sent a notice of delinquency from the probate court for failing to file an inventory and appraisal of Paul's estate and failing to file proof of delivery and notice to heirs. That issue remains unresolved according to the probate court website. Okay, so, enough about Randy for now, that was a good overview, though of a person who loaned money to a liar and who now expects that money back to the detriment of the liars actual victims. We'll be right back. Let's talk about Johnny Parker. Johnny's bit of wild ride because in 2021, the year of the murders, he gave Alex three jumbo loans. He also had given Russell a feat the loan to pay off the money he had stolen from Hannah Plyler conservatorship account. Russell was still paying on that loan at the time of his trial. So Johnny says Alex owes him \$477,000 He first loaned Alex \$150,000 in March of 2021, shortly after Alex would have received his annual bonus from PMPED right around when Alex was bugging his buddy Chris Wilson, about getting half of the nearly \$1.6 million fee they'd earned in a case together. Then two months later, Johnny loaned Alex \$77,000, which is an odd the specific amount that check didn't specify that it was alone. Finally, after the murders in July 2021 When Alex was trying to piece together the \$792,000 in Chris Wilson money he had stolen from p&p D. Gianni, a partner at the law firm loaned him another \$250,000. Johnny's filings are not specific. So it's unclear what these loans were for, or what

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Johnny thought they were for. There are also no written agreements that we can see in which Alex had agreed to an interest rate or a repayment plan with Johnny. So Johnny, you might remember in January of this past year, it was announced that the beach family had reached a settlement agreement with Buster Murdaugh not only releasing him from their lawsuit against him, but paying him a half million dollars from the money the family got for Maggie's estate. It was a generous deal that removed a big stressor from Buster's life while also leaving him money to build a life. Johnny objected to that deal. Why? Well, because he wanted some of that money for himself. His objection was filed as a lien and is I believed listed under Alex name and the Public Index. In response to Johnny's objection, the court was given an email that showed that Johnny had filed Alex confession of judgment after being told by John Griffin that the judge had frozen Alex assets and was appointing a receivership. Needless to say the judge approved the settlement and Johnny got zilch. And here he is, again, like a shameless avaricious zombie repeatedly rising from the dead in search of dollar bills to munch on. Okay, lastly, we have pampy ed seeking money from Alex assets. Big surprise, just kidding. No surprise at all. They're what fools according to their filing, Alex, that's a date back to at least 2005. That means that for the majority of Alex legal career, he was stealing with a level of comfort where it seems like he knew he wouldn't get caught. Why was that? Was his father protecting him? Or did this protect him? Here's Jeanne, second year again. Everybody moved on, I



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Jeanne Seckinger 44:09

have to point out that these attorneys worked as a brotherhood who were very family and they trusted him and accepted necessity, that explanation.

Creighton Waters 44:26

Was that word you just used? You said it was a brotherhood? Yes. And so when the attorneys are dealing with one another when the attorneys are dealing with you how we all deal with one another what's what's the basis of that trust, trust, trust? And so over the years, we're now we're not to tell you to do a transaction or anything like that, what we'll be relying on his word, trust.

Liz Farrell 44:52

trusting someone is a choice that a person makes based on a multitude of factors including that other person's behavior. By all accounts Alex behavior at PNP D was described as erratic and sloppy. In 2017, we know he did some shady stuff with the payment he diverted from Randy to himself. We know that his explanation was reportedly accepted by the Brotherhood as fact. But we also find it hard to believe that in a firm as small as PNP D, that it wasn't a widely known thing that Alex didn't pitch in money to loan the firm each year. We also find it convenient that no one knows who recut those checks for Alex, or how this was able to go undetected for so long. Now, we've spoken with an intolerable number of lawyers over the years about this case, not one of them has ever said to us that they can understand how Alex was able to get away with his crimes at the firm for so long, not one. In fact, Mark



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Tinsley told the court that a five year old could see what Alex was up to once you opened the books. So where was that accountability? We also know that this firm is liable for Alex's actions, they had a responsibility to all clients of the firm. We don't know whether someone was helping Alex behind the scenes. But we do know that PMP Ed failed. We know that the full truth of what Alex was doing there has not yet been revealed. And we believe that Pam PD partners should be shouldering the full brunt of Alex thefts. Alex stole that money because ultimately they let him by being asleep at the wheel for at least 17 years. That means there's something systemically and culturally wrong with PMP Ed. Now as for what they're asking for, they presented the court with a two page rudimentary looking spreadsheet with the names of the alleged victims redacted, All total, they say that Alex thefts cost them \$14 million. They say that their insurance covered 5.3 5 million of that loss and that they were reimbursed almost \$1.5 million. That's the Chris Wilson money and the Russell Laffitte money. They are requesting nearly \$3.9 million from Alex 1.8 million in assets. And even though they know that they're set to receive nearly \$1.6 million in restitution, thank you judge Gurgel. They note for the referee that this restitution from quarry and Russell does not have any bearing on what Alex owes them. It does not offset it. They include in their request for payment \$70,000 in reimbursement for the Chevy Suburban that SLED sees from Alex on June 7 2021, along with more than \$2 million in quote professional fees. We believe that to be money, maybe a further investigation, which by the way they were obligated to conduct. They note that Alex made more than \$17,000 in personal charges on his company credit card, all told, they say he stole more than \$1.4 million from the firm itself and



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that they've paid almost \$9 million to 25 of Alex's clients. Now there's more analysis we intend to do of this redacted list, but here are a few things to know. One is that it doesn't seem like the special referee will be doing any investigation into the claims being made against Alex assets. The claimants will swear to their claims under oath and that will be seen as enough for the court. The client names are all redacted though. So it's not clear whether the special referee will even get to see the names to verify that they did in fact receive reimbursement regardless, the second thing to know is this. And this is the most important thing we can say right now, if you or someone you know was represented by Alex at any point in time, it is possibly worth it for you to talk to a lawyer who is not connected to Alex's former firm. If Alex stole money from you or overcharged you for expenses or perhaps charged you for services, you actually didn't receive or charged you for expenses that weren't actually yours, you are potentially entitled to reimbursement and you're not just potentially entitled to the amount of the money he stole, whether directly or through fraudulent expenses, but you might also be entitled to the interest that money would have earned had he not stolen the money. There are plenty of trustworthy lawyers out there who would be willing to look over your paperwork from Alex to make sure that you aren't a victim. P MPD. has already acknowledged that at least 25 people were victims it's not clear whether the money they received as reimbursement was the actual amount of what was stolen back in the day or if that amount included interest but we'll say this Elux own brother, his flesh and blood WAD is currently using the court to not just get back money that he says, owes them, but it's making sure to get back interest on that money. That is



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how much they protect themselves over others. If this were them, if any PMPED attorneys family member were represented by Alex and had money stolen from them, there's no doubt in our minds that they would fight to make sure that they were actually quote, made whole and not just given money that was stolen from them a decade earlier. No matter how charming or seemingly kind Alex Murdaugh or the Murdaugh family has been here, you might have been taken advantage of because ultimately Alex saw his existence in this world, as more worthy than yours.

Mandy Matney 50:53

Okay, and finally, let's talk about the guy who Alex owes a lot of money to and yet he isn't on that list of victims, Chris Wilson. To be fair, we appreciate the fact that Chris Wilson didn't get in the victims line like the other greedy ghouls in this mess. Remember, Elek owed Chris a whopping \$192,000, which he was so concerned about in August 2021 that he made Alex write a promissory note to ensure that he knew that he owed him that money. While the investigation and to Alex accomplices still isn't over. As far as we know. It feels like Chris Wilson, in a lot of ways is the one who got away or perhaps one of many who got away, Chris Wilson, the one who hired a super fancy lawyer Bakari Sellers and managed to duck out of a lot of the Murdaugh mess that he was in the middle of for so long. And after a slightly embarrassing couple days on the stand, where he admitted to being shut up by Alex Murdaugh, Chris Wilson appears to be back to business as usual. When we talk about the players involved who should have seen the signs with Alex Murdaugh, those big red flags that were there before June 2021



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that Alex was up to something highly illegal. Chris Wilson is at the top of that list. We found out a lot about Chris Wilson's role in Alex's financial schemes during Alex's murder trial in March, and they feel like we never really gave enough time and energy to focus on what Chris Wilson actually did in whether or not it was unethical for him as a lawyer or playing a legal. Chris Wilson is still practicing law. But should he be in is what he did. Much different from what Cory and Russell did. We rewatched Chris's trial testimony again to try to figure out what exactly Chris Wilson knew and when he knew it, because accountability matters. Was he an accomplice? Or was he truly duped by the superduper himself? For a reminder, Chris and Alex had known each other since law school, they were besties, who not only did cases together a lot, but they hung out outside of work. You might also remember Chris as the third guy on that infamous private plane that Pamela Pinkney unknowingly paid for to the College World Series in 2012. Remember, it was Chris Alex and Cory on that plane. And now Chris is the only one of them who is still practicing law, and also the only one who is not in prison. Funny how that works. So, Alex and Chris worked together on a big case that ended with a multimillion dollar settlement at the beginning of 2021. They went splitsies on the fees in their firms are supposed to get about \$792,000 Each for it, according to the fee agreement. So Chris and Alex had done many cases before and every other time Chris's office would make up it would make the checkout to PMP Ed like the fee agreements that to do, but it was this time when they were cutting the checks in March 2021 When Alex went rogue, and asked Chris to make the check out to him, not his law firm and to not worry about it because P MPD. was totally cool with it. Here

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is Chris Wilson at the trial explaining how exactly Alex Murdaugh managed to convince him to do this.

Chris Wilson 54:45

When it came time to disperse the checks and I was calling him and the other lawyer to let them know that I'd have the checks ready, I guess somewhere around March 10. Alex told me that he was going to put the monies into when a new Woody, that he was not put his feet on an annuity. He called it a structure. But in essence, he explained he was helping those monies into an annuity, and that the checks needed to be made payable directly to him instead of to his firm, so that he could do that.

Creighton Waters 55:15

And that he explained to you why he was going to do that. He

Chris Wilson 55:18

had just indicated that he was putting money away indicated he was concerned about the boat case. And that that he was going to put some monies in an annuity or into a structure. You

Creighton Waters 55:29

say he was concerned about the boat case? Why exactly did he What was he concerned about? What did he tell you? He was concerned about maintenance.



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Chris Wilson 55:35

He was concerned about his exposure on the boat case. In a civil lawsuit? Yes, sir.

Creighton Waters 55:42

You're aware that the defendant had been sued civilly in the boat accident case?

Chris Wilson 55:47

Yeah, I didn't know if he had been sued himself. But I knew there was a lawsuit going on. And Bob, and I believe I didn't know that he was himself suited that time. Yes, sir.

Creighton Waters 55:58

So this was different than how you normally did things correct. Very much. Did he have any further explanation to you as to why this would be okay? While this was all right to do. And he told

Chris Wilson 56:07

me that he had already cleared it with the partners in his firm. I mean, he was a partner himself with the authority to do things for the firm. And he told me he had already cleared it with his partners in the firm, and that he was going to that they were going to put the monies on the books, and that they would be accounted for, at the end of the year, whenever they did their year end settlement that he would already be accounted for us having them pay these monies already.



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Creighton Waters 56:36

Looking back at this exhibit, that's now up on the screen. On March 10, at 450 He says I need to get the check today. Is that correct? Yes, sir. And did he tell you any more about why he needed to get the check today?

Chris Wilson 56:56

I spoke to him on the phone that day, and he just asked me if the checks were gonna be ready that day. As I recall, I was on the road. I wasn't sure I was gonna make it back to the officer Mark. Mark McKeever was getting the checks ready, and spoke to him on the phone and told him that if I got back in time to sign the checks, I'd have them ready that day. He told me he'd like to get them that day. Yes, sir.

Creighton Waters 57:20

He told you that he had already cleared this with the partners, they were okay with him getting his money right now, instead of having to wait to the end of the year. He

Chris Wilson 57:26

told me that the partners were aware that the monies were being paid to him that he was going to put them into annuities and that they would be accounted for on the books of the firm as already having been credited as paid towards him.



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Creighton Waters 57:46

You believe the defendant when he told me yes sir, find me reason not to your best friend. Just did you trust him? And then then set off any red flags to this point?

Chris Wilson 58:01

No, sir. Not known him for 30 plus years and didn't any reason not trust. Okay,

Mandy Matney 58:11

remember that no red flags. But yet Chris is a lawyer. He knows how the real forge accounts work. He knows that if Elek were doing a legitimate structured fee, he would a have to have written that into the fee agreement and be the fee wouldn't have to have had been paid by the defendant directly to the account that had been set up. Also, I don't believe for a second. Then in March 2021. Chris Wilson wasn't aware that his own bestie was being sued for the boat crash. People seem to forget this but the boat crash was a big deal before the murders local media covered the lawsuit develops extensively. The case was well known, especially in the low country, and especially among lawyers, Chris saying he was unaware of his bestie being sued and a high profile wrongful death lawsuit is like him claiming on the stand. He was unaware that the University of South Carolina had a football team. But okay, Chris, let's go with that. Chris claimed that Alex indicated that he wanted to do it differently this time with an annuity because he was concerned with the exposure in the boot crash case, the wording Chris Wilson used to justify why he thought this completely abnormal way to



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split Seas was completely fine. This really bugs me as a lawyer Chris Wilson should have been aware of exactly what he meant by that. He meant my son was driving my boat that killed Mallory beach in her family is suing me for what happened to their daughter and I want to be dishonest about my earnings so I can get away with paying them as little as possible. How did that immediately not me Chris's stomach churn. How did Chris not hear that and immediately think something isn't right here. Let's hold off on this. Imagine if Chris did just the bare minimum to make sure his friend was telling the truth. Imagine if he called a PMP partner then asked if they were really okay with the check being made to Alex and knock them imagine if P MPD. actually did something about it and stopped Alex path of destruction right then and right there. But no, le cash those checks for \$792,000 and April 2021. And the money was gone, just like that. Then in May PNP D started getting reimbursement checks for that case that elegant Chris settled and they were like, Huh, wait a minute, where's our big check in what's interesting is that when PMPED got word that Alex was trying to hide assets for the boat crash case, he claims Ronnie Crosby claims his reaction was much different from Chris's reaction. Here's Ronnie explaining in court what went down in May 2021. At PNP Ed,

Ronnie Crosby 1:01:15

it was sometime in close relation to Alex asking me about structure and attorneys fees. I Robin Lee coax office, Lee and Jeanne we're having a conversation about that issue in her efforts to get all the paperwork on the fairest matter and she was frustrated. She thought she was getting the runaround, both from Chris Wilson and Alex. And then she



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mentioned something to me about that he had suggested to her that he was trying to hide fees from the voting case.

Creighton Waters 1:01:56

What was your reaction to that when you heard that?

Ronnie Crosby 1:02:02

You want me to say what I said?

Creighton Waters 1:02:04

You could say the sanitized version or you can say the real version either way.

Ronnie Crosby 1:02:10

I said oh, no, we're not.

Creighton Waters 1:02:13

And why was that your reaction?

Ronnie Crosby 1:02:16

Well, because to do that, under any circumstance was illegal, unethical. And he would be putting us at risk. And we absolutely were not going to participate in anything that that was illegal or unethical, or subjected us to liability or issue created issues with South Carolina law.



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Mandy Matney 1:02:45

So Rodney Crosby said it was illegal and unethical. And he was angry at just the thought of Alex doing such a thing. Yet Chris Wilson was like, cool, bro, whatever you say. And when PNP Ed employees started calling Chris Wilson's office, he didn't stop to think hmm, that's super weird. How Alex one of the fees to be paid to him. In this case, maybe I should make sure that it's actually in an annuity. And maybe I should tell PMP exactly what happened to that money that they're looking for, instead of giving them the runaround. But now, and then the murders happened in June, and everything goes sideways. P MPD. lays off on their quest to find the money and they won't dare ask Alex any questions after his wife and son were just murdered just as Alex planned, by the way. But by July Genie second year, the PMP the CFO started poking around again, that's three quarters of a million dollars, mind you, which isn't chump change, even for PMPED, that sort of money missing isn't something that can just be forgotten about. And then that is when it gets really wild. So that should have been another giant red flag for Chris actually more than a red flag, a flashing red light that says stop and think about this. Something is off here. So when Alex notice that PNP Ed was snooping around again, he called Chris up and was like, remember that money? I said I was putting into an annuity. Well, oops, I didn't do that. And now I'm going to wire you \$600,000 That you should put in your trust account and we can act like it was there all along. And by the way, I need you to put \$192,000 of your own money into your trust account, because 600k is all I can find. Gotta go bye Talk soon. XOXO and Chris again was like, cool, bro. No questions

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asked. Here's Chris explaining why he decided to cover the \$192,000 instead of telling Alex to buzz off and report him to authorities.

Creighton Waters 1:05:03

So what did you do in response to what your friend told you? Or told you about the reason why he was short 192,000 hours.

Chris Wilson 1:05:12

At that point, I had an indication that I was supposed to have \$792,000 in my trust account that was supposed to have been paid to his firm. I'm responsible for that trust account, put \$192,000 of my own money in that trust account to cover the shortfall. You

Mandy Matney 1:05:29

hear that? He knew the money was supposed to go to Alex's firm and he paid the \$192,000 because likely he knew he had to cover his own behind. Isn't that like a cover up? And then the wires totaling \$600,000 came in something weird again, the wires came from Palmetto State Bank and Bank of America. In fact, \$350,000 was wired by Russell to Chris Wilson, that money is a big reason why Russell is in prison right now. The official reason for that loan was listed as beach house renovations yet Russell true to good ol boy code didn't ask any simple questions like does Chris Wilson's law firm do beach renovations in the other portion of that \$600,000 wired to Chris Wilson came from PMPED partner, Johnny Parker, you know, the guy who was also claiming to be a victim of Alex Murdaugh right now, because apparently no one was telling him anything at all at PMP at that summer, and it hadn't clicked



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to him that something was up with Alex Murdaugh. And why did he need all these boatloads of cash from his law partner? I don't have any idea what it is like to be the person that my co workers go to for loans worth hundreds of 1000s of dollars. But I feel like any person with just a slice of a brain would ask some basic follow up questions about these loans like what is going on here? Where's this money going? Alex This is a lot of money in it makes me angry how likely these men apparently viewed hundreds of 1000s of dollars. I lot of people commit crimes because they don't have loan sharks or bank presidents to bail them out. Think about the amount of liquor stores someone would have to rob to take that kind of money. These men are privileged even in their thievery. And because of that privilege, apparently they failed to ask very basic questions and ignored all of the flashing red lights telling them if they keep going and they keep allowing this man to bulldoze through danger would be ahead in August 2021. Chris Wilson finally did ask a few questions about that fee situation. Well, not really. He asked about his own money and when he was getting it back in he made Alex sign a promissory note. Here is him talking about it and trial. He has a

Chris Wilson 1:08:25

very rudimentary handwritten scratched out promissory note that I asked him to sign for me which he did August 17 of 2021.

Acknowledging that I loaned him \$192,000 That he would repay within 60 days I think is what is this?



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Creighton Waters 1:08:41

And tell me how the circumstances of how you came to get essentially on file with

Chris Wilson 1:08:49

us? Yes, sir. That was more about I mean, I wanted to get repaid my money as quickly as possible. But that was more about I was concerned. Just like everybody else there by his firm nearby and his family, that he was gonna do something to himself, you know, that he was gonna kill himself. And I mean, I knew enough to know in the know that if he couldn't make a claim against his estate if there wasn't something in writing. And so that was more I went to him and said, Alex, look, I even asked this, but I need to ask you to do this in case something happens to you. And I phrased it like if you get hit by a car or something, but it was it was more about worried about what he might do. And I need to ask you to do this so that if there's a problem, I can deal with it. And he did, he didn't have a problem with it. It

Mandy Matney 1:09:41

is fascinating to me that Chris Wilson had the foresight to think ahead to the possibility of Alex Murdaugh dying in him getting in line for his estate claims yet he did not think of the possibility that Alex was involving him in some serious criminal activity and all of the runaround instructions in the signs that something was really off with the fees in that case from the beginning, and maybe he should get to the bottom of that to make sure. Also, he thought his bestie was on the verge of suicide in the only action he took was getting a promissory note to



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make sure he gets his money back. I guess Alex Murdaugh had the friends that he deserved. And even then, Chris Wilson stayed quiet. He didn't ask any further questions. He just wanted his money back. He claims that he was duped by superduper Alex at trial, Chris Wilson essentially claimed that he was blinded by the big lights of PMP Edie and since Alex was successful, and PMPED was successful. Everything must have been a okay.

Chris Wilson 1:10:55

Big, firm, big reputation. Alex had a big reputation, already made a whole lot more money than I did. Everything I knew, from the way his partners treated him. The type of cases I saw him working on with them the type of cases I knew he worked on with me that he was, you know, one of the biggest dogs in that firm, one of the biggest producers they had, you know, seem to own a lot of things, do a lot of things stand money. They've never seen the problems. And I knew I was associating him and his firm on very good cases throughout the years. And I knew other lawyers that were seemed like they were doing very well and that he specifically was doing very well.

Creighton Waters 1:11:37

And is that perception that you had of him? One of the reasons why you trusted him that there was no shenanigans going on.

Chris Wilson 1:11:47

I don't know that. That's the main reason I trusted him because I knew him and had dealt with him personally and professionally for a long



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time. But I had no idea if he was having money problems. I mean, I would have never suspected that that his asking me to write checks to him had anything to do with money problems on his behalf. Nothing gay that appearance. So I mean, that could have factored into the background, mostly just I knew the guy and I trusted him. And he wasn't asked me to do anything that raised any flags with me. He told me he had cleared it with his firm and with his partners, I didn't have any reasons about that.

Mandy Matney 1:12:22

Big reputation. What an insult to Taylor Swift that Chris Wilson use that phrase to describe Alex Murdaugh. Sorry, Taylor, but honestly, look at that statement. Chris is saying he didn't ask questions because Alex was so powerful, and the firm was so powerful, and as long as they seem to be making big money than why should he worry, and that is exactly why Alex Murdaugh got away with what he did for so long, big reputation. Plus big name, apparently equals no questions asked for the good ol boys even when all of the signs point to illegal and unethical. Remember when Cory Fleming claimed that he was duped in the Satterfield case, remember that long letter he sent to the Georgia Bar claiming that he was victimized by Alex and he had that odd explanation as to why he mailed the person he was suing Alex Murdaugh millions in that case instead of to his own clients, the Satterfield. Remember how none of that made any sense. And remember how Cory ended up confessing when he realized Alex didn't have much of a big reputation anymore after the murder trial. And he realized that there was no way out. I don't buy what Chris Wilson is



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saying. I don't buy what Randy Murdaugh is saying, I don't buy what Johnny Parker is saying. These attorneys could not possibly be duped to this degree. And if they were they have no business practicing law, because they aren't capable of upholding the duties of an attorney. They cannot have it both ways. They can't pretend to be so ignorant of ethics and basic rational thought while at the same time smart enough to be an officer of the court. So the question is this, do authorities care enough to go after the big guns in this case? Right now? The message our state is sending to attorneys is to look the other way. When you see the signs that something is not right. Do nothing, say nothing. And if you wind up playing a major role in one of the state's biggest criminal cases in recent history, you can avoid accountability by just simply playing dumb, or by just simply being dumb. It's almost insulting to Cory and Russell. What they did was wrong, but how many others also did wrong in there still practicing law. Without further accountability for Murdaugh's other accomplices. Nothing will change. It is time for investigators and prosecutors to start being bold about the questions that need to be asked of the people who are still keeping secrets. Stay tuned, stay pesky and stay in the sunlight. True Sunlight is created by me, Mandy Matney, co hosted by journalists Liz Farrell and produced by my husband David Moses. True Sunlight is a Luna Shark production