

1 couldn't find it. But then we found out his name, and we
2 found the post and printed it out where he said that he had
3 put something up, but that he had deleted it at the time
4 that he had put stuff out there that wasn't nice.

5 THE COURT: He said he got drunk afterwards.

6 MR. MEADORS: Something about the devil.

7 MR. HARPOOTLIAN: Didn't he say it was satan in it?

8 MS. HILL: Satan was in it, yes. In all of the
9 details, yes.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MS. HILL: Made me do it.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I just wanted to have that on the
13 record, you're reading a Facebook post by the ex-husband who
14 said it. Of course, you haven't talked with him so you
15 don't know where he got his information from.

16 MS. HILL: I don't. I can find it, though.

17 MR. FERNANDEZ: We do know his name for what it's
18 worth.

19 THE COURT: Do you think he will be sober?

20 MS. HILL: I don't know. Probably not if I had to
21 guess.

22 MR. HARPOOTLIAN: It is Wednesday. Well, is today
23 Tuesday or Wednesday?

24 MR. FERNANDEZ: Wednesday.

25 MR. HARPOOTLIAN: Well, it's Wednesday night so he's

EXHIBIT D

(Rebecca Hill, *Behind the Doors of Justice*
excerpts)

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REBECCA "BECKY" H. HILL

Clerk of Court

with

NEIL R. GORDON

*Rebecca Hill
Gordon*

BEHIND THE

DOORS OF JUSTICE:

THE MURDAUGH MURDERS



professional, and we bonded over a cancer diagnosis that both of our families had endured.

While *Dateline* producers were in town for the trial in February 2023, they asked for Judge Newman's cell phone number, which I was given permission to provide to them. Then Craig reached out to Judge Newman to reconnect.

Craig grew up in Columbia, South Carolina, where his family and Judge Newman's family knew each other. In fact, Craig was friends with Judge Newman's late son.

As Judge Newman was beginning his first of many terms as a circuit court judge in Columbia, Craig was beginning his career there at WIS-TV before getting recruited to a station in Washington, DC, and then the NBC network in New York.

That exclusive interview with Judge Newman and his daughter—also a judge—took place in Columbia.

Valerie Bauerlein

Valerie Bauerlein is a national *Wall Street Journal* reporter who has covered the South for eighteen years. She was the pool reporter sent to Moselle with pool photographer Andrew J. Whitaker of *The Post and Courier* newspaper.

In October 2021, Valerie signed a book deal with a division of the iconic Penguin Random House publishing company for a book project about the Murdaugh family of South Carolina.

As it so happened, my fifty-fifth birthday fell during the trial in the spring of 2023. My birthday is March 10, and Valerie was born in late February, so it was decided to have a

party for both of us at her Airbnb on the night of her birthday! She invited many of her colleagues who were covering the trial for the regional and national media outlets. There was food, birthday cake, a lot of laughs, and a little "truth serum" in the form of liquid refreshments!

As we were cleaning up after the party, a few of us were asked how we would vote at that point in the trial if we were members of the jury. Before answering, we pledged a "cone of silence," and for that reason, I cannot reveal the results of our "straw jury poll." What I can say is that many of the party guests agreed with what ended up becoming the actual verdict of the trial.

The Today Show and Dateline

Sunday night after Alex was sentenced, I accompanied three jurors from the trial to New York City. As I mentioned earlier, Craig Melvin and Savannah Guthrie of *The Today Show* interviewed the three jurors during a seven-minute, high-energy segment.

While we were all in *The Today Show* green room, we met and took photos with country music star Dustin Lynch, who was also getting ready to appear on the program to sing one of his hit songs.

Once the taping of *The Today Show* concluded, we were whisked away from the 850-foot skyscraper building by a driver in a black Chevy Tahoe to a different studio near 30 Rock, where *Dateline* tapes some of its segments. What stuck

out to me was that one of the jurors mentioned to a producer that she had a craving for pizza and cheesecake, and the next thing we knew, both were delivered in time for lunch!

This trip was extra special for me because it was my first time ever flying in an airplane! We flew from Charleston to New York City, and could order whatever we wanted! I chose pretzels and a Coke to relieve some of my anxiety. Then a black Chevy Tahoe car service was sent to pick us up from LaGuardia Airport, and we got to ride through one of those dark, underwater tunnels that let us out in the "city that never sleeps!"

NBC put us in the hands of the fabulous Haylee Barber, *Dateline* Producer, who put all of us up at a nice Manhattan hotel and fed us at a restaurant on the Avenue of the Americas, a block away from 30 Rock in Midtown Manhattan on the eve of the interviews. Afterwards, the jurors told me they felt like they were heard and loved their fifteen minutes of fame in the Big Apple.

CHAPTER 12

WE, THE PEOPLE: DUTY,
HONOR AND SERVICE

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do."

—Ephesians 6:7–8, New International Version (NIV)

Working with jurors is always a unique experience, and like with any jury, we had some behind-the-scenes happenings with our jurors, the alternates, and the originals for the Murdaugh trial.

While most of the jurors were focused and engaged during the Murdaugh trial, we did have one juror, who was an alternate at one point, who was not. She was more focused on the crowd: who was watching, who was or wasn't following Judge Newman's rules, and so on. For example, she

"caught" a new visitor to the courtroom, who was sitting directly across from her, who looked like she may have been taking a picture of the jury, and that wasn't going to fly with her.

Another juror couldn't, or wouldn't, sit still during the trial, and it seemed like every time she shifted her chair, it made a loud squeak. Occasionally attorneys would wait for the rhythm of the squeaks to subside before continuing their cross-examination.

Then there was the "egg lady" juror. This juror worked on a monkey farm in the Lowcountry, and she drove Judge Newman bananas one weekend—pun intended! Through the Facebook page "Walterboro Word of Mouth," about 20,000 followers saw this juror's ex-husband post about how she was talking way too much to friends and family about the case. Many people became aware of the situation after court on Friday, February 24, and it was brought to the attention of Judge Newman. I typically didn't have the time or energy to watch any media coverage of the trial, but on that Friday night, I scrolled through the "Walterboro Word of Mouth" social media feed and saw the post from the ex-husband, but he didn't mention the juror's name or her juror number.

At the time, I didn't think anything of it and kept scrolling, mainly because I had been inundated with emails and messages from people all over the world about what they had heard, what they had seen, how the prosecution and defense should run their cases, how Judge Newman should rule, what to address with anyone and everyone involved in the

courthouse, and so on. I felt like a principal dealing with tattletales and problems and issues every day. It was tiring.

When Monday morning came, Judge Newman asked me to find the social media post. One of our techies in the clerk's office, Lori Weiss, looked and couldn't find it at first. Luckily, though, she kept looking and saw where the post was taken down and replaced with an apology from the juror's ex-husband. He said Satan had gotten a hold of him, and he had been drinking at the time he posted and was now very sorry.

After Judge Newman interviewed the juror and corroborating witnesses about this situation, he removed the juror from the jury before court started that Monday morning. We learned later the ex-spouses hadn't seen each other in fourteen years and the former juror had three restraining orders against her ex-husband.

When a juror is removed from a jury, it's normal practice for the judge to ask if there are any personal items they'd like to retrieve from the private jury room. When Judge Newman graciously presented this question to the former juror, she said she just wanted to get her eggs, which caused some laughter in the courtroom and nationally once the media got ahold of the story. Judge Newman even broke out into one of the largest grins I've ever seen.

One of the other jurors raised chickens on their farm and had brought in a dozen eggs to whomever wanted them. At this time, eggs were selling for about eight dollars a dozen, which was very high, so it's understandable why the removed juror wanted her eggs! One of our local singer/songwriters,

While the jurors viewed the Moselle property, we all could hear and see that Alex's story was impossible. God gives us all gifts, and the gift of discernment is shared by many. Some of us either from the courthouse, law enforcement, or jury at Moselle had an epiphany and shared our thoughts with our eyes. At that moment, many of us standing there knew. I knew and they knew that Alex was guilty.

Once we were all back inside our vehicles, heavyhearted and contemplative, our procession headed back along Highway 63 toward the town center of Walterboro. The wind had died down mysteriously, and the sun began to shine through the clouds.

One of the roles of the Clerk of Court is to be "Switzerland" between the jury, the lawyers, the public, and any other entities involved. In the moments riding back in our vehicle—and with the jurors and decision-makers in other vehicles—we were just "regular people," and our thoughts spilled out. Just as the jury would do in a span of three hours, we unanimously came to our own verdict in just three minutes: Guilty.

In my opinion, the decision to visit Moselle by Murdaugh's defense team did not work in their favor. "They were hoping to show that the proximity was too close for one shooter, and they felt like the pictures didn't show the distance correctly," said Doug Brown, who worked for the defense team during the trial.

Many of us question if Alex is bipolar, schizophrenic, or a narcissist, while some wonder if he snapped due to financial

pressure, Paul's boating accident, and the crumbling of the family dynasty. Right is right, and wrong is wrong. When and where did this family begin to blur this fact of life? The moral compass that rules most law-abiding citizens didn't seem to exist in Alex. I don't really want to believe that a father could murder his son and wife. Sometimes, though, the line of love gets blurred and turns into a crime of passion and a crime of desperation. I believe most people cannot fathom killing or hurting a family member, especially in the name of love, but during our time at Moselle, Alex's fate was sealed.

EXHIBIT E

(Timothy Stone Facebook post)

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Timothy's Post



Timothy Stone

February 16 at 8:35 AM · 🌐

Folks I posted a ugly post yesterday to which I have deleted and I kinda in a round about way directed it towards a certain person and I would like to apologize to everyone who read it that ugly for me to do that and yes I let Satan control me and I broke down and started drinking and when I was drunk I made that post and I'm sorry



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When life gets hard you're supposed to call on God but when you're down the devil finds a way to get in and when you let him he will take control pray for you Tim because you have a beautiful granddaughter that loves you and so many more of the grandbabies that love you and you will get through this just let God help you 🙏!! I love you men and I am praying 🙏 for you hope you have a blessed day 🙏!!

Like Reply 1w



Why apologize for something that you really meant? You meant what you said. Apologies don't mean anything if you constantly do it.

Like Reply 1w



Timothy Stone

I'm human I make mistakes and no I didn't mean it.

Like Reply 1w



Timothy Stone apparently you did or you wouldn't of posted it for all to see

Like Reply 1w



It is great that you apologized! You owe that to the person it was directed at and God. None of us can or should judge. I can however give you some suggestions. I remember when you posted about accepting Christ as your Savior, which I Praise God. We all need salvation. But when you are a babe in Christ, the devil will do all to get you back. But Greater is He who is in you than he that is in the world. So grab that Bible, cling to God's Holy word, leave and let go of that world you left behind and ask God to rebuke Satan. Find a daily (devotional), find a Bible, God fearing preaching Church. Invest in the Love Dare 365 day devotional. My husband and I are doing it now. And please, we are all human, we will fail daily. But we need to stand boldly before the Throne of God and give it all to him. And remember to stay off of social media when you aren't at your best. Prayers going up and out for you and your wife. Not preaching, just giving sound advise from someone who came through a life of misery to doing all I can to live for CHRIST. Hang in and hold on!!!! 🙏

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thanks and where can I find that devotional book

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Like Reply 1w



Thank you so much!

Like Reply 1w

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EXHIBIT F

(Affidavit of Tim Stone)

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LUNA SHARK MEDIA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) AFFIDAVIT OF TIM STONE
COUNTY OF Colleton)

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Tim Stone, who being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am the ex-husband of [REDACTED]
2. I did not post anything to the Facebook group Walterboro Word of Mouth between January 23, 2023, and March 2, 2023. I did not post anything on this social media page or my own Facebook social media page about [REDACTED] being a juror, that [REDACTED] “was talking way too much to friends and family about the case”, or that “Satan had gotten a hold of [me], and [I] had been drinking at the time [I] posted and was now very sorry”.
3. Nor did I post what is attached as Exhibit A, which has been represented to me to be an alleged post to the Walterboro Word of Mouth Facebook page and a Court exhibit in the State of South Carolina v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh trial.
4. I do not have a Facebook page set up as “Timothy Stone”. My profile name is “Tim Stone” and my Facebook page is [https://www.facebook.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.facebook.com/[REDACTED])
5. I was never contacted by law enforcement, the South Carolina Attorney General’s office, the clerk of court Becky Hill, or anyone at the Colleton County Clerk of Court’s office about Exhibit A or a post on the Walterboro Word of Mouth Facebook page concerning my ex-wife, [REDACTED].
6. I did not know [REDACTED] was on the Murdaugh jury until I heard her voice on a recording when she was being excused as a juror and she was discussing something about eggs.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Tim Stone

August 18, 2023

SWORN TO before me this 18 day
of August, 2023



Notary Public for South Carolina

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Like Reply 1w



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EXHIBIT G

(Affidavit of P. Barber)

COURTESY OF
LUNA SHARK MEDIA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) AFFIDAVIT OF PHILLIP BARBER
COUNTY OF Richland)

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Tim Stone, who being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am an attorney in the firm of Richard A. Harpootlian, P.A., and counsel of record for Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh.
2. On August 18, 2023, I met with Tim Stone at his home. He provided his Facebook login information and allowed me to download a copy of all his Facebook activity from January 23, 2023, and March 2, 2023.
3. A true copy of the download is attached as Exhibit A.
4. The contents of the download speak for themselves, but review of them shows no post was made on February 16, 2023, apologizing for a previous post. There are no posts whatsoever to the Facebook group "Walterboro Word of Mouth."
5. Facebook's stated retention policy for deleted posts is 30 days, so any posts deleted in the period January 23, 2023, to March 2, 2023, would not be recoverable.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Phillip Barber

September 4, 2023

SWORN TO before me this 4th day
of September, 2023



Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: July 25, 2032

EXHIBIT H

(Affidavit of Juror No. 785)

COURT REPORTERS OF
LUNA SHARK MEDIA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLLETON)

AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED] JUROR #785

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

1. I was juror #785 in the case of *State of South Carolina v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh* tried in Colleton County, South Carolina.
2. During the presentation of the defense case, after President’s Day but before Mr. Murdaugh testified in his own defense, Colleton County Clerk of Court Rebecca Hill told the jurors not to be “fooled by” the evidence presented to the jury by Mr. Murdaugh’s attorneys.
3. In late February 2023, Ms. Hill questioned me about a Facebook post on the Walterboro Word of Mouth page. She summoned me to speak with her alone in an office in the courthouse. She told me someone emailed her about a post my ex-husband, Tim Stone, purportedly made, which purportedly stated that I made comments to him about the guilt or innocence of Mr. Murdaugh. She directly asked me whether I was inclined to vote guilty or not guilty. I told her I had not made up my mind and that I wanted to hear all the evidence before deciding.
4. Ms. Hill said the post said I had been drinking with my ex-husband, and that while drunk with him I expressed opinions on the guilt or innocence of Mr. Murdaugh. That never happened, and I told Ms. Hill it never happened. I did not go “drinking” with my ex-husband—in fact, I had not seen him in approximately ten years.
5. I asked to see the post, but Ms. Hill would not or could not show it to me. I have never seen it, and, to my knowledge, no one has.