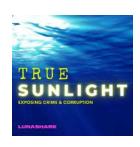


Mandy Matney 00:03

I don't know what exactly led Mica Miller to her death on April 27, 2024. But one month later, we are still untangling a paper trail of tips she left behind, pointing to those who should be exposed and held to account. 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 journalist Liz Farrell. Hello, my pesky people. First of all, this is the 53rd episode of True Sunlight podcast, which means we are celebrating one year of True Sunlight, our relaunched slash rebranded version of MMP. I wanted to say thank you to the fans who have stuck with us for all 154 weeks of this podcast journey. It is an honor and a privilege to be doing this work with supportive fans who believe in our mission to expose the truth wherever it leads, give a voice to the victims and get the story straight. I talked about this on my Instagram the other day, but I am incredibly proud of the fact that I have never compromised my morals or values to keep this show going. As y'all know, I've received a steady stream of negative comments telling me to change my ways since this show began and 2021, but I never budged. The show has always and will always be an authentic reflection of our reporting and our beliefs. This show is special, because we never want changed when people told us to. We might have lost a few followers along the way. But I consider that more of an alignment than a loss. I love our loyal audience and I am grateful for those who continue to listen to what we have to say week after week, especially the Luna Shark premium fans, whose continued monthly support has fueled our momentum on True Sunlight podcast. We are constantly making the premium membership cooler and better. Like today there is a whole section of this podcast for Premium Members Only. Liz will give you all a much needed update in the shocking nightfighter Mallory Beach family lawsuit situation. It is unreal.



Go to lunashark.supercast.com to sign up today. Also, I've noticed a few of you all who followed us during the Murdaugh story are back listening again to our coverage of the Mica Miller case. To y'all I want to say welcome back and thank you for listening. True Sunlight is the antithesis of true crime. True Sunlight values accuracy over access journalism. True Sunlight is shed with empathy, not exploitation. True Sunlight was created as a matter of public service, not just entertainment. We are proud to be celebrating a whole year of True Sunlight. And we are grateful to be shining the light this week again on the Mica Miller case. But before we do real guick, I just need to tell you that we do not have an update on the Michasel Colucci trial date. We are frustrated because Sara Lynn Colucci's family has waited nine years for justice. Her daughter is getting married in June. Her family just wants this incredibly hard part of their lives to be over. And yet, the court still can't get it together and decide on a date. It is yet another example of our justice system that puts victims at the bottom of its priority list.

Liz Farrell 04:18

Before we talk about what we've learned in the Mica Miller case, over the past week, we have a quick update for you on an OG Murdaugh adjacent case that we haven't talked about in a really long time. It's one of the most insidious cases to come out of all of this. As most of you listening know the Murdaugh murder story actually began in February 2019 when Paul Murdaugh drunkenly crashed his father's boat into a bridge near Parris Island in South Carolina. That crash resulted in several injuries to false friends and the death of 19 year old Mallory Beach. It's Mallory Beach's wrongful death lawsuit that sent Alex down his final dark path of destruction. Because each day that was ticking by in 2021 was just a day closer to an inevitable legal reckoning for Alex who, at that time was claiming to be broke when he would be forced to reveal



his list of financial accounts to the Beach's attorney Mark Tinsley. As we all know now these accounts would have shown that Alex Murdaugh, that big bouncing and bumbling idiot of a nebo baby had been stealing from his clients and his family's own firm for over a dozen years, Alex feeding ways and murderous problem solving skills weren't the only villainous things that got on the mask too, because of that lawsuit. Through that suit, the world also got introduced to Parker's Kitchen, the gas station slash convenience store that sold Paul the alcohol that fueled his dangerous driving that night in 2019. And with Parker's Kitchen came the introduction of its owner, Greg Parker, who did the absolute most to minimize the impact this case could have on his big dreams of becoming a billionaire. I sound like I'm making fun of Parker when I say that, but I'm really not. I'm merely repeating something he said in a publication years ago. He really wants to be a billionaire. And there's no shame in wanting to be rich and no shame in doing the best to protect your business and your legitimate business interests, unless your plans include destroying every village and stepping on every villager in your path. So while all the chaos of the Murdaugh case was happening in 2021, when all the world's media companies. documentarians, and would be authors had descended on the low country, we learned that confidential photos, video and documents from the mediation and the beach case had been leaked to a journalist named Vicki Ward, who then use photos of Mallory's dead body in her sizzler real for a documentary on the Murdaugh family. This resulted in a second lawsuit from the beach family, a civil conspiracy case that accused Greg Parker and his camp of intentionally leaking that material to Vicki and to a man named Greg Roman, in an effort to weaken the resolve of the beach family in pursuing their wrongful death case against Parker's Kitchen. Greg Parker denies it. But this is what the lawsuit is claiming. By the way, right before the wrongful death case was set to go to trial. Last year, Parker's Kitchen settled their original



case, but the boat crash victims for \$15 million. That's a lot of money, obviously. But we have to wonder if it's as much as Parker's Kitchen spent in trying to fight the case, because it's this messy, bullying, and morally unethical and inhumane parts of that fight that are at the center of that second beach case. In other words, if Parker's Kitchen had just taken responsibility for selling alcohol to a minor and use this case, as a way to assure the beaches and the public that the cashiers at its many gas stations in the Low Country would be better trained in preventing the sale of alcohol to minors, then we likely wouldn't be talking about this other case. And that other case would not have produced yet another case, because of course, it produced another lawsuit. When are these good old boys going to learn? When are they going to learn that despite their inherited positional power, and their money that we are in control now, we as in us, and we as in you, the people who are sick and tired of good ole boy behavior and who are done being silent about it? When are they going to understand that the world is changing, and there's less darkness for them to operate in that people are more likely to call them out now than ever before? This latest lawsuit was filed last Tuesday in Charleston County Circuit Court by Inquiry Agency LLC, a private investigation agency in Charleston. The suit lists two defendants: the Baker Hostetler law firm and attorney Jason de Cruz, both of whom were employed by Greg Parker and Parker's Kitchen according to the lawsuit. Some of you might remember the Inquiry Agency from our past coverage. Inquiry is associated with a woman named Sarah Capelli. She's the private investigator who was tailing Paul and Buster in the lead up to the murders in June 2021. At one point, there was a question of whether she had a deer camera watching the comings and goings of Moselle. In an open courtroom Mark Tinsley accused Sara of having diarrhea of the mouth and told the court that in her pursuit of dirt on the Murdaugh boys, Sara ended up buying drinks at a bar for Paul's underage friends.



Sarah denied knowing that they were underage. According to the lawsuit, Sarah's agency was hired in February by the crews and his law firm to quote "investigate" Paul Murdaugh and his family in an effort to gain information to be used in a public relations case campaign to sway public opinion in favor of Greg Parker and Parker's Kitchen. The lawsuit calls this a quote shadow campaign and says that the information gathered in this investigation was shared with third parties, including but not limited to Wes Donahue, the self proclaimed social media nightfighter, who got that nickname during Marco Rubio's first run for president, his companies, along with Vicki Ward and Greg Roman. For those of you who went deep on the Murdaugh story, Greg Roman is the man who published a strange and very random seeming blog post about the boat crash shortly after the murders in 2021. You can learn more about that background here in Murdaugh Murders Podcast episodes, 46 and 57. And True Sunlight podcast episodes three and eight. It was very unusual in that it was anti-Murdaugh, remember this was still in the era of the Murdaughs being seen as untouchable in the low country. It was also unusual in terms of who is this guy? And what is his connection to a family that few outside of his area even knew back then, he claimed he was on vacation on Hilton Head, and that sparked his interest in researching the family, which is hilarious because Hilton Head is all transplants. Even after the boat crash. He went casually hearing the Murdaugh name on the island. Also, this man had information in his blog that Mandy and I had never even heard of or seen before, including medical information that had never been released. It was clear to us then that someone was leaking to him. But back then we were still naive about just how nefarious these things can be. We never considered that he could be a paid operative. That said, the question is why right? Why did Parkers want to sway public opinion on the Murdaughs when they were both defendants in the same lawsuit? Here's why. Because to them, and their limited understanding



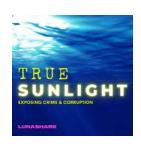
of the Murdaugh's and the low country and the juries hear public opinion meant potential jurors, it meant making their opponents feel the burn, so they'd be more likely to acquiesce bottom line, Parker's attorneys wanted more of the financial burden to fall on the Murdaugh's so that less would fall on Parker's Kitchen. They wanted people to know how bad the Murdaughs were so that jurors would know this come trial time. What Parker's and their attorneys never understood is that people already knew knowing that the Murdaugh's were untouchable and that they were able to get away with things that other people couldn't was never the issue, actually holding them accountable to that was the problem. Now, Inquiry Agency was subpoenaed by Mark Tinsley at some point in 2021. In the boat crash case, according to the lawsuit Inquiry Agency was told by Baker Hostetler and Jason Cruz, not to comply with a subpoena and that they needed to meet with Greg Parker. Inquiry says it was told by Parker's attorneys to retain counsel and object to the subpoena. Inquiry says it did not want to object to the subpoena because they did not believe any of the information gathered was considered privileged. They just wanted to hand over the information to Tinsley and call it a day. According to the lawsuit inquiry followed orders from Parker's counsel and racked up 1000s of dollars in legal expenses plus costs from its own time preparing to fight the subpoena, and no one has paid them for this expense which isn't spelled out in the lawsuit but doesn't appear to be more than \$75,000. Inquiry is accusing Baker Hostetler and Jason two crews of breach of contract and unjust enrichment meaning that only their clients Greg Parker and Parker's Kitchen benefited from inquiry withholding that material from Mark Tinsley inquiry also accuses them of violating the state's unfair trade practices act. So what does all of this mean, right? Basically, it's another sliver of sunlight being shown on whatever it is that Greg Parker and Parker's Kitchen were up to their fight against the original book crash case. And it's this



shadow campaign that Parker's attorneys are accused of engaging in that's at the heart of the civil conspiracy case. The beach family believes that Greg Parker use subversive methods like this to fight their wrongful death lawsuit, and that this shadow campaign resulted in the producers of a documentary being given photos of Mallory's body. Around the same time, a seemingly organized and relentless social media campaign emerged calling the beach family and the boat crash victims greedy for suing and claiming that they were to blame for their own injuries and that Mallory was to blame for her own death. We all know the effects trolling can have on people. Well pair that with pictures of your loved ones body being used to saw a documentary, The Beach family went for so much, and we hope that they're able to finally get the justice they deserve with this civil conspiracy case against Greg Parker. We hope that this case serves as a cautionary tale to other high powered civil defendants who are considering shadow campaigns like this in an effort to win their cases because no one should be bullied like that. Ever.

Mandy Matney 15:27

Okay, let's talk about the Mica Miller case. Yet another South Carolina case that shows you how much Google boys rely on bullying and harassment in the hopes of weakening the resolve of someone seeking justice against them. In this case, Justice would have been a divorce from Mica. Instead, it ended with her alleged suicide. And the big question on everyone's mind, is what led Mica to kill herself that day, on April 27, when she got ready for her job as a waitress at J. Peters left her apartment in her uniform with a bag lunch packed for later, just two days after serving her past her husband with divorce papers. A move that friends say strengthened her outlook on things if she did kill herself. And yes, we are still asking that question. What made her decide not to go to J Peters that afternoon, and instead, go to a pawn



shop to buy a gun, then drive to a random and remote spot in the next state over to shoot herself. So far, we have told you about what her marriage looked like starting in the fall of 2022. When she sought refuge from JP at her sister's house. We have told you about the events surrounding her hospitalization at a mental health facility in Myrtle Beach and late 2022. We have told you about the harassment that she was experiencing, and the accusations of abuse that she made against JP in the months leading up to her death. And you've heard from one of her best friends Charlotte Korn, who gave us all really great insight on just how toxic and influenced JP was and Mica's life. The next thing we want to talk to you about is Mica's healthcare power of attorney document and what we think it is telling us.

Liz Farrell 17:30

Let's start with what a healthcare power of attorney is for. Generally speaking, this type of POA comes into play when you've been diagnosed with a terminal illness, or you have a surgery scheduled or anything that incapacitates you mentally that makes it so that you are mentally unable to make decisions for yourself. It gives an assigned person the power to make those health care decisions for you. And these are serious health care decisions by the way, like whether you should be intubated and how hard doctors should work to save your life and whether your organs should be donated when you die. Now what happens if you become incapacitated, meaning you're not able to make decisions for yourself and you don't have a health care POA, the decisions on your health care would then fall to a family member. But if your family isn't on the same page, things can get sticky. That said, let's take you back to November 2022. Remember last week when we told you about what went down outside the walker ma Center for Mental Health when hospital employees called police because of a patient who was locked in the bathroom. When police got there they found a woozy



seeming Mica Miller who had already passed out in the lobby of the hospital and in the bathroom. At this point she was sitting in the passenger seat of her husband's truck JP was trying to take her away from the hospital. Remember how we told you that this didn't really track with everything else we've been learning about JP friends of Mica and family members say that from the second they got married JP was very much on the Mica is mentally ill train that he believed her to be bipolar was potentially dosing her with unknown medications and had had her involuntarily hospitalized but for some reason, this time in late November 2022. After their big blow up after Mica fled to her sister's house after JP spent an evening threatening to come they're armed and ready to take her back after the police visited his home because he was threatening to take his life. JP did not want my kids to be admitted to the mental hospital meaning in the aftermath of this fight when JP wanted his narrative to be that Mica was a bad wife and that he was the victim here. It would seem that JP would have welcomed the opportunity to play into the idea that Mica had mental problems which he eventually did. He eventually played into that idea after police basically forced him to allow Mica to be hospitalized but until that moment he was fighting it. Why? We're not sure. But like we said last week, among a long list of potential reasons is that JP didn't like that Mica's sister Anna was the one who brought Mica to the hospital. B. JP didn't like not having control over Mica. See, hospital staff suspected that Miko was quote on something and acting like she was drugged. So maybe JP didn't want them testing her blood, or G. JP didn't want those particular medical experts weighing in on Mica's medication regimen. Okay, so hold that thought for a second. Let's go back 12 days to November 16, 2022. Fight. And keep in mind that three weeks later, Miko would be handing over her power of attorney to this version of her husband. According to the police report from Cherokee County Sheriff's office during that epic fight before Mica's hospitalization. Police went to



JP's home to see if he was there because he had been telling Mica and her sister that he was armed and ready and that he was almost at Mica his sister's house to take Mica back. He wasn't he was telling them he was driving there. But he wasn't he was telling them that he was sitting outside their gate. But he wasn't it was the middle of the night. And this had to be terrifying to Mica and her sister again. Mica's sister lived more than four hours away from Myrtle Beach. And again, JP was telling Mica that he was going to kill himself if she didn't return. At this time, JP owned at least six firearms according to a 911 call from that night. Six months earlier, South Carolina had granted JP a pardon for his June 1999 conviction for assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, meaning after 23 years of not being able to legally own a gun. JP had quickly amassed a small armory. Real quick, we have a little more information about that incident. So we want to share it with you. Also, I want to tell you a quick story about what it's like to be a journalist in South Carolina. Sometimes, when you've read as many public documents as we have, you start to see a trend. And we know this trend isn't a fluke or just random acts of carelessness because Mandy and I have both heard of public servants out there who admit to doing this kind of thing on purpose because they think it's funny. But my God, the number of times we've received police reports or warrants or any sort of document connected to a criminal investigation where the agency has stamped to their filing date and other information over the most critical parts of the document is on a real and it's perverse. It's like they delight in keeping the public, the community they're ostensibly a part of in the dark that information. Anyway, this was the case with JP's arrest warrant from back in the day, some bureaucrat put their big that liquidy filing stamp on top of the most horrifying part of what JP was accused of doing back then, making it hard to read. According to this Warren at around 3:30pm February 8, 1998, JP was driving at a high rate of speed. At that time, the road was flooded with water, people were out walking



to their cars, and they yelled at JP to slow down. JP then went around a curve and hit a woman named Jennifer garland with the bumper of his truck, she lost her balance, and before she could stand up straight, he hit her again. Then according to the warrant, he drove with her on the hood of his truck for a quarter of a mile before slamming on his brakes and throwing her off. So this wasn't a matter of a reckless and youthful accident. JP Miller literally drove around with another human being on the hood of his truck and then made it so that she would further hurt herself. JP made reference to this incident about a year ago on the Elsa Kurt show on YouTube. Here's what JP said.

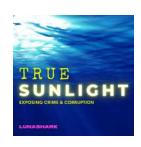
Elsa Kurt 24:21

Did you find that with people in your past you said you you know you you kind of shied away from from your faith for a long period of time when you came back to it or came to it? What was the reaction from people?

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JP Miller 24:33

Well, you know, Christians, I say we because I'm a Christian, but we kind of have bad publicity a lot of times and, and I realized that but you know, just because there's a few, you know, you talked about evangelizing and telling people about Jesus, you know, some people want to shove Jesus down your throat and they think that you should do that and walk around and start preaching everybody on the street. And there's a lot of little things like that the Christian is going to have a beep off of that. have taste in their mouth toward Christians. But you know, we still live in America even though there's some Americans that are not very patriotic, not very good Americans, we still go to work even though there are people that work there that just aren't doing right. And so I never want people to walk away from church or their belief in Jesus just because of a few bad vibes they get from people kind of



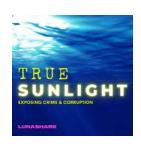
taking it the wrong way. Because the truth is, none of us do it 100% of the time. None of us, you know, not any of our doctors are 100% right all the time. You know, when I came back to church, I did have when I started pastoring, I did have a lot of people from my past, who, um, who were Christians who condemned me, and they were like, No, you could be a pastor and everything you've done. And I mean, I had a bad record, even with the police, that arrested twice a bunch of stuff that I just got to expunge, thank God, but that passed in every area. And you know, when you read the Bible, every single man and woman of God in the Bible, not only do they have a bad past, but even after they came to God, they were not perfect. I mean, Abraham was gonna let someone sleep with his wife to save him from getting hurt. You know, Peter, cussed and denied Jesus. I mean, just on and on it goes. And so the goal is not perfection. That goal is the opposite. The goal is to keep recognizing you're not perfect.

Mandy Matney 26:22

One of the key mottos of JP's church is no perfect people allowed, which is great. That is a great message for a church to have. No one is perfect. Everyone is worthy, right. But it is hard not to listen to his words on that show, and see them as self serving. It sounds like he's conditioning people to accept his dark side by making it about them too. As in, I'm not perfect, but neither are you pow, the thing that's absent from JP's words, there isn't any expression of remorse for that past. Instead, he laughs about how he got his charges expunged, except to be technical, his assault and battery charge isn't actually expunged. He was pardoned for it. He got back his ability to buy a gun and a vote, but it's still on his record. Interestingly, three people wrote letters of support for JP getting his assault and battery charge pardoned, you know, the charge when he drove with a woman on the hood of his car. Not one of those letters indicates that they knew and



understand the severity of the incident. Not one notes JP's remorse for it. Jason Potter wrote, quote, it is to my understanding that Pastor John Paul Miller made many mistakes early on in his life, as most of us all have. Unfortunately, a few of those mistakes have continued to haunt him and restrict him in areas of his life that keep him from continuing to further serve our area, our state, our country, our world, as well as most importantly, the kingdom of God. In quote. How exactly Was he being restricted? Was it his right to vote? He had missed several historic elections over the years, but no, on his part in application, it seems he just wants to be able to legally own guns. Also, I want to note that Jason Potter said the thing JP made mistakes as most of us have, that is the message. We can't judge him because we're just as bad. Linda Phillips wrote, quote, I have had the pleasure of knowing pastor Miller for about seven years, he has been my pastor and close friend. Since we joined the church. I have witnessed him growing as a spiritual, compassionate and responsible person. Pastor Miller has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and concern for others. Concern for Others is the sentiment that comes closest to remorse and these documents. Finally, Tricia Roth JP's, right hand person and someone not very highly regarded when it comes to her treatment, Mica wrote the following. Since I have known him, I have not witnessed any behavior that would be considered abusive or criminal in nature. In fact, I have witnessed the opposite. He would give the shirt off his back for anyone since knowing him, I have only seen him as a caring, hard working, good father, great pastor, and sensitive man. Again, we get no notion that JP was sorry for his offense. And I'm not sure why Governor McMaster needed to know that JP is a sensitive man. What's going on there Tricia weed just knows from public records that JP told McMaster that he wanted his rights restored so he could protect his wife and family and his congregation. Which brings us back to the guns. So according to a police report from November 2022, officials were sent to



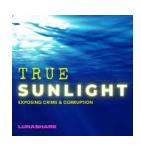
JPS home to verify that he was there and not on his way to Gaffney, unquote armed and ready to take back Mica. According to sources, JP would later characterize this interaction as quote, The bitch got me arrested. Really, what happened is that the police conducted a welfare check on JP. They literally pulled up to his house to be like, Y'all good. And he sighs. Please note that they found him packing his pickup truck with Mica as belongings, meaning his threats to Mica about taking all of our stuff to Goodwill appear to have been something that he intended to act upon. JP told police he was fine, and that he did not intend to hurt himself. When police relayed this information to Mica. She told them that JP was continuing to threaten her over text note charges were filed in that case.

Liz Farrell 31:32

Okay, so back to November 28, 2022, just 12 days after their huge fight that involved police. Mica, his sister Anna took Mica to the mental hospital and for whatever reason, JP did not like that. Once Mica was admitted to the hospital, JP took on the role of worried husband and he updated her friends, instructing them not to update her family on the matter and letting them know he was relieved to find out that it was Mica as quote, mental disease that caused their epic fight nearly two weeks earlier. During this time JP had caught Mica's family from receiving any information about her health. Mica's sister Sierra had to get information secondhand from Mica's friends. In the meantime, her family was blocked from even visiting Mica at the hospital. And JP was telling people including his brother, Nate, that Miko was likely going to be in the hospital for a long time, possibly permanently. But Mica was released December 5 2022. That is a week later at 9: 10 That morning, JP texted Charlotte and others quote, she gets out in a few hours with a smiley face emoji. Please wait and text her tomorrow as I'm gonna try to let her rest and relax before dealing with all her cell phone stuff. Thanks.



So did JP let Miko rest and relax. It doesn't look like it. Because on the fifth day of December 2022 Mica Miller was signing paperwork to grant JP the power to make healthcare decisions for her moving forward. Now, there's a bunch of weird things happening here. But first, let's talk about what Mica was signing over. In December 2022. My goal was to be 20 years old. And other than the mental illness that JP told people she had, she was otherwise a healthy person. Again, health care, POA is typically employed by people expecting to be mentally incapacitated in some way. This POA uses the standardized language established by South Carolina law. In it, Mica made John Paul Miller her agent, meaning the chief person who could make decisions for her should she become mentally incapacitated. Her first alternate agent was written in by hand with the initials M. M, written next to it and it's her brother Nate. According to sources, Nate is the sibling who remained with the church at that time, where she's to list a second agent that's been left blank. In the POA, Mica granted Jaypee full authority to make decisions for her regarding her health care. The document requires him to attempt to discuss the proposed decisions with her if she's able to communicate in any way. This means JP would now have the authority to consent to treatment for Mica, or refuse and withdraw treatment for Mica. He could decide on medications and procedures to relieve pain and decide on when she gets admitted and discharged even against medical advice from a hospital. In the POA, the initials M M are handwritten, granting JP the ability to consent to donating any or all of Mica's tissues and organs and the initials mm are handwritten next to the option that grants JP the discretion to not allow Mica to get life sustaining treatment, as well as next to the option where JP can decide On whether Mica gets a feeding tube to prolong her life. This is what Mica was signing on December 5 2020. To the day she was released from the mental hospital that JP tried to prevent her from being admitted to now for the odd stuff to people witnessed Mica assign this



form to an attorney named Tom Winslow, who we told you about in true sunlight episode 52. He is an attorney friend of JPS and owns property near the park where Mica's body was found. Again, we are not making any suggestion that him owning that property means anything; we're merely noting it as a coincidence. He signed the document saying Mica signed it in His presence. Also, Tiffany Marsh signed the form attesting to that same thing. According to Tom's law firm's website, Tiffany is the new client coordinator there. It isn't at all weird that a lawyer and his employee would sign a power of attorney form attesting to a principal's signature. What's weird is that they say they witnessed the signature of Micas on November 28 2022. The same day Mica was admitted to the hospital. According to the update text from JP, he was telling people that he wasn't allowed to visit Mica at the hospital at that time. So how were Tom Winslow and Tiffany Marsh able to do that? Additionally, and probably more importantly, how did they witness the signature that didn't get made until December 5 2022. This isn't likely a typo because there's a big difference between writing November 28 and December 5. So did JP have these papers drawn up on the day Miko was admitted to the hospital? If so, that gives us an even bigger indication of just how much he did not want her in that mental facility at that time. Like I said, it's very odd. The form is then notarized on a separate sheet of paper. Every sheet of paper has the initials mm TW and TM on it. Then there's the strangest part. The last page is a handwritten so-called test with five questions. The first question is the date December 5 2022. The second question is the day Monday. The third question is about President Joe Biden. The fourth is the next holiday, Christmas the fifth is why present and the answer written was select Power of Attorney. At the bottom is Mica's signature, which we checked against her restraining order from March 2024. And it matches Mica signature is interesting because it's very plain and very clean and non described. It looks like she would have gotten a plus in



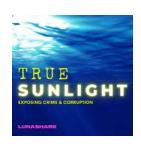
cursive because it's so easy to reproduce. A friend of ours who is a probate attorney told us that this test is not the normal remedy to proving the principal was of sound mind when they sign their power of attorney. And that a more typical and far more effective way to prove this would be to get a letter from the principal's attending physician to attest to their ability to sign legal documents at that time. Regardless, this is what it looks like. After their epic fight in mid November, JP has an aggressive and scary response to it. Mica went to her sister's and at some point returned home to JP according to the text we read you last week JP was livid that she had left and after this ridiculous and manufactured fight on his part. According to Mica his friend Charlotte JP outed Mica for the awkward reason they had been fighting that night. That reason being that JP had asked Mica to name a girl that she would kiss and Mica hesitated because she didn't have a girl that she wanted to kiss, but he forced the issue and then became irate when she finally said Charlotte, her best friend, and she selected Charlotte in this hypothetical nonexistent scenario because Charlotte was the friend who would never tell anyone that this happened. At the same time, JP was also threatening to donate all of Mica's belongings to Goodwill. This is what Mica was returning to and what was happening in her life leading up to her hospitalization sometime between when she returned home and November 28, 2022. With her family worried about her health. JP has started telling them that her demise was on them. So her sister found a way to separate Mica from JP and use the opportunity to take my kid to the hospital to get checked out. JPS showed up at the hospital and tried to leave with Mica. The police intervened. They separated JP from Mica to ask Mica her wishes and she told them that she wanted to be admitted in response to that JP called his friend, Lieutenant Heather Wilson at the Orange County Police Department twice and told the officers at the scene that they'd be getting a call. Officers noted that JP was not happy and that he had stormed off from



them. And then on that very same day we either have JPS attorney and JPS attorney's staffer signing a healthcare power of attorney form saying they witnessed like a signature of it, which didn't occur until a days later or GP had the attorney immediately dropped forms in a hot headed effort to wrest power back from Mica from Anna. And from the police over Mica's hospitalization, then, and here's where it gets creepy guys. Nothing happens with the form. See, what's supposed to happen is that it gets filed with the County Register of Deeds office, South Carolina law began requiring that in 2017. Ostensibly, if someone is signing a healthcare power of attorney, it's because they needed something. But that didn't happen, and Miko was hospitalized at least one other time between December 5 2022 and her death, but the POA doesn't appear to have come into play. It did, however, suddenly get filed on March 20 2024. Someone went down to the Register of Deeds office to pay the \$25 filing fee. And finally put the POA for Mica's health care on the official record. We had reporter Beth Braden call over to the office to see if a POA needs to be filed by the principal which would be Mica in this case? Or if anyone could file it. According to the answer she got, anyone with a document could file itself who filed it? We don't know yet. What we do know is that if you look at the timeline we gave you last week, here is where the filing falls in it. On February 8 of this year, JP had Mica involuntarily hospitalized and in a mental facility. She was released two days later, three days after that the motion for divorce she had filed for back in October 2003 was dismissed by consent order meaning both parties would have had to sign for that dismissal text or Mica's sister around that time though, indicate that Mica left the hospital and was serious about leaving JP we don't know what to make of that timing. Around the same time. JPS church also appears to be reporting Mica for stealing from their mission and youth group funds. A month later a police investigation and a judge determines that no crime has been committed in late February Mica tells police that she



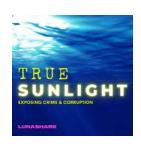
has been separated from JP since January and that he had her hospitalized so that he could take her car. She also tells them that he has been harassing her and that she was groomed by him since she was a teenager. JP tells police that he took her car to prevent her from selling it because she was having one of her mental episodes. The next day he filed a motion for relief with a family card. The same court that just dismissed their divorce case nine days earlier. In March Mica tells police and the court that JP has been threatening her, harassing her and putting trackers on the car she was driving. She also finds razor blades and deflator devices and the tires of her cars. On March 26. Mica found another tracker on her car and on the same day her motion for a restraining order was heard in magistrate court. We still don't know the outcome of that hearing. A hearing had also been scheduled to hear JPS motion for relief but he had dropped his motion 11 days earlier. Around this time Mica posts a video on Facebook talking about her abuse. The next day JP contacts police to tell them Mica and her family are harassing him; he mentioned this video as evidence. Police watch it and say they found no evidence of him being harassed on March 29, even though she already appears to have been cleared in the thefts at the church. A church administrator again appears to report Mica's alleged theft to police. And amid all of that in March amid Mica living separately from JP when trying to get the money to hire an attorney to divorce him and amid her getting relentlessly harassed. Someone files Mica's healthcare power of attorney from 2022. And then a month after that she's found dead in a North Carolina swamp wearing the clothes she put on to go to work that afternoon. So why did the POA get filed? In order for it to be used? It had to be filed. It's the only reason to officially file it to use it for what it was going to be used for? Well, the thing that makes it necessary. The only reason for it to be used would be in the event of Mica being mentally incapacitated. Without knowing she filed it. We can only speculate as to the reasons but one thing we



can say for sure, is that it would seem to be highly unlikely that a woman who was in the middle of getting a restraining order against her estranged husband would then go and file old paperwork that granted that same man power over whether she lived or died. And yet that appears to be exactly what happens. According to a receipt that we obtained from the Horry County Register her deeds office late Wednesday, just after 3pm on March 20, which is two days before Mica posted a video about abuse and six days before her hearing to get a restraining order. It appears that Mica walked into that office and paid the \$25 fee with a check to file the paperwork that put JP Miller in charge of her health care. Should she become mentally incapacitated? I know, you need a second to process that. Believe me, we get it. It's yet another strange detail that seems to make no sense whatsoever with this case. And there's so much more to learn here. We're on it. We'll let you know what else we find out in our next episode. In the meantime, if anyone has thoughts on this or information about it, please feel free to reach out to us through lunasharkmedia.com.

Mandy Matney 45:58

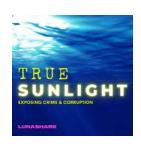
Now, let's talk about JP's family history and the role that it plays in all of this. John Paul Miller was born a pastor's son to Susan and Reginald Wayne Miller on May 20 1979, in Florence, South Carolina. By the time JP came around, his father's religious star was rising. In 1972, Wayne Miller founded his own church, Florence tabernacle, and by the mid 1970s, he established glory land, a 500 acre property home of tabernacle Bible Institute. In the 70s, he also began hosting Good morning Jesus, a TV show that reached five states and Canada, which was apparently a big deal at the time. Before JP was born, Miller had big plans for glory land, in a 1978 full page ad or feature. It's hard to tell from the newspapers in the 1970s Glory land announced big plans for its feature to include a Christian Academy, recreational facilities, camping facilities, and



orphanage, a home for the aged horses, fishing, a petting zoo. A life size replica of the Old Testament tabernacle, Glory land Bible Institute. Oh, and good morning, Jesus studios. I'm telling you, big plans for glory land. If you are picturing the compound from the righteous gemstones, you aren't far off according to these newspaper renderings. Just two months after JP was born in 1979. The Associated Press ran a profile on Wayne Miller with the headline evangelists, Wayne Miller on the way up. I want to have David Read a clip from this Associated Press story that ran in July 1979.

DAVID MOSES 48:02

The 30-year old Hemingway native might be the future tar of the evangelical broadcast circuit. He's got the looks, he's got the charm and heaven knows he's got the ambition. Host of a daily religious talk show carried on 24 stations throughout the United States. Miller also founded the seven year old Florence tabernacle, Inc., and heads the glory land Bible college, but it is the television show that is Miller's baby, the program. Good morning. Jesus is typical of a new kind of television evangelism like Jim Baker and pat robertson hosts of the better known PTL Club and 700 Club programs. Miller follows a Johnny Carson style talk show format. Most of the funds for Miller's program come from viewers responding to requests for donations. Total production costs for the first guarter of 1979 were \$104,000 Miller said although the show is now produced by a local station, Miller has plans to build his own studio within the next few years. He describes the program as a quote, an outreach of our church. In Florence alone he claims several 1000 viewers. The program is also aired by other stations in South Carolina and in Florida, Georgia, Texas, Vermont and eastern Canada. Quote, you can reach 1000's of people at one time and Miller says while adding that he would like to see every church have a television ministry and quote, Miller says however he prefers to see evangelical broadcasters maintain



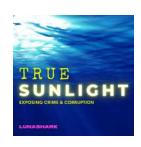
a direct affiliation with a local church with local church youth volunteers to help with production. He says, quote, without a local church, you have to pay salaries end quote.

Mandy Matney 50:02

Wow, what a pedestal that guy was on. And of course, his career didn't slow down after his firstborn son. It only got better because, well, men, Wayne Miller received an honorary doctorate degree from Indiana Christian University, and he immediately began putting Dr. In front of his name. He expanded glory Land College to international locations and places like Jamaica, and Costa Rica. But it's hard to tell if the plans for the actual glory land in Florence, like the orphanage and petting zoo ever came to fruition. In the 1980s Wayne Miller was named to the executive committee of Washington for Jesus, joining the ranks of Oral Roberts and other religious superstars around the country. Oh, and he also had a little side gig in the 1980s when he led the Florence citizens against pornography group. And I just have God David read a few paragraphs from this Florence morning news story because, wow.

David Moses 51:08

A leader of the citizens against pornography wonders if the anti censorship group, which has grown in opposition to the anti obscenity drive knows what it is protesting. Wayne Miller, pastor of the tabernacle Baptist Church said the citizens against censorship would have a legitimate protest if the anti obscenity group had proposed a city ordinance stronger than the state ordinance. Miller is also discouraged by the amount of newspaper and television coverage given to the anti censorship group. When he spoke before the city council on first and second reading approval of the ordinance. Miller said his descriptions of videotapes showing quote, sperm dripping from the mouths of young men and quote was not reported. When people think about obscenity



they think about Playboy, but I walked into a mini mart the other day and saw a Hustler magazine where any six year old could see sex acts and quote, Miller said in his counseling sessions, he has seen a five year old boy sodomized by a seven year old who said quote, daddy brings home these videos end quote.

Liz Farrell 52:24

You know, and not just ill for now, but Ill back then to subsequent records noted how overly descriptive Wayne Miller had been in his testimony to counsel. How was that example he gave not a red flag to anyone because just wait until you hear what happens later in his career. It puts all of that in perspective. Anyway, he dabbled a lot in the 1980s. As his career rose, he wrote two books. He hosted seminars like this one and Mandy found an ad called you aren't a failure in 1985. In small print at the bottom, the ad said that Miller had polio that paralyzed from the waist down as a child and that he had been healed by the ministries of Oral Roberts fun fact papers across the state viewed Wayne Miller as a leading voice for evangelicals. In 1987. He was quoted in a plethora of newspapers calling on 17,000 preachers to unseat Jerry Falwell on the board of Pentecostal charismatic leaders. JP's father wasn't just a simple preacher. He was somebody in the church world. But something happened in 1987 that seemed to change everything for Wayne Miller and his legacy. But that incident would be kept quiet, at least until it was outed in 1989. That year WP D broadcast a five part series on Wayne Miller with quote, blurred faces and disguised voices recounting inappropriate advances Miller allegedly made on students at his Bible College. This according to JP's own mother, Susan and divorce filings would be the first domino to fall in the Miller dynasty. According to the Sun News in 1987, the wives of two Bible college students accused Wayne Miller of making sexual advances on their husbands. After WPA II made these allegations public in 1989. Miller



defended himself immediately and said he was already cleared of sexual immorality by who you ask. Well, an obscure group of three clergymen from the National Leadership Conference got together in 1987. One of those men was the Reverend Jamie Buckingham of Florida. We're going to have David Read this part of the Florence morning news article about it.

David Moses 54:41

Buckingham said his group interested in keeping the controversy quote in house agreed to mediate and that Miller agreed to participate late in December Miller and the three other individuals met in Spartanburg with the subcommittee to air the situation the recommend Dacian by the committee that Miller undergo at least six months rehabilitation, which would involve counseling in Bradenton, Florida, which the Florida ministers said Miller agreed to, however, he reportedly left before the six months had elapsed.

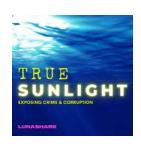
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Mandy Matney 55:17

Wayne Miller claimed that in 1988, the Credentials Committee of the Apostolic Christian Church Incorporated, ruled that there had been no findings of sexual immorality in his case. However, that paper does not show any proof of this beyond Miller's statement. I want to point this out because men and religion, unfortunately, have a history of handling sexual allegations internally. See, for example, the Catholic Church and it's hard to trust the outcome of any investigation conducted by parties who are more interested in the protection of the institution than they are actually holding church leaders to account. I have no idea what happened in 1987. But it is important to note that Wayne Miller sued WP de for \$5 million in February 1989, just weeks after the series ran. That appeared to be a scare tactic. Perhaps like the cease and desist letter JP Miller's lawyer sent the media a few weeks ago, because just a



few months after filing the lawsuit, Wayne Miller withdrew his libel lawsuit in the station called it a victory for Responsible journalists. The station stood by its reporting and said that they fact checked everything for weeks. Despite what Wayne Miller said, the series and evitable II cast a cloud over glory land that Miller could not ever shake. Apparently, his wife Susan Miller, later claimed the series forced them to sell their home and Florence and move to Myrtle Beach. And they did that in 1993. According to an app that ran in the Sun Times, announcing Cathedral Bible College in Grand Strand Cathedral Church, moving to a temporary location and Myrtle Beach. The ad boasted 30 churches and several Bible colleges have been started. And it claimed to have a grant from Wayne Miller's former church tabernacle Baptist Church to purchase and develop property in Myrtle Beach. A grant from his own church Hmm. Over the next few years, Wayne Miller and his supporters would fight for the land and chapel building at the old Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, the land where solid rock at market common sits on to this day, Miller won the bid for two buildings in 1996 at a discount rate, and when he was denied getting more land, he was quoted in the paper saying that the Air Force Base authority is doing the devil's work. He claimed that the land that he wanted was the Lord's, but what about glory land and all its glory? Well, according to everything I can find, it sat vacant throughout the 90s while Miller waited for the quote unquote, right buyers. Then on March 30 1999, the 20,000 square foot cross shaped building that held tabernacle Baptist and glory land Bible College burned to the ground in one of the largest fires in the area at the time. Officials immediately called the Fire suspicious, and the chief of police was quoted in the Florence Morning News, saying that they had eliminated all accidental ignition as the cause. In that same Florence morning news article. Wayne Miller was quoted saying that the property was just as valuable without the building and that specifically insurance would not cover the building because it was



abandoned. Hmm. Is isn't that something Florence County Sheriff's Office and fire department opened an investigation into the glory land fire, but it doesn't appear like it was ever followed up on. We're going to look more into that and file more foyers about that fire because I have questions. However, the glory land fire would not be the last time that Wayne Miller's name would be mentioned in the newspaper followed by a story that makes you go hmm.

Liz Farrell 59:56

In 2006, Miller pleaded guilty to indecent exposure when He was accused of following an undercover officer into a bathhouse and taking off his pants Allah Donald Duck before asking the male officer what he was into the Reverend was allowed to complete pre-trial intervention and the charge was later expunged. Now, a reverend with a history of sex abuse allegations who already moved once because of that scandal, gets arrested in a homosexual bathhouse encounter. What do you think that does to a church? Think of it as a business losing customers but never fear daddy's boy was there. That same year the Reverend Miller was arrested JP Miller started solid rock ministries in the library according to his website where his congregation was made up of his family, friends and quote, several drug acquaintances the next year, Susan Miller, whose JPS mother filed for divorce against Wayne Miller and she spilled some family D and her divorce filings. The kind of tea that I'm sure made JP, the young pastor, fearful of what divorce could do to a man who has skeletons in his closet. That divorce seemed to be the next big domino to fall on Wayne Miller's legacy. In 2012, he sold the Air Force property to JPS church solid rock and moved his ministry to Marion, South Carolina. And then in 2014, Miller pleaded guilty to four federal felony charges and two misdemeanors having 16 foreign students who came to South Carolina to attend his Bible College worked for him for little to no money while holding their visas over their



heads and threatening to go into the system to mess with their immigration status, as we told you in Episode 50, but don't worry, that wasn't rock bottom for him because of course, the Feds let him off easy on those charges that he could have gotten 41 years behind bars for he spent nearly four months in prison. 14 months awaiting sentencing. 12 months of house arrest gave 500 hours of community service and check out the wording on this next part, quote, arranged for \$70,000 to be paid according to the court decree. This is all according to a letter that Wayne Miller wrote to the judge trying to get his sentence shortened. He also got one year of probation and one year of supervised release and the judge said no, I'm not shortening anything. After that whole ordeal Wayne Miller's mission work continued under the all nations Bible College faith first Academy under the name reg W. Miller, which is not surprising considering he is a convicted felon. Wayne's quote mission work focuses a lot on Pakistan and I cannot wait to find out more about that. There appear to be blurry lines between Wayne and JPS churches and their mission work but make no mistake, daddy Miller has never wavered in his support of His Son and His Son's Church, especially lately. He has made that crystal clear on his public Facebook group Wayne Miller and friends and on other social media. When Solid Rock Church was named by the Myrtle Beach business Hall of Fame as a top place to worship in March 2024. Wayne Miller wrote a comment in all caps. Here's David.

DAVID MOSES 1:03:17

Greatest church in Myrtle Beach because of the greatest team of leadership and a great congregation of workers and loving people. If you are lonely, head for solid rock and you will never be lonely again. Jesus is their main reason it is attacked by some is because he is there.



Mandy Matney 1:03:41

So what exactly was Solid Rock Church getting attacked for in March 2020? For a question for us to unpack later. But it is important to note that Wayne Miller has maintained his support of his son and of solid rock all this time. And in case anyone had any questions about that. He wrote a 900 word essay in the Daily Mail. In his statement, Wayne Miller you know, the man who was charged with prostitution and lewdness in 2006 and convicted of federal fraud charges in 2014. He calls Mica Miller the sick one. In his Daily Mail statement. He pointed the press to an odd video of Mica Miller that has been circulating online recently. The video is from her time in Kenya in October 2023 when she spoke to the missionary about a time when she held a gun to her head and tried to kill herself. But the gun jammed Sources close to Mica so that she was not in her right mind and Kenya as she was surrounded by some of JPS biggest supporters. And they say that she would have never said that unless she was on some serious medication. I keep thinking about that video, as please have referenced it to recently. How convenient is it that in October 2023 Right after Mica filed for divorce from JP for the first time JP's people managed to record a video that would later be used as evidence to support her death being ruled a suicide. Wayne Miller also managed to leave out in his little essay, that there is a video of his own son on the church's website, preaching about how he was taking 800 milligrams of lithium per day not too long ago. But of course, he doesn't mention that because he wants us to think that Mica is the sick one. Wayne Miller went on and on in this letter, he made wild accusations about Mica Miller that should be easily proven by police reports. And yet, we have filed dozens of FOIA requests searching for Mica Miller reports around Myrtle Beach, and we have found nothing that claims anything close to what Wayne Miller is accusing Mica Miller of doing. Wayne Miller's letter ultimately pointed the finger at Mica's family for not getting her the right mental help that she needed. I wonder if he



knows about the time that his son tried to prevent Mica's family from getting her help wall at the very same time, telling them that her downward spiral was on them if they didn't help. Oh, and old Wayne explained his side of the story for his federal convictions, essentially blaming the students for not knowing English. And yet, he didn't mention anything about threatening to revoke visas, or about paying those students next to nothing for their labor. We have talked a lot about Wayne Miller today because I see a pattern here in the Murdaugh story. It was so essential to learn Alex's family history in order to understand his crimes. To quote the Bible, the sins of the father are visited on his children. Like his father, JP has a criminal history that never canceled him. Like his father, JP had a wife who knew his secrets. Like his father, JP continues to deny any wrongdoing. Like his father, JP instead lashes out at anyone who refers to the widely available public documentation of his downfalls. And like his father, JP knows what it's like to lose church members. In 2016 and 2017, JP got caught having an extramarital affair with his wife, who was the mother of four of his children. The affair was with their babysitter, Mica, who was 22 or 23 at the time, and also married. The church did not take kindly to that. And JP lost a significant number of members according to sources, in one of the letters of support for JP's pardon and 2021 Jason Potter mentioned the size of solid rock ministries. In 2017. He said that there were just 50 members, then that became 100 and then 200, and then 400, and then 500, which he said it was at the time of writing his letter and 2021 and late 2023, the Myrtle Beach Sun News reported that Solid Rock's membership had grown to 700. They mentioned that number and a story about how the fast growing church was set to build a new facility to accommodate its size after raising over a million dollars for the expansion. The church, according to reports, has assets of \$5.9 million, including its own private plane, by the way, and it seems like money was pouring in recently. But also like his father, JP has found himself



entangled with matters related to an alleged FBI investigation. Although some have questioned the existence of an FBI investigation, saying that the FBI has only confirmed that they were asked to conduct one. We have confirmation that people are being questioned by federal agents about Mica and JP Miller, and that those questions are not related to church finances. Again, like his father, JP knew that a scandal could ruin him and ruin the church. JP knew from his own experience just how bad it could get. The only problem standing between him and his church's future was Mica. So what really happened to Mica Miller? We're still digging. Stay tuned, stay pesky and stay in the sunlight. True Sunlight is a Luna Shark production created by me Mandy Matney and co-hosted by journalist Liz Farrell. Learn more about our mission and membership at lunasharkmedia.com. Interruptions provided by Luna and Joe Pesky.

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