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Memo to File:

Keith Anthony Cook, Jr.

On March 8, 2019 I met SCDNR Investigator Yongue and SLED Agent Chandler Horney at the Berkeley Bridge at Archer's Creek on Parris Island. We were scheduled to meet with Anthony Cook, Morgan Doughty, and Miley Altman for follow up interviews. Investigator Yongue made phone contact with Anthony Cook to find out their arrival time. Anthony stated that he was told by Miley that the meeting had been canceled. Anthony said that he was on Miley's schedule and was not sure what was going on. Investigator Yongue told Anthony that he had not canceled the meeting and he did not know why Miley told Anthony the meeting had been canceled. During the conversation with Investigator Yongue, Anthony said that Connor told him that he was not driving the boat at the time of the incident. Anthony continued that he would complete a written statement and get it to Investigator Yongue.

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On 03/08/19 I spoke with Anthony Cook on the phone while I was waiting on him, Miley Altman, and Morgan Doughty at the bridge where the accident took place. I was accompanied with SCDNR Inv. M. Brock and SLED Agent C. Horney. Mr. Cook and I spoke about him and the others not showing up for our previously agreed meeting. He apologized for not showing up and stated that he's ready for all of this to pass. Anthony said that he spoke with his cousin Connor Cook and Connor said to him, that he (Connor) was "NOT driving the boat"! He also stated that he was scared because "the Murdaugh's are out to pin it on him."

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On March 8, 2019 Special Agent Chandler Horney with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and Investigators Damian Yongue and Michael Brock with the South Carolina Department of Resources met on Malecon Drive to interview the occupants of the boating accident in Beaufort at 12:00 pm. Shortly after 12:00pm Investigator Yongue called Anthony Cook to find out why Anthony was not coming to the interview. Investigator Yongue put the phone call on speakerphone. During that phone conversation Anthony Cook stated that he knows his cousin, Connor Cook, was not driving the boat at the time of the accident. He stated Connor has told him (Anthony) he was not driving the boat at the time of the accident. Anthony also stated he knows the Murdaughs are trying to pin the boating accident on Connor and he does not think it is fair. He also commented that Connor is very scared of coming forward because of the Murdaughs, he did not specify more than that during this phone conversation. He made several comments about the Murdaughs being able to get away with things in the past and that is why he and his cousin do not think anything will happen if Connor talks to law enforcement. He made several comments about not wanting anyone to get in trouble for this because he is a "true believer" and it happened for a reason.



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