

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLLETON**

State of South Carolina,

v.

Richard Alexander Murdaugh,

Defendant.

**COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Indictment Nos. 2022-GS-15-00592, -593,
-594, and -595

**MOTION FOR INDEPENDENT
LABORATORY REVIEW OF DNA
EVIDENCE**

Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh, through undersigned counsel, hereby moves for an order requiring the State to produce DNA evidence in this case for independent laboratory review. The grounds for this motion are as follows. DNA evidence was collected from underneath Maggie Murdaugh's left-hand fingernails at the scene (SLED Item No. 70). SLED determined this DNA was from an unknown and unrelated male. No further analysis was attempted. This evidence, however, is crucial to the defense. For example, testing of initially unknown male DNA found at the murder scene is what eventually exonerated David Camm of the murders of his wife and children. Camm's two prior wrongful convictions were overturned because the prosecution improperly introduced prejudicial character evidence. *See In re Henderson*, 78 N.E.3d 1092 (Ind. 2017) (recounting procedural history of the case when issuing public reprimand against the second trial's prosecutor because his book-writing deal created a conflict of interest).

Defendant's counsel therefore contacted Othram, Inc., about the possibility of more thorough testing. Othram is a well-known company specializing in the use of forensic genetic genealogy to resolve unsolved murders. Counsel today learned that Othram believes it can conduct a more thorough analysis of the sample, but the testing takes considerable time, and a "rush" order would be needed. Defendant therefore moves for an order requiring the State to deliver the DNA sample to Othram by appropriate means for testing at Defendant's expense.

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Respectfully submitted,



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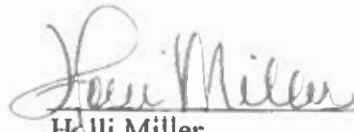
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Holli Miller, paralegal to the attorney for the Defendant, Richard A. Harpootlian, P.A., with offices located at 1410 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, hereby certify that on June 24, 2026, I did serve via electronic delivery the following documents to the below mentioned person:

Documents:

1. Motion for Defendant to Have Access to Case Materials in Electronic Format;
2. Motion to Transfer Venue; and,
3. Motion for Independent Laboratory Review of DNA Evidence.

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