

Exhibit A

(Signed Affidavit of Mary Rebecca Hill)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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AFFIDAVIT OF
MARY REBECCA HILL

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public duly authorized to administer oaths, Mary Rebecca Hill, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18), and I have the legal and mental competency to give this sworn affidavit and give sworn testimony in court.

2. This affidavit is submitted at the request of the Attorney General of South Carolina to address specific allegations contained in affidavits attached as exhibits to Mr. Murdaugh's Motion for New Trial filed October 27, 2023.

3. There are numerous misrepresentations and false statements contained within the Motion for New Trial to which I was not requested to specifically address. As such, this affidavit is not intended to address every allegation contained within the Motion for New Trial.

4. After being elected in 2020, I have served as the Clerk of Court in Colleton County.

5. I was the elected Clerk of Court for Colleton County during the case of *State of South Carolina v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh*.

6. I have reviewed Mr. Murdaugh's Motion for New Trial filed October 27, 2023.

7. As to the allegations contained within the Affidavit of Juror #630:

- a. I did not tell the jury "not to be fooled" by evidence presented by Mr. Murdaugh's attorneys.
- b. I did not instruct the jury to "watch him closely."
- c. I did not instruct the jury to "look at his actions."

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- d. I did not instruct the jury to "look at his movements."
 - e. I did not say to the jury, "this shouldn't take us long."
 - f. When Juror #826 asked to speak with me, the conversations took place in the jury room hall within earshot of Bailiff, Bill Polk. The conversations did not involve the evidence, witnesses, or substance of the trial.
8. As to the allegations within the Affidavit of Holli Miller discussing an alleged conversation with Juror #741:
- a. I did not have private conversations with Juror #826 in a bathroom.
 - b. My conversations with Juror #826 did not involve the evidence, witnesses, or substance of the trial.
 - c. During the trial, I did not tell members of the jury that the media would want to interview them at the end of the trial.
 - d. During the trial, I did not hand out business cards of media personnel.
 - e. I did not tell jurors: "Y'all are going to hear things that will throw you all off. Don't let this distract or mislead you."
9. As to the allegations within the Affidavit of Juror #785:
- a. I did not tell jurors not to be "fooled by" the evidence presented by Alex Murdaugh's attorneys.
 - b. I did not ask Juror #785 whether Juror #785 was inclined to vote guilty or not guilty.
 - c. I did not tell Juror #785 that SLED and Colleton County Sheriff's Office personnel went to her ex-husband's house.
 - d. I did not tell Juror #785 that I would "reinstate" a restraining order against her ex-husband.
 - e. I did not state to Juror #785 that "the Murdaughs" probably "got to him."
 - f. I did not ask Juror #785 about her opinions regarding Mr. Murdaugh's guilt.
 - g. I did not ask Juror #785 "well, what makes you think he's guilty?"

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- h. I did not discuss the evidence presented at trial with Juror #785.
- i. I did not tell Juror #785 that everything that Mr. Murdaugh said had been lies.
- j. I did not tell Juror #785 to "forget about the guns, they will never be seen again."
- k. I did not ask Juror #785 about the views of the rest of the jury.
- l. I did not tell Juror #785 that if the foreperson would "just go in and ask for a raise in hands this would be over and done with."
- m. I did not inform Juror #785 that "everyone needs to be on the same page."
- n. I did not fabricate, nor did I create any Facebook post related to Juror #785.

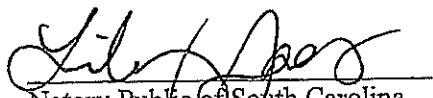
10. As to the allegations within the Affidavit of Holli Miller discussing an alleged conversation with Juror #326:

- a. I did not tell jurors they were prohibited from taking a smoke break during deliberations.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


MARY REBECCA HILL

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on this 10th day of November 2023


Notary Public of South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 11/10/23

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