

**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 TO DISMISS THE
INDICTMENTS**

Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh hereby moves, through undersigned counsel, to dismiss the above-captioned indictments due to the presentation of perjurious testimony and fabricated evidence to the grand jury, creating a colorable claim of prosecutorial misconduct. *See State v. Thrift*, 312 S.C. 282, 302, 440 S.E.2d 341, 352 (1994) (holding that the usual rule is that courts do not inquire into the nature of the evidence before a grand jury, but “[a]n exception to this general rule exists where, as here, a defendant makes a colorable claim of prosecutorial misconduct”). The grounds for this motion, as will be more fully set forth in a supporting memorandum, are that the lead case agent for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division in this case, David Owen, testified that he presented physical evidence directly inculcating the Defendant to the Colleton County Grand Jury that he admitted was false (Trial Tr. 3684–3689) and which Defendant has proven was fabricated by law enforcement (*see* Def.’s Mot. Sanctions, Jan. 18, 2023).

Respectfully submitted,



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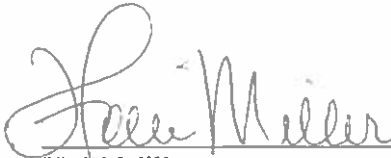
Defendant.

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 August 7, 2026, I did serve via electronic delivery the following document to the below mentioned person:

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