

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

**STATE'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE OF
EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL
OF THE MURDER WEAPONS**

On September 30, 2026, the defendant filed a motion to compel certain evidence the defendant claims is in the possession of the State. The defense motion recirculates secondhand accounts from several publications about a State Grand Jury investigation into a fresh lead concerning post-murder possession of the firearms used to kill Victims Maggie and Paul Murdaugh. Defense now demands the State disclose the existence of the investigation and compel supposed findings of the State Grand Jury.

The media articles the defendant quotes focus on an individual named Greg Alexander, the current police chief in Yemassee. Of course, the record in the first trial shows that Greg Alexander and Alex Murdaugh are extremely close. During the lengthy cross examination of Alex Murdaugh during the first trial, Defendant mentioned that one reason he may have lied was his nervousness at talking to law enforcement, brought on by multiple factors. One factor he mentioned for lying to police was advice he had received from his "dear friend Chief Alexander" (and others) to "don't talk to anybody without a lawyer." Trial Transcript p. 5007. Later on in his cross examination, Defendant admitted to attending a corruption trial of Greg Alexander, not in his status as a prosecutor or as a private attorney, but as a friend. Defendant testified that his decision to attend this trial was "conscious[ly]" made to go sit with "my friend", despite being a volunteer

prosecutor at the time. Trial Transcript page 5020. Greg Alexander was ultimately acquitted at this trial,

Others testified about this close relationship between Greg Alexander and Defendant as well. Former PMPED runner Nolen Tuten testified that Greg Alexander was in Alex Murdaugh's office when Tuten brought back cash from a check he had cashed on behalf of Alex. Trial Transcript page 3156. Mark Ball testified to being aware that Defendant had sat at Greg Alexander's trial. Trial Transcript page 5424.

John Marvin Murdaugh testified at the first trial that on the way to the murder scene his truck broke down and Greg Alexander who was on the way to the scene as well gave him a ride. Greg Alexander was one of the first friends and family on scene at the murders that night. Trial transcript pp 5246-5267.

Per S.C. Code 14-7-1720, State Grand Jury material is secret until disclosure is authorized by law. The State cannot prematurely confirm or deny the existence or contents of any State Grand Jury investigation until when appropriate. For the same reason, the State cannot comment on which witnesses may or may not have been subpoenaed or may or may not have testified before the state grand jury. Finally, the State cannot comment on the accuracy or inaccuracy of certain media reports about said supposed investigation. The State is aware of its Brady obligations and will comply if and when those obligations are triggered.

Respectfully submitted,

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