



NEWS RELEASE

Office of Attorney General Alan Wilson
State of South Carolina

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July 14, 2022

Attorney General Alan Wilson and SLED Chief Mark Keel announce Colleton County Grand Jury indicts Alex Murdaugh for two counts of murder

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) – South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel announced today that the Colleton County Grand Jury has indicted Richard Alexander Murdaugh for two counts of murder and two counts of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime in the deaths of his wife Maggie and his son Paul. They were killed on June 7, 2021, at the family’s property in Colleton County.

Because this is an active investigation and is now a pending court case, Attorney General Wilson cannot comment on specifics. However, he did say, “All the efforts of our office and the law enforcement agencies involved in this investigation have been focused on seeking justice for the victims’ families. We want to thank the State Law Enforcement Division, the attorneys and staff in our office, and everyone who worked on this case for their tireless efforts to gather evidence and follow where it led. We also want to thank the Colleton County Grand Jury for listening to that evidence and for their service to the people of the state.”

“Over the last 13 months, SLED agents and our partners have worked day in and day out to build a case against the person responsible for the murders of Maggie and Paul and to exclude those who were not. At no point did agents lose focus on this investigation. From the beginning I have been clear, the priority was to ensure justice was served. Today is one more step in a long process for justice for Maggie and Paul,” said SLED Chief Mark Keel.

Attorney General Wilson stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

You can read the indictments attached.

As soon as a bond hearing is scheduled we will notify the media.

WITNESSES

S/A David Owen, SLED

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER
Direct Presentment

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

True Bill

[Signature]
Foreperson of Grand Jury

Date: *07/14/2022*

VERDICT

Foreperson of Petit Jury

Date:

Docket Number 2022-GS-15-00592

The State of South Carolina
County of Colleton

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

July Term 2022

THE STATE

vs.

RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH,

DEFENDANT

Indictment for
Murder

SC Code: 16-03-0010

CDR Code: 0116

After being fully advised as to my legal rights, I hereby waive presentment to the Grand Jury

Defendant

I, _____
hereby appear in my own proper person and plead guilty to the within indictment or to

Defendant

Witness:

C.C.C. Pls. And G.S.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
COUNTY OF COLLETON)

INDICTMENT

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MURDER

That on or about June 7, 2021, the Defendant, Richard Alexander Murdaugh, in Colleton County, did kill another person with malice aforethought; to wit: Richard Alexander Murdaugh did fatally shoot the victim, Margaret "Maggie" Kennedy Branstetter Murdaugh, with a rifle, and Maggie Murdaugh did die as a proximate result thereof. All in violation of Section 16-3-10 of the S.C. Code of Laws, as amended.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.



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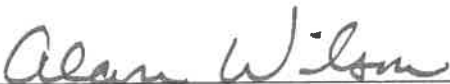
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Indictment for
Possession of a Weapon during the
Commission of a Violent Crime

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