

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
))	FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)	CIRCUIT
))	Warrant Nos.: K-235570
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)	K-235571
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v.)	
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RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH,)	ORDER DENYING BOND
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DEFENDANT.)	
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This matter was before the Court by way of a Motion of the Defendant for a bond. The Defendant was arrested based on a warrant dated October 13, 2021 for the offense of obtaining property under false pretenses (2 counts). He was arrested while receiving drug treatment in Florida. The Court held a hearing on this bond motion on October 19, 2021 in the Richland County Courthouse. Present at the hearing were Creighton Waters, representing the State, Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin, representing the Defendant, and the Defendant. Present also were the alleged victims represented by Eric Bland and Ronnie Richter.

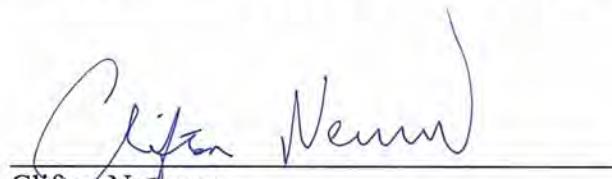
During the hearing, the Court heard presentations on behalf of all parties in addition to an officer from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Following the initial denial of bond, the Court received a psychiatric evaluation of the defendant dated October 22, 2021.

After considering the arguments of counsel, the evaluation submitted, pending charges and other investigations, and the apparent character and mental condition of the defendant, the Court finds that the Defendant is a danger both to himself and the community.

IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THIS COURT that the Motion for bond is denied at this time.

AND, IT IS SO ORDERED.



Clifton Newman
Presiding Judge

November 9, 2021
Kingstree, South Carolina