

**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

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the motion of Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh to compel the State to produce materials concerning the expert opinions of Tom Bevel of Bevel, Garner & Associates, LLC. The Court is vested with jurisdiction to entertain this matter pursuant to Orders of the Supreme Court of South Carolina dated September 28, 2021 and September 19, 2022. The Court heard arguments on the motion in Colleton County on December 9, 2022.

Defendant seeks disclosure of communications of Mr. Bevel with the State in this matter including draft reports and presentations, case files, notes, and Photoshop files. The State does not object to the disclosure of materials sought by the Defendant. The Court finds this information should be disclosed pursuant to Rule 5, South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure.

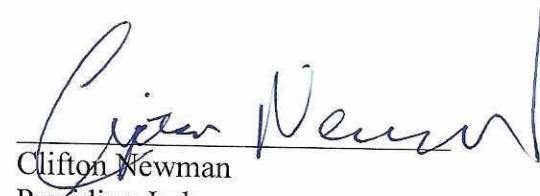
The Court therefore GRANTS the motion to compel and ORDERS the State to produce to the defense forthwith:

- (1) Copies of all written or recorded communications to and from Mr. Bevel, regardless of mode of transmission.
- (2) Copies of all electronic or physical documents sent to and received from Mr. Bevel, regardless of mode of transmission.

(3) All Photoshop Document files of Mr. Bevel, or of any member, employee, or agent of Bevel, Garner & Associates, LLC, related to photographs of the white T-shirt Defendant was wearing the night his wife and son were murdered.

(4) A copy of the case file of Bevel as the term is defined in the Manual of the United States Department of Justice, 9-5.003 Criminal Discovery Involving Forensic Evidence and Experts.¹

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Clifton Newman
Presiding Judge

December 19, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina.

¹ The Justice Manual was formerly known as the United States Attorneys' Manual.