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RE: Jury Tampering / State v. Alexander Murdaugh

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I write on behalf of my several interested clients who were jurors in the above-referenced murder trial. We have watched news reports of an investigation by SLED into allegations of jury tampering since the conclusion of the trial. Despite SLED's statements of an "on-going investigation," my clients wonder how such an investigation can be conducted without an interview of jurors, all the jurors. It does not require a Sherlock Holmes or Agatha Christie to know the best evidence and witnesses in a "locked room mystery" are those present in that locked room where a crime occurred. My clients stand ready to produce factual and honest information to SLED – if asked. Please confirm in writing that you either intend to interview my clients or not and on what time frame.

My concerns are twofold. I have requested the South Carolina Supreme Court recently unseal certain proceedings which occurred in camera which resulted in the excusal of one juror who reported improper contacts by the clerk. The Court declined to unseal at the request of the South Carolina Attorney General's office because of the "on-going" matters. I surmise that your on-going investigation may be one of those matters. My second concern is simply that while Mr. Murdaugh may not be deserving of an acquittal of these murder accusations, he certainly is entitled to a fair jury and fair jury trial.

I look forward to some explanation and visible activity as regards this jury tampering investigation so all parties, and the public, have a closure they can take comfort in, because the public can handle the truth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small upward tick.

Joseph M. McCulloch

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