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**SC Court of Appeals**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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Case Nos. 2022-GS-15-00592; -00593; -00594; and -00595  
Appellate Case No. 2023-000392

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Richard Alexander Murdaugh,

Appellant.

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**STATUS REPORT**

Appellant, Richard Alexander Murdaugh, hereby submits his 30-day status report as required by this Court's Order entered October 17, 2023.

On October 27, 2023, Appellant filed the Motion for New Trial with the Colleton County Clerk of Court and served the same upon counsel for the State. On November 1, 2023, Appellant filed a Writ of Prohibition in the South Carolina Supreme Court seeking an order disqualifying the Honorable Clifton Newman from presiding over the Motion for New Trial. Appellant also filed a Motion to Stay all proceedings in the trial courts until the Supreme Court rules on the Writ of Prohibition.

On November 6, 2023, the State filed a response to the Motion for New Trial in Colleton County. In addition, on November 6, 2023, the State filed a response to the Motion to Stay proceedings, pending a ruling on the Petition for Writ of Prohibition. Appellant filed a Reply in

support of the Motion to Stay on November 7, 2023. The State has not filed a response to the Writ of Prohibition.

Furthermore, there have not been any hearings scheduled in either the Supreme Court or Colleton County Court of General Sessions on the pending Writ and motions.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on November 15, 2023, I served the status report required by the Court's order of October 17, 2023, by emailing it to its attorney of record with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Creighton Waters (CWaters@scag.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

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