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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Richard Alexander Murdaugh,

Appellant.

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. On November 16, 2023 the Supreme Court issued an order denying the Petition for Writ of Prohibition as moot because Judge Newman requested that a new judge be assigned to handle the post-trial motions in this case. The Supreme Court has not designated a replacement judge to handle Appellant's Motion for New Trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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