ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 11, 2022

VIA EMAIL
Ms. Khahilia Shaw
records@americanoversight.org

RE: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request

Dear Ms. Shaw:

This Office determined that there are documents responsive to your FOIA request dated March 18, 2021, which seeks:

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Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2021, through the date the search is conducted.

Repeated and voluminous searches of our files use valuable Office resources. This Office is permitted to charge reasonable fees not to exceed our actual costs in performing these searches. This Office charges $19.00 per hour of staff time required to search, retrieve, and redact responsive public records in response to a request.

On March 31, 2022, the Office informed you that a total of five hours of staff time was spent searching for, retrieving, and redacting the relevant public records, and requested payment of $95.00. On April 11, 2022, we received your check for $95.00.

Accordingly, the records response to your request are attached.

Please be advised, some documents have been redacted under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(2).

Additionally, please be advised that the Office does not have the ability to identify the names, cell phone numbers, or email addresses for all employees of the organizations identified. Because you did not provide many specific names, cell phone numbers, or email addresses in this request, we ran a variety of domain, keyword, and proximity searches in an attempt to locate all of the responsive documents. If you provide us with

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additional names, cell phone numbers, emails addresses, or domains, we will, subject to our ability to charge for costs and require a deposit, run additional searches.

Sincerely yours,

Harley L. Kirkland
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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From: Angela Brown
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Automatic reply: [EXT] NEWS:Attorney General Alan Wilson joins 20 states in legal action against President Biden's unlawful vaccine mandate for federal contractors
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:33:42 AM

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Hello,
I will be out of the office until Monday, March 14th 2022.

I will respond to your email as soon as possible upon my return.

Thank you for your message.

Take Care,

Angela

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From: Wallace, Danielle
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Re: FOXNEWS.COM INTERVIEW REQUEST: SC ATTORNEY GENERAL ALAN WILSON
Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:24:42 PM
Attachments: image002.png

Hi Robert,

I understand. Thank you for taking the time to respond to my request anyhow. Please let me know if anything changes on your end.

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace

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From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:45:55 PM
To: Wallace, Danielle <danielle.wallace@FOX.COM>
Subject: RE: FOXNEWS.COM INTERVIEW REQUEST: SC ATTORNEY GENERAL ALAN WILSON

Hi Danielle,

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Cc: Conner, Paul <Paul.Conner@FOX.COM>
Subject: http://FOXNEWS.COM INTERVIEW REQUEST: SC ATTORNEY GENERAL ALAN WILSON

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Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: settlement question 2/25
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 4:59:39 PM
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Thank you so much!

Heather Gale
Assistant News Director
WPDE ABC 15
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From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 4:59 PM
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To: Robert Kittle
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Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 4:01:46 PM
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Okay. Thanks for checking for me. Would you be able to send that stuff over once you get it?

Thanks,
Joseph

Joseph Erickson
Digital Content Producer
ABC News 4 - WCIV

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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Cc: Julia Varnier; Courtney Rowles; Tyler Jeski
Subject: RE: [EXT] NEWS: Florence County Man Arrested on Child Sexual Abuse Material Charges
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:12:44 PM
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Ew no.
I think a mug, the charges and that he possessed Child Sexual Abuse Material

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 15, 2022

Florence County Man Arrested on Child Sexual Abuse Material* Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Anthony Ralph Giordano (age 49), of Florence, S.C., on three charges connected to the sexual exploitation of a minor. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force investigators with the Florence County Sheriff's Office made the arrest. Investigators with the Attorney General's Office, also a member of the state's ICAC Task Force, assisted with the investigation.

Investigators received CyberTipline reports from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) which led them to Giordano. Investigators state Giordano distributed and possessed child sexual abuse material.

Giordano was arrested on February 11, 2022. He is charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, second degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment on each count; and one count of sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

This case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until

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they are proven guilty in a court of law.

* Child sexual abuse material, or CSAM, is a more accurate reflection of the material involved in these heinous and abusive crimes. "Pornography" can imply the child was a consenting participant. Globally, the term child pornography is being replaced by CSAM for this reason.

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Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:11:00 AM

Hi Megan,

Sorry, but the only information I have and that can be released is in the news release and the four indictments, the links to which are at the end of the release.

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Response letter to Rev. Nelson Rivers III from his letter dated Sept 3, 2021 (02794089xD2C78).pdf
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Hi Tara,

As far as I've been able to find out, we have not received a letter from Ben Crump. We did receive a letter last September from Rev. Nelson Rivers about the case and we responded to that. I've attached that letter, which explains our position.

Thanks,

Robert

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From: Wallace, Danielle
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: FOXNEWS.COM SEEKING INFO ON ALEX MURDAUGH BOND HEARING
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:58:50 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Danielle Wallace, and I'm a reporter for FoxNews.com. I'm reaching out for information about the Alex Murdaugh bond hearing scheduled today at 2 p.m. before Judge Alison Lee. I was wondering if you're able to provide a link or log-in credentials to the hearing for members of the press to attend? I called over to the Richland County courthouse, but they said the South Carolina Attorney General's Office would be the one with that information.

Please let me know if you help direct me. Thanks in advance.

Kindly,

Danielle Wallace
Reporter – Fox News Digital
646-629-5018

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From:	Robert Kittle
To:	Tara Jabour
Subject:	Re: ABC News 4
Date:	Monday, January 3, 2022 2:21:28 PM
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Hi Tara,

As he's said before many times this is not about whether vaccinations are good or bad, this is about following the rule of law. He is vaccinated and encourages anyone who can to get the shots. The lawsuits argue the President does not have the authority to mandate vaccines and the mandates are therefore unconstitutional. The President is not a king and cannot require something when he doesn't have that authority under the Constitution.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 3, 2022, at 2:11 PM, Tara Jabour <tjabour@sbgtv.com> wrote:
>
> Good morning. My name is Tara, and I'm a reporter at ABC News 4 in Charleston.
>
> I just wanted to ask. Is the attorney general worried at all about this pushback with the federal vaccination mandates? Since the number of cases is rising in the state, Friday being the most cases reported in the state in a single day. Does he ever question his position? Or does he stills standby blocking federal mandates?
>
> Thank you!
>
> **Tara Jabour | Reporter | ABC News 4**
> ——————————————————
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> ::: 888 Allbritton Blvd. Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
> abcnews4.com

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From: Tara Jabour
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From: Heath Ellison
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: ABC News 4 Inquiry
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:47:39 PM

Thanks for the info, Robert.

Heath Ellison

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 8:45 PM
To: Heath Ellison <hellison@sbgtv.com>
Subject: [EXT] Re: ABC News 4 Inquiry

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Hi Heath,

The hearing has been postponed until next week but Judge Lee made that decision, not our office. I don't know whether a new date has been chosen yet.

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> Heath Ellison
> Digital Producer
> ABC News 4

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From: Saskia Lindsay
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Questikn
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 3:25:31 PM

Hey, Saskia with WACH FOX here. Hope you're well

I saw Kyle Rittenhouse is here and was with Alan Wilson, why? Anything we can join for?

Thanks

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From: Robert Kittle
To: Bell, Chip
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Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:46:00 AM
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From: Bell, Chip <Chip.Bell@FOX.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: Fox News Channel

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I'm hopeful someone will get back to me.

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From: Matthew Dillane
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: Information Request
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 11:08:52 AM
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Thank you, Robert. Appreciate the help!

Matt Dillane
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WCIV ABC News 4
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mrdillane@sbgtv.com

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:55 AM
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Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>

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Cc: &Charleston-WCIV-Producers <ml-Charleston-WCIV-Producers@sbgtv.com>; &Charleston-WCIV-Webteam <ml-Charleston-WCIV-Webteam@sbgtv.com>
Subject: Information Request

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Could we please have the incident report/arrest details associated with this?

Thank you!
Matt Dillane

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From: Robert Kittle
To: Matthew Dillane
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Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:54:00 AM
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Cc: &Charleston-WCIV-Producers <ml-Charleston-WCIV-Producers@sbgtv.com>; &Charleston-WCIV-Webteam <ml-Charleston-WCIV-Webteam@sbgtv.com>
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Subject: Information Request
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 10:52:09 AM

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From: Robert Kittle
To: Bailey Wright
Subject: RE: Information Request
Date: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 3:37:00 PM
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Hi Bailey,

We have not received any paperwork on him yet.

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From: Bailey Wright <baileywright@sbgtv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: Information Request

Good morning!

We see on the Charleston County jail log that Mount Pleasant Police arrested James Wray on Tuesday, charging him with Crim. Sex Conduct w/ minor and related charges.

Could you please send over the incident report/arrest details when you have a chance? Police advised the case was being handled by your office.

Thank you,

Bailey Wright
Digital Producer
WCIV ABC News 4
Charleston, S.C.

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Charleston, S.C.

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From: Robert Kittle
To: Reuschle, Kathleen
Subject: RE: Fox News
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 8:50:00 AM
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I checked and you ARE on our distribution list so you should have received our news release, which went out at 11:10 Friday morning. A lot of people's systems send our emails to "spam" because our emails go to several hundred people at once, so see if it went there and add us to your "safe senders" list.

Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: Re: Fox News

Is there an update? I just got a statement from his attorneys -

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From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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I cannot confirm that right now. If there were to be new indictments against Alex Murdaugh,

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we will send out a news release.

Thanks,

Robert

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Subject: Fox News

Can you send us a statement or confirm additional indictments against Alex Murdaugh?

Thank you
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From:	Robert Kittle
To:	Kathleen Reuschle
Subject:	Fwd: NEWS: State Grand Jury issues Indictments against Richard Alexander Murdaugh for Breach of Trust, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses, Money Laundering, Computer Crimes, and Forgery
Date:	Friday, November 19, 2021 11:14:11 PM
Attachments:	image002.png

I assume you did not get this release this morning. I need to check to be sure but I'm pretty sure I added you to our distribution list so you should have received it.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Date: November 19, 2021 at 11:32:00 AM EST
To: Matt Wills <mattwills@scag.gov>
Subject: FW: NEWS: State Grand Jury issues Indictments against Richard Alexander Murdaugh for Breach of Trust, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses, Money Laundering, Computer Crimes, and Forgery

Making sure you got this for social media. I didn't have the actual indictments when I sent out the release, but do now, so when I posted the release to the website the links to the indictments are at the bottom of that release on the website.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Nov. 19, 2021

State Grand Jury issues Indictments against Richard Alexander Murdaugh for Breach of Trust, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses, Money Laundering, Computer Crimes, and Forgery

(COLUMBIA, SC) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that South Carolina State Grand Jury issued five indictments, totaling 27 counts, against suspended attorney Richard Alexander Murdaugh. These indictments charge Murdaugh with four counts of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent; seven counts of Obtaining Signature or Property by False Pretenses; seven counts of Money Laundering; eight counts of Computer Crimes; and one count of Forgery.

Murdaugh, 53, was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina on September 8, 2021. Murdaugh was previously indicted by a Colleton County Grand Jury for offenses related to a scheme to commit suicide and defraud an insurance company and remains in custody at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

In the first indictment, venued in Bamberg County, Murdaugh is charged with Obtaining Signature or Property by False Pretenses, Value $10,000 or More (four counts); Money Laundering, Value $100,000 or More (three counts); and Computer Crime, Value $10,000 or More. Obtaining Signature or Property by False Pretenses, Value $10,000 or More is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to $500. Money Laundering, Value $100,000 or More is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine of up to $250,000 or twice the amount at issue, whichever is greater. Computer Crime, Value $10,000 or More is a felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison and/or a fine of up to $50,000. The indictments arise out of an alleged scheme to defraud victims of and thereafter launder $792,000.00.

In the second indictment, venued in Orangeburg County, Murdaugh was charged with Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, Value $10,000 or More; Money Laundering, Value $100,000 or More; Computer Crime, Value $10,000 or More; and Forgery, Value $10,000 or More. Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, Value $10,000 or More is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison or a fine in the discretion of the court. Forgery, Value $10,000 or More is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a fine in the discretion of the court. The indictments arise out of an alleged scheme to defraud victims of and thereafter launder $125,000.00.

In the third indictment, venued in Colleton County, Murdaugh was charged with Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, Value $10,000 or More; and Computer Crime, Value $10,000 or More. The indictments arise out of an alleged scheme to defraud victims of and thereafter launder $70,000.

In the fourth indictment, venued in Beaufort County, Murdaugh was charged with Obtaining Signature or Property by False Pretenses, Value $10,000 or More (three counts); Money Laundering, Value $100,000 or More (three counts); Computer Crime, Value $10,000 or More (three counts). The indictments arise out of an alleged scheme to defraud victims of and thereafter launder $3,483,431.95.

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In the fifth indictment, venued in Allendale County, Murdaugh was charged with Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent, Value $10,000 or More (two counts); and Computer Crime, Value $10,000 or More (two counts). The indictments arise out of an alleged scheme to defraud victims of and thereafter launder $383,056.14.

Altogether, Murdaugh is charged with respect to alleged schemes to defraud victims and thereafter launder $4,853,488.09.

This State Grand Jury investigation has been led by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. Attorney General Wilson would also like to acknowledge the involvement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The case will be prosecuted by this agency.

Attorney General Wilson stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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Subject: Murdaugh indictments question
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 12:06:03 PM

Robert,
Forgive me if I'm overthinking this, but are the different county venues for each indictment because the alleged crimes took place in those respective counties?
Or is there some sort of procedural thing necessitating the multiple venues?

Thanks!

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To: Drew Tripp <cdtripp@sbgtv.com>
Subject: [EXT] NEWS: State Grand Jury issues Indictments against Richard Alexander Murdaugh for Breach of Trust, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses, Money Laundering, Computer Crimes, and Forgery

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Subject:	Re: Fox News
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Thanks for speedy reply

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Kathleen.reuschle@fox.com

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From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Reuschle, Kathleen
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Fox News

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Thanks,

Robert

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To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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Can you send us a statement or confirm additional indictments against Alex Murdaugh?

Thank you
Kat Reuschle
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I just added you so you should start getting them.

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To: Robert Kittle
Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: Quick question.... from Heather
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 12:46:45 PM
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Gotcha, ok. Thank you

Heather Gale
Assistant News Director for ABC15
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Subject: Murdaugh Indictment
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 3:32:19 PM

Robert,
Could you provide a copy of the new indictments filed today against Murdaugh and Eddie Smith in Hampton County?

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WCIV-TV, ABC News 4 | Charleston, SC
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From:	Robert Kittle
To:	Matt Dreyer
Subject:	RE: SCPA labor practices
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:47:00 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: SCPA labor practices

Yes. That would help.
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Subject: RE: Murdaugh / Eddie Smith court appearances
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:22:00 PM
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Hi Drew,

There is nothing scheduled for either of them at this point.

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Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 3:34:35 PM
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Ok. Thanks.
I was checking because Murdaugh's attorneys issued a statement saying it was tomorrow.

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Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Matt Dreyer <mtdreyer@sbgtv.com>
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https://www.newsweek.com/merrick-garland-threats-educators-critical-race-theory-covid-19-schools-1635531

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Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 1:53:49 PM
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My name is Tara Jabour and I'm a reporter at ABC News 4 in Charleston. I am working on a story today about Charleston County School District's mask mandate. They are now requiring all students and staff to wear a mask inside schools until at least October 15th. Any students who do not wear a mask, are sent home by staff at the school for virtual learning.
I just have a couple of questions.

1. Has the attorney generals office gotten any inquiries about CCSD's mask policy? If so, do you know how many?
2. Is the school district violating the proviso? The school district says no because they are using reserved funds.

Let me know. Thank you for your time.

Tara Jabour
Reporter-ABC News 4
C: 843-478-4753

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From: Anne Emerson
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: WCIV Attending presser
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 11:45:50 AM

Hi Robert,
It's Anne Emerson- I'll be at the presser today in North Charleston
Thanks!

Anne
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From: Robert Kittle
To: Heather Gale
Subject: RE: Pee Dee crime victims
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:11:00 PM
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Thanks for letting me know! Hope to see her there.

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To:	Robert Kittle
Cc:	Anne Emerson; Matt Dreyer
Subject:	Murdaugh / Smith case relocation?
Date:	Friday, September 17, 2021 12:54:24 PM

Robert,
I noticed both Alex Murdaugh's and Curtis "Eddie" Smith's criminal cases have been removed from the Hampton County court index.
I check Richland (naturally assuming the AG's office would like to remove the case to Columbia for various reasons). But I don't see the case in Richland either.
Any idea what's going on?

Drew Tripp | Digital Executive Producer
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Local solicitors make the decision whether to recuse themselves from cases based on possible conflicts of interest. The Attorney General has the authority to take any case at any time from a solicitor but that rarely happens because our office doesn't have the personnel to be able to monitor every case in every circuit and do enough background research on everyone involved to know whether there might be a conflict.

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Local police can call in SLED for assistance in a case or to take over a case whenever they feel it's needed, whether it's a possible conflict of interest or they need SLED's expertise, equipment, or personnel who have additional training and experience.

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My name is Alicia and I'm Eric Bolling's TV Booker at Newsmax. Eric would like to invite AG Wilson to come on his new show "The Balance" tomorrow (Friday), live at approx. 4:04pm ET for 5-6 minutes on a panel with another AG to discuss the importance and strength in numbers of the AGs across 24 states fighting back against the Bidne Admin's vaccine mandate with this lawsuit. We can do Skype or Zoom. Let me know ASAP if you're interested! Free to give me a call 201-572-1273

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- **Mary Josephine Generoso,** Manager of Pasticceria Rocco in By Ridge, NY discusses why her business will continue to allow the unvaccinated in her bakery despite local government orders**: https://www.dropbox.com/s/dbmzk301793kwai/EB%20Mary%20Josephine%20Generoso%20081821.mp4?dl=0**
- **Sen. Ted Cruz: https://www.dropbox.com/s/k4y2gn9wlfxcrim/EB%20Ted%20Cruz%20080421.mp4?dl=0**
- **Olympic Gold Medalist Tamyra Mensah-Stock** on the love for USA - "there are people out there that still love America, I am one of them and by the grace of God I've been put on this platform to let you guys know." **https://twitter.com/newsmax/status/1427740769620742150?s=20**

Best,
Alicia Hesse
Newsmax TV Booker

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From:	Robert Kittle
To:	Wallace, Danielle
Cc:	Conner, Paul; Ricciardella, William
Subject:	RE: FOXNEWS.COM seeking comment -- South Carolina AG response to Alex Murdaugh arrest
Date:	Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:17:00 PM
Attachments:	image002.png

Hi Danielle,

No, he cannot comment on a pending case. Because of that, we don't have a news conference planned.

Thanks,

Robert

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Cc: Conner, Paul <Paul.Conner@FOX.COM>; Ricciardella, William <William.Ricciardella@FOX.COM>
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I'll be your cavuto contact – my number is 929-243-2918. Please let me know if you need anything & looking forward to having AG Wilson on with Neil tomorrow!

From: Rubin, David
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Subject: RE: Response from SC Attorney General"s Office
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Turns out our folks are going now, so they'll do that. They did not tell me if they are going to ask for restrictions or conditions, etc.

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Any updates?

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Will do.

Right now there's only one person who's been charged—Curtis Smith—but we will handle any other charges that are related to this case.

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Are there multiple cases or are they being combined?

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Hi Kathleen,

Alex Murdaugh does not have an appearance in court scheduled because he hasn't been officially charged with anything yet. In the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's news release last night, it said that more charges are expected and will be announced at the appropriate time.

As far as a bond hearing for Curtis Smith, you would need to contact the Hampton County Sheriff's Office, since they handle bond hearings and schedule those. He was charged in Colleton County with the drug charges and the bond hearing on those would be there, but the assisted suicide, insurance fraud, and assault and battery charges are in Hampton County so the bond hearing on those charges would be there.

The only statement we have is that our office will be handling the prosecution of any charges in the Murdaugh case. Since this is an ongoing case we cannot comment further and the attorney general cannot do any interviews about it.

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Will do.

Right now there's only one person who's been charged—Curtis Smith—but we will handle any other charges that are related to this case.

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When is his first appearance?

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Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:59:07 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Media Inquiry - Murdaugh case
Date: Saturday, September 4, 2021 5:15:06 PM
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Good evening,

Hope all's well.

I'm seeing reports that Alex Murdaugh has been shot in Hampton County and am reaching out to ask whether your office has any comment on the shooting or how it may impact the investigation into the slayings of his wife and son.

Thanks for your time.

Best,

Michael

Michael Ruiz
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To: Robert Kittle
Subject: request for comment - WPDE 9/2
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 2:10:36 PM

Hello,
Hope you're well.
The SC Supreme Court ruling just came out. And if I'm correct in my reading, the court decided to side with the AG and stand by the Proviso.
I just wanted to reach out for comment, please.
Thanks,

https://www.sccourts.org/opinions/HTMLFiles/SC/28056.pdf

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Thank you. No problem. I certainly understand.

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To: Robert Kittle
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry -
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:52:18 PM
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Thanks Robert.

Best,
Michael

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Ruiz, Michael <Michael.Ruiz@FOX.COM>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Media Inquiry -

Hi Michael,

We cannot comment.

Thanks,

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Best,
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Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:39:52 PM
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Thank ya!

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Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:38:08 PM

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From:	Robert Kittle
To:	Drew Tripp
Subject:	RE: Murdaugh case
Date:	Thursday, August 26, 2021 11:56:00 AM
Attachments:	Letter from Duffy Stone. Paul and Maggie Murdaugh (02691065xD2C78).pdf image002.png

Hi Drew,

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Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 12:38:18 PM
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From: Andrew James
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: WPDE Request
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:02:01 AM

Robert good morning this is Andrew James at WPDE.

I am wondering if Mr. Wilson has any comment on the letter sent to the Governor from the Department of Education?

Does Mr. Wilson have a position on schools issuing mask orders if they can prove it will be enforced with federal dollars?

Below is a link to the letter.
https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/08/21-006974-Letter-from-Secretary-Cardona-South-Carolina-final-signed.pdf

Thank you,

Andrew James
Weekend Anchor/Reporter
WPDE-TV ABC 15
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To:	Robert Kittle
Subject:	RE: [EXT] RE: ABC 15 News
Date:	Wednesday, August 18, 2021 3:04:09 PM
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Thank you for your response.

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Hi Donovan,

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Thank you for your help on this today!
Anne

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To: Robert Kittle
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Robert,

Sorry to bother at this late hour. This is Dean Stephens at ABC News 4 in Charleston.

Does the AG have a statement regarding the Charleston County School District board voting 8-1 in favor of a mask mandate in all their schools ?

Thank you

Dean Stephens

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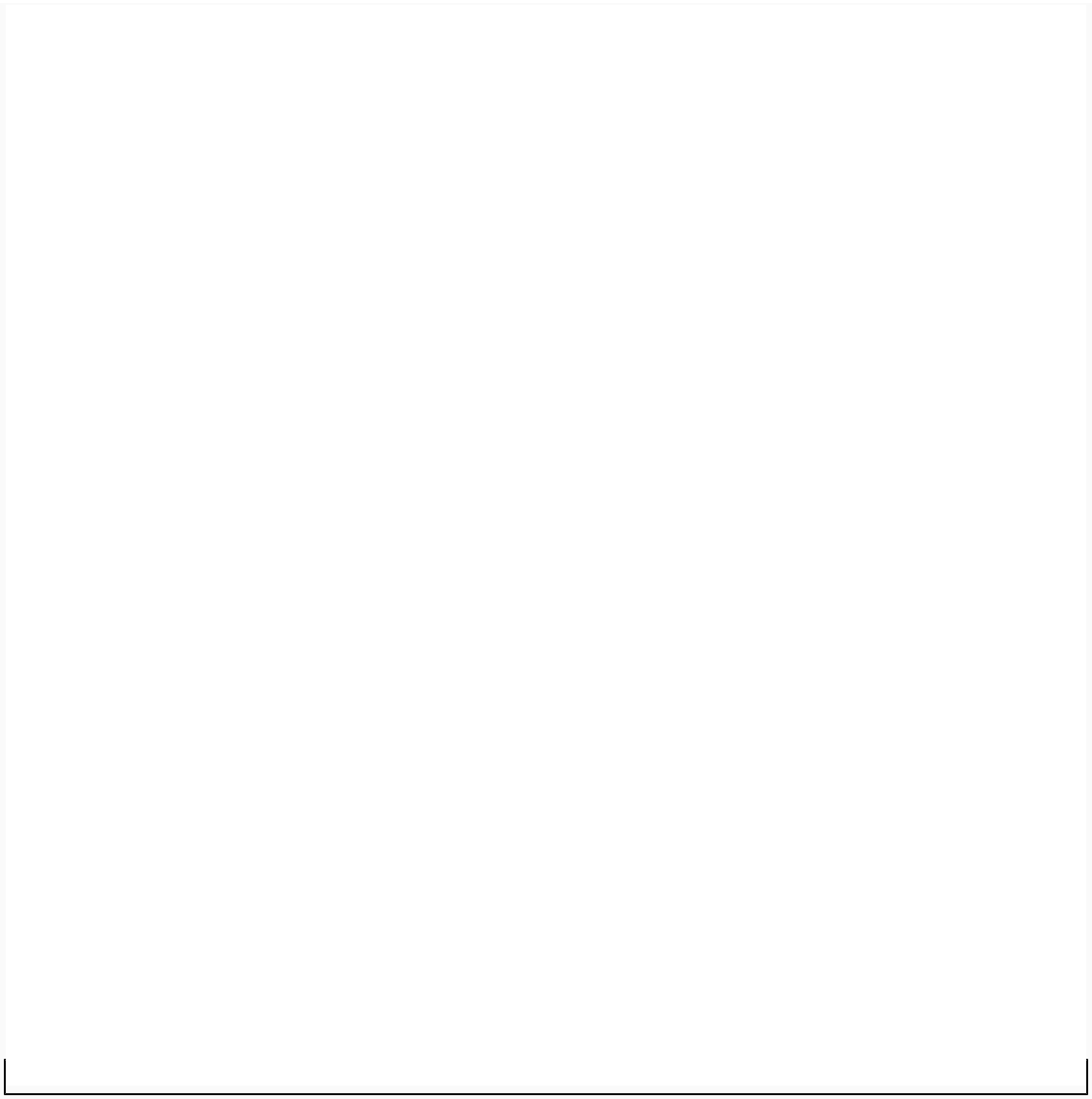

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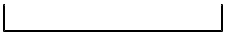

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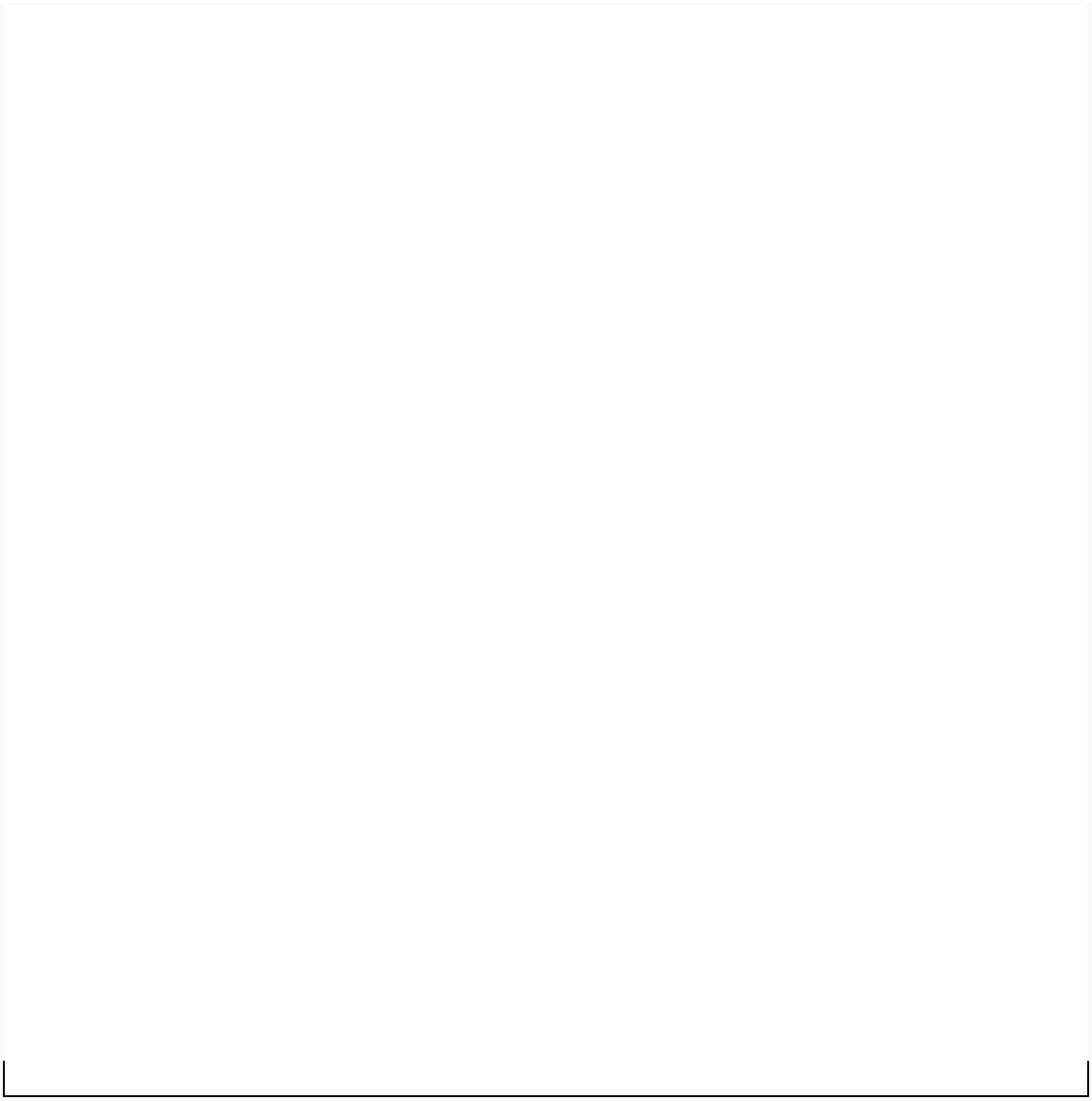

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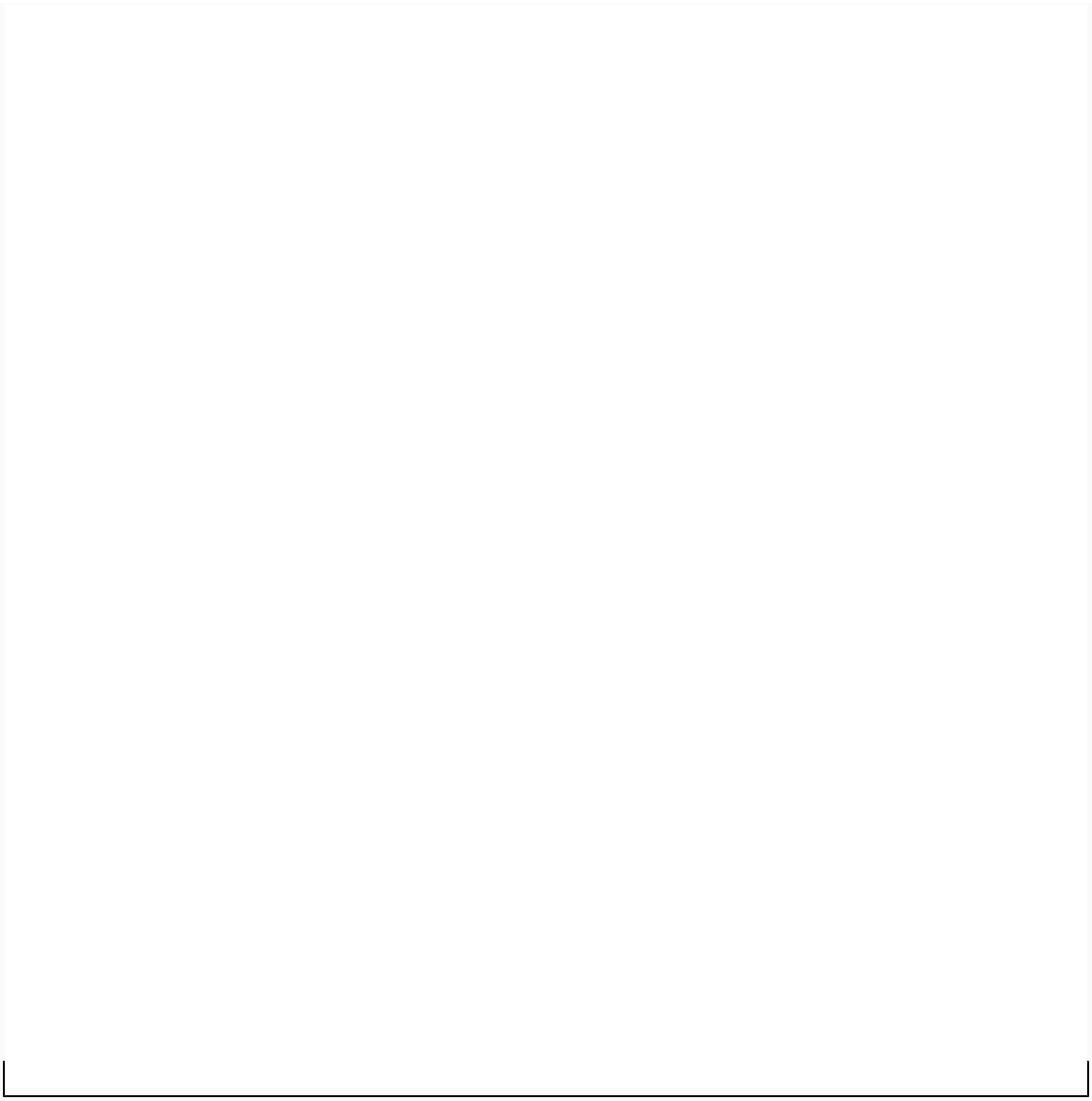

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Hi Alex,

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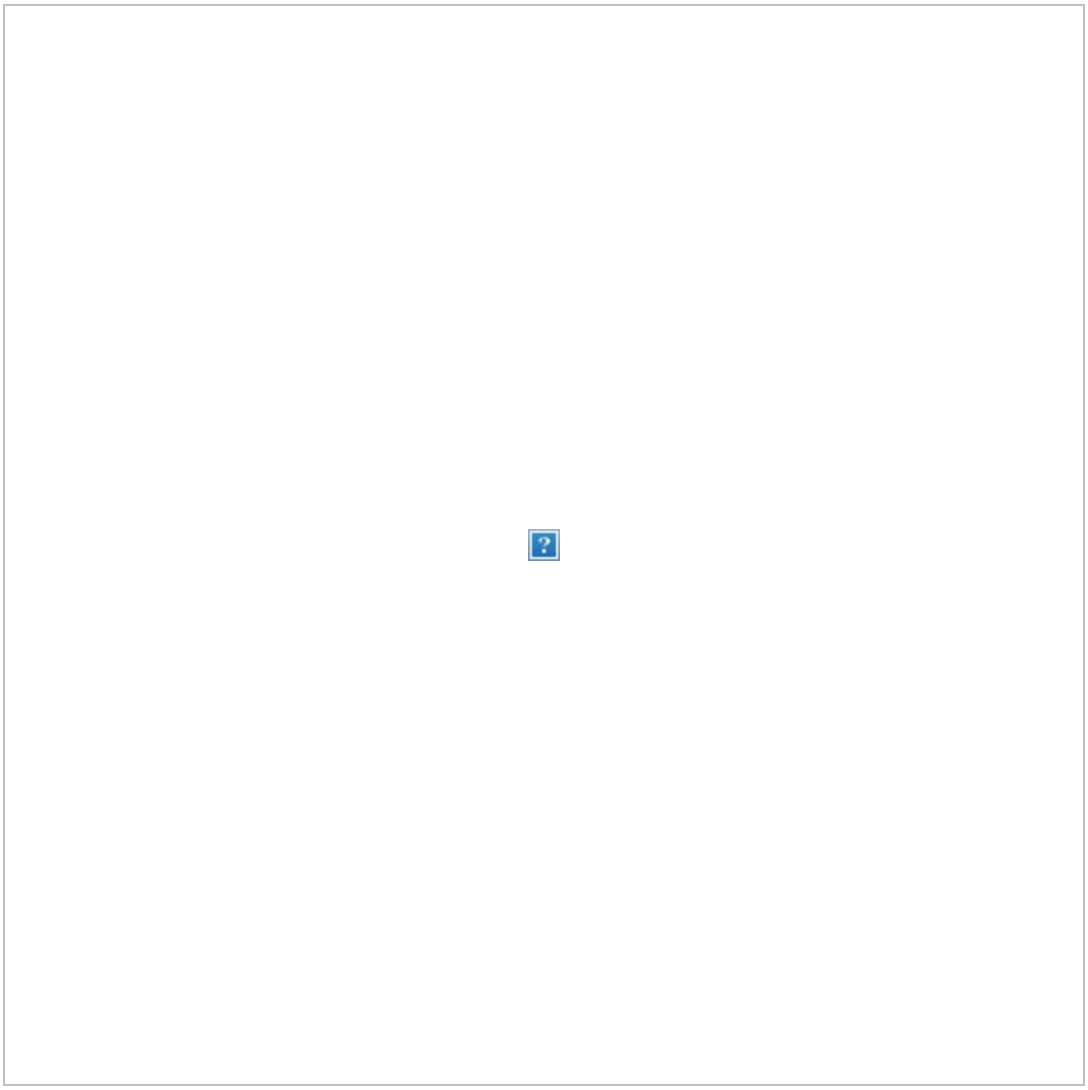

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Good afternoon,

Hope all's well.

Reaching out to request comment on the 2019 post-crash blood test of Paul Murdaugh – it seems to me that it is not entirely unusual to decline a test at the scene and submit to one later on via a blood test

Could you comment on Murdaugh's test result and/or how BAC tests factor in to BWI crash prosecutions in general?

Thanks for your time.

Best,

Michael

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From: Caroline Balchunas
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: WCIV inquiry: legalizing marijuana
Date: Monday, July 12, 2021 11:08:13 AM

Thanks so much!
I will reach out to Chief Keel.

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From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 5:04:54 PM

Interesting... Thanks, Robert.

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Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: Quick question from Heather - WPDE
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 5:35:00 PM

Unfortunately, we cannot comment any further or do any interviews because the investigations are still going on. Sorry.

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From: Heather Gale
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: Quick question from Heather - WPDE
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:33:24 PM

No problem at all.
Thanks for letting me know. I appreciate ya.

Heather Gale
Assistant News Director
WPDE ABC 15
843-742-9844

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:32 PM
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From: Matt Dreyer
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Paul Murdaugh trial date
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:35:27 PM

Hello Robert –
Just checking to see if a trial date had been set for Paul Murdaugh on the boating under the influence charges he faced out of Beaufort County.

Thanks!

Matt Dreyer
Managing Editor
ABC News 4
Charleston, SC

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Leah Uko
To: SCAG Media; Robert Kittle
Subject: Channel 4, Charleston
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:50:30 AM

Hi Mr. Kittle,

My name is Leah Uko. I'm a journalist at ABC News 4 here in Charleston.

I'm working on an in-depth story regarding bond hearings and sentencing in South Carolina following a deadly shooting involving domestic violence. The suspect had a lengthy violent criminal history, but was often released early or given probation instead of longer sentences.

The victim's case has many in her community and family asking what else could have been done to keep her safe and alive.

I'd like to speak with Attorney General Wilson about laws regarding bond hearings. Do you know when we could meet?

Regards,

Leah Uko
WCIV | ABC News 4
(843) 806-8412

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From: Anne Emerson
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: RE: [EXT] RE: WCIV MEDIA REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:44:03 PM

OKAY THANKS!

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Anne Emerson <atemerson@sbgtv.com>
Subject: [EXT] RE: WCIV MEDIA REQUEST

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Subject: RE: Staff contact for General Alan Wilson
Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 2:19:50 PM

Hello again,

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If you do have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

Best regards,
Jake Lindenman

From: Lindenman, Jake
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Matt Wills <mattwills@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: Staff contact for General Alan Wilson

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Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 11:21:53 AM
Attachments: image001.png

I really appreciate you sending me the AG's Skype ID for tomorrow's 11:15AM EST interview! Do you happen to have a phone number my team in the control room can call the morning of the show?

My team typically calls our guests on the phone roughly 15 minutes before their interview time this way we can be on the line as we work to set up the actual Skype connection. The number does not need to be linked to the Skype account.

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From: Robert Kittle
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Subject: RE: [EXT] NEWS: Attorney General Alan Wilson announces price gouging statute in effect because of pipeline disruption
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 3:22:00 PM

We don't have them broken down by county right now. Most of them are coming in via phone and someone has to transcribe the voicemails, and often while she's transcribing one there will be one or two more that come in while she's listening to the previous one. Eventually we'll have them broken down by county but we don't have that now.

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(COLUMBIA, SC) - South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson today announced that he has declared an abnormal disruption in the market following the hacking of the Colonial Pipeline and therefore the state's price gouging statute is in effect.

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“I’m urging everyone to be careful and be patient,” Attorney General Wilson said. “We hope this gas shortage will last just a few days, but we must be wary of individuals looking to unfairly take advantage of the situation through price gouging. According to state law, price gouging constitutes a criminal violation and an unfair trade practice.

“I urge citizens to remain vigilant and notify my office immediately if you believe you have witnessed or are aware of price gouging. Please email any examples or documentation to pricegouging@scag.gov; go to our website at www.scag.gov to fill out a form to report price gouging, or call 803-737-3953 if you have witnessed a likely violation.”

The price gouging law (SC 39-5-145) is a general prohibition of unconscionable prices during times of disaster. Price gougers can be charged for excessive pricing, a misdemeanor offense punishable with a $1,000 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

The portion of the price gouging statute that gives the Attorney General the authority to declare an abnormal disruption in the market is SC 39-5-145 (D) and (E), which states:
(D) When notice of an abnormal disruption of the market is given, it is unlawful and a violation of this article for a person or his agent or employee to:

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View the full price gouging statute here.

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Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 12:06:25 PM

Got it. Thank you!

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 11:55:10 AM
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Hello again,

I just spoke to Robert Kittle, and he informed me we are good to go. That is great to hear! He mentioned you tried calling me to talk logistics. I am actually working remote, so I do not have access to my office number. If you would like to talk on the phone the best number to reach me at is (▮▮)▮▮-▮▮▮▮

As of now we are planning to get the AG on at 11:15AM EST. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Saturday's show.

Best regards,
Jake Lindenman

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To: SCAG Media
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Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 6:49:58 PM

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I work on "Your World" on Fox News. I wanted to reach out to see if Attorney General Wilson would be available to join our sub-host Charles Payne on the show tomorrow in the 4pm ET hour. We're interested in discussing concerns about price gouging for gas.
Thank you,
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Subject: RE: Fox News 5/12 1:30-2p ET
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:34:45 AM

Yep! All good – He's going to be hitting at 1345 ET so we will call and stand him by on skype at 1330.

Thanks!

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Subject:	WCIV: Gas prices in SC
Date:	Tuesday, May 11, 2021 11:40:23 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

Good morning –

We are working on a story today related to gas pumps and gas prices potentially impacted by the Colonial Pipeline ransomware attack.

One viewer commented with concerns about the potential for price gouging in SC as a result of the pipeline problem.

Can you say if the SC AG's office plans to take any preemptive steps on this issue?

Alex Caban | Senior Executive Producer | ABC News 4

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You are a life saver. Thank you!

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Subject: ABC News 4-Question
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 10:35:29 AM

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Tara Jabour
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Feel free to give me a call whenever you have time.

Talk soon,
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From:	E Alexander Caban
To:	Robert Kittle
Cc:	Matt Dreyer
Subject:	FW: [EXT] Media Advisory: AG Wilson Announces the Launch of the SC Highway Heroes Campaign to Combat Human Trafficking
Date:	Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:23:54 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

Hey Robert,

Quick question. Is this event today or Friday?

Alex Caban | Senior Executive Producer | ABC News 4

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MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson Announces the Launch of the SC Highway Heroes Campaign to Combat Human Trafficking

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) - The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force, Chaired by Attorney General Alan Wilson, was legislatively mandated in 2012. Since then, membership has grown to include the SC Trucking Association and other state agencies. In an effort to prevent the crime and educate community members, the State Task Force partners with stakeholders to provide resources such as brochures, posters, and sector specific trainings.

This initiative was developed to train the over 100,000 Commercial Drivers License (CDL) holders in the State of South Carolina to identify and report potential cases of human trafficking throughout the state.

WHO: Attorney General Alan Wilson
Rick Todd, President & CEO SC Trucking Association
Phil Riley, Interim Director, SC Office og Highway Safety
Col. Dean Dill, SC State Transportation Police

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WHAT: SC Highway Heroes Campaign

WHEN: 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2021

WHERE: Double Tree by Hilton - Congaree Ballroom
2100 Bush River Road, Columbia

Please arrive early for set up and interviews.

# # #

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To: Lindenman, Jake
Subject: Re: FOX NEWS SATURDAY: CAVUTO LIVE BOOKING REQUEST
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 3:20:16 PM

Not a problem. Please reach to me for future requests. I can typically get you an answer quicker.

Apologies for the delay in response. I will more responsive.

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Subject: FOX NEWS SATURDAY: CAVUTO LIVE BOOKING REQUEST
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:07:43 PM

Good afternoon,

I hope you are staying well! I wanted to see if South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson has any availability to join Neil Cavuto this Saturday, April 24th, at 11:25AM EST on Cavuto Live? We would like to talk about how Florida is leading a coalition of 19 other state AGs against the push to pack the Supreme Court. Can it be stopped "legally."

We are live from New York this Saturday, but we are able to do a remote interview. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. We would really like to get South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson on with Neil Cavuto this Saturday.

Thank you,
Jake Lindenman
Booker "Cavuto LIVE" Fox News Channel
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Subject: Letter re: DJJ
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:38:00 AM
Attachments: signedletteragwilson_042221.pdf
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Hi Anne,

Here's that letter.

Robert

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To: Tim.Lauer@FOXNEWS.COM
Subject: Interest in booking South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson tomorrow
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:58:00 PM
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Hi Mr. Lauer,

I'm checking to see if you would like to book South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson tomorrow (Wed., April 14) to talk about the letter he led from 22 AGs opposing DC statehood?

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He has some free time on his calendar tomorrow.

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Date:	Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:56:00 PM
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Subject: FW: Embargoed copy of news release
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:46:00 AM
Attachments: SC AG Alan Wilson, other AGs, send letter to President and Congress opposing DC statehood (02537863xD2C78).docx
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Hi Kelly,

I apologize but we're having some delays getting the actual letter finalized. I'm hoping we'll have it done soon, but we won't be sending out our release until the letter is finalized so I can include a link to it. Therefore we're pushing the embargo back.

I will send out the letter as soon as possible and we'll lift the embargo then so please stand-by.

Thanks and I apologize again for the inconvenience.

Robert

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Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Laco, Kelly <Kelly.Laco@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Embargoed copy of news release

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Date:	Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:33:00 PM

Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:26 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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Great! Thanks.

From: Laco, Kelly <Kelly.Laco@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:14 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] NEWS: SC AG Alan Wilson leads 14-state letter against bill that would require workers to join unions

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"A majority of states have laws that protect someone's right to work without being forced to join a labor union," Attorney General Wilson said. "This bill would negate those laws and make it much easier to force employees to join unions and pay dues in order to keep their jobs. Coercion to join a labor union is reprehensible and should not be tolerated in any way, shape, or form."

The letter from the attorneys general points out that unions have long fought Right-to-Work laws, but the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly rejected union arguments that tried to overturn them. For example, in a 1949 case, *Lincoln Federal Labor Union No. 19129 v.*

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Northwestern Iron & Metal Co, a union claimed that Right-to-Work laws were unconstitutional, arguing that the right to assemble gave the union the right to require workers to participate in union assemblies or lose their jobs. The Supreme Court quickly ruled against the union and in favor of Right-to-Work laws.

The PRO Act seeks to undermine the Right-to-Work laws passed by 27 states. For example, one section condones union contracts that would force employees to pay union fees "as a condition of employment."

The attorneys general say in their letter that they are responsible for upholding the laws in their states, including laws that guard the freedom of employees to keep their jobs regardless of whether they pay union dues. The PRO Act would abruptly end 75 years of freedom by ending Right-to-Work laws in 27 states. "Accordingly, we respectfully urge Congress not to enact the PRO Act, particularly those provisions negating the Right-to-Work Laws."

The attorneys general sent the letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chair Patty Murray, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Ranking Member Richard Burr.

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson led the letter, which was joined by the attorneys general of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah, and West Virginia.

You can read the letter here.

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Subject: RE: Fox News Contact Info
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:19:05 AM

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Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 3:42:03 PM

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Attachments: Fwd EXT SC Ethics Commission Attorney General and the SC Supreme Court office of Disciplinary Counsel must investigate Sen. Goldfinch for violation of State Ethics Laws.msg

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From: Robert Kittle
To: Abigail McDowell
Subject: RE: WCIV information request
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:15:00 PM

Hi Abby,

We don't track crime statistics. SLED does that for the annual FBI crime statistics report, so I would check with them. I don't know if they'll know either because South Carolina doesn't have a hate crimes law so they may not track that.

Thanks,

Robert

From: Abigail McDowell <almcdowell@sbgtv.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: WCIV information request

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to see if you could provide our station with some information after the recent shootings in Atlanta. We were wondering if there were any reports of if South Carolina has seen any anti-Asian crimes? Thank you for any information you can provide.

Abby McDowell
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To: SCAG Media
Cc: Grossberg, Abby
Subject: Reaching out for Comment for Fox News
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 5:21:19 PM

Hello,

Hope this note finds you safe and we'll! I am reaching out on behalf of Maria Bartiromo on a report she's working on for "Sunday Morning Futures" and "Mornings with Maria" about how GOP attorney generals are pushing back against President Biden's agenda, e.g. the suit filed to block his proposal on the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience about any legislation you've initiated, or are part of, to counter the administration's policies. It's so important that we highlight the important work that your state is doing during this critical time.

I've cc'd Abby Grossberg, who oversees "Sunday Morning Futures" in case you have any questions.

Thank you,
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To: Robitaille, Rachael
Subject: RE: FOX News Cavuto Request
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:54:00 AM

Hi Rachael,

I just checked and, unfortunately, he's tied up all afternoon and into this evening so cannot do it. Thanks for thinking of us, though, and please keep him in mind for future issues.

Thanks,

Robert Kittle
Communications Director, SC Attorney General's Office
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From: Robitaille, Rachael <Rachael.Robitaille@FOXNEWS.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:41 AM
To: SCAG Media <media@scag.gov>
Subject: FOX News Cavuto Request

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From: Robert Kittle
To: Angela Brown
Subject: RE: Media Request: Interview
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:27:00 PM

Hi Angela,

Wow, that sounds exciting, working in DC! Congratulations!

Unfortunately, we can't be any help because we don't have any cases like that. We don't typically investigate unemployment insurance fraud; the Department of Employment and Workforce handles that.

Sorry, but good luck with your story!

Robert

From: Angela Brown <adbrown@sbgtv.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 3:40:50 PM

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From: Matt Dreyer
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Re: [EXT] RE: COVID vaccinations
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:39:23 PM

Thanks for checking.

Matt Dreyer
Managing Editor
WCIV-TV
Charleston, SC

> On Feb 11, 2021, at 2:58 PM, Robert Kittle <rkittle@scag.gov> wrote:
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> The head of our Criminal Division said he's not aware of any COVID vaccination complaints, and our constituent services person hasn't received any.
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Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:44:00 AM

Hi Jake,

Yes, Attorney General Wilson is interested in doing this. Two major questions: 1) Where/how would you want to do it? Via Zoom or some other online platform and he would be at his house? Or is there some other way you would want to do it? 2) Do you have a better idea of when he would be on, or just sometime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.? That's a pretty big window so would he need to standby the entire time?

Thanks,

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Hi Alex,

Yes, I've attached the redacted warrant for Alan Craig Brown.

Take care,

Robert

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Nope, perfect.

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End: Wed 1/13/2021 2:45 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Anne Emerson

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This complaint is pure partisan politics and it's disgusting and despicable to try to tie what happened last week at the Capitol to the Attorney General. We have no further comment.

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From: Carlos Flores
To: Robert Kittle
Subject: Re: [EXT] RE: Price gouging complaints in 2020
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:00:48 PM

Hi Robert,

I completely understand. If she can still send that information to me as soon as she is back in the office that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Carlos

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From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
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To: Carlos Flores <ccflores@sbgtv.com>
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Hi Carlos,

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2. A comparison between the pandemic and every other state of emergency is difficult because the pandemic has been going on for 9 months, while a hurricane or flood typically triggers a state of emergency for a few weeks.
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