

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Clifton Newman be vested with concurrent jurisdiction in all circuits of the state to handle pretrial matters relating to criminal investigations concerning Richard Alexander Murdaugh.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Clifton Newman is also vested with concurrent jurisdiction in all circuits of the state to handle pretrial matters relating to all pending and future criminal investigations concerning the deaths of Margaret Kennedy Branstetter Murdaugh, Paul Terry Murdaugh, Gloria Harriott Satterfield, and Stephen Nicholas Smith, including any criminal charges which may hereafter be brought by law enforcement or the prosecutor assigned to these matters.

Judge Clifton Newman's ongoing jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of any search warrants, arrest warrants, or subpoenas; as well as the handling of any pre-trial motions and issuance of pre-trial orders as may be necessary in the investigation and prosecution of related criminal charges.



Donald W. Beatty
Chief Justice

Columbia, South Carolina
September 28, 2021