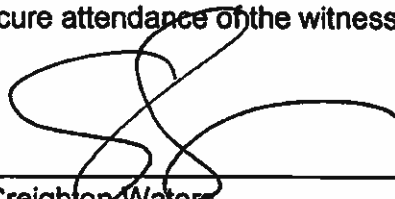


STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
	)	FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF COLLETON)	
)	
State of South Carolina	)	Case: 2022-GS-15-00592 to -00595
)	
v.	)	PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION OF
	)	MATERIALITY OF WITNESS; and TO
Richard Alexander Murdaugh,	)	SECURE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS
	)	PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ACT
Defendant.	)	TO SECURE ATTENDANCE OF
	)	WITNESS FROM WITHOUT-A-STATE
)	

COMES NOW THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, by and through the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, and moves this Court for a Certificate of Materiality of an Out-of-State Witness and to Secure Attendance of Witness pursuant to the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of a Witness From Without a State in Criminal Proceedings, as codified in South Carolina under Section 19-9-10 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, and as codified in California under Section 1334.3 of the California Code of Laws, and as grounds therefore states:

1. The Defendant, Richard Alexander Murdaugh is charged with two counts of Murder; trial is set for January 23rd, 2023 at the Colleton County Courthouse, Colleton, South Carolina and will likely last for up to three (3) weeks.
2. The witness, Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records, of Santa Monica, California, is a material witness because in a search warrant return, Snap Chat provided records belonging to one of the victims in this case Paul Murdaugh. Amongst other things, critical to the case is a video sent out to several friends at approximately 7:56 PM on the night of the murders. The contents of this video is important to proving the State's case in chief. Because this video was provided by Snapchat, a snapchat custodian is required to testify in person that the video is a true and accurate record kept in the normal course of business activity.
3. Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records is located at 2772 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, California and falls within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Division of the Central Judicial District, Los Angeles County.
4. The State of South Carolina is prepared to pay reasonable and ordinary expenses incurred by this witness in traveling to and attending the trial in Colleton, South Carolina, including transportation, lodging, and meals.

WHEREFORE, the State of South Carolina, pursuant to the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witness From Without a State in Criminal Proceedings, as codified in South Carolina as Section 19-9-10 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, and as codified in California under Section 1334.3 of the California Code of Laws, requests that the Court issue a certificate under seal setting forth the materiality of the witness, and to secure attendance of the witness.



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1/18, 2023
Colleton, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
)	FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF COLLETON)	
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State of South Carolina)	Case: 2020-GS-15-00595 to -00595
)	
v.)	CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO
	)	THE UNIFORM ACT TO SECURE
Richard Alexander Murdaugh,	)	ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS FROM
	)	WITHOUT-A-STATE
Defendant.)	
_____)	

This matter having come before the Court of General Sessions, a Court of Record in and for the County of Colleton, State of South Carolina, upon Petition by the State of South Carolina to issue a Certificate pursuant to the Uniform Act to Secure Attendance of Witnesses From Without a State in Criminal Proceedings in this Court, as codified in South Carolina under Section 19-9-10 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, and as codified in California under Section 1334.3 of the California Code of Laws (hereafter known as the "Uniform Act of California") after reviewing the Petition and hearing from the Assistant Attorney General, hereby certifies the following findings of fact:

1. Richard Alexander Murdaugh, the Defendant herein, is charged in Colleton County, South Carolina with two counts of Murder and two counts of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, and that the trial of these matters is set for January 23rd, 2023 at the Colleton County Courthouse, Colleton, South Carolina.
2. That Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records is located at 2772 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, California and falls within the jurisdiction of the Eastern Division of the Central Judicial District, Los Angeles County, California.
3. That Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records is currently located in Los Angeles County, California, and is a necessary and material witness for the State of South Carolina in the prosecution of Richard Alexander Murdaugh.
4. That the presence of Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records is required for the trial of these charges which will commence on January 23rd, 2023 and will last for a period of up to three (3) weeks. The witness' presence would be required beginning January 23, 2023 until the witness testifies or the case is disposed of.

5. The State of South Carolina is prepared to pay reasonable and ordinary expenses incurred by this witness in traveling to and attending the trial in Colleton, South Carolina, including transportation, lodging, and meals.


6. This Certificate is made for the purpose of being presented to the presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of the Eastern Division of the Central District of California, Los Angeles County, in the proceeding to compel Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records to attend and testify at the trial of Richard Alexander Murdaugh, for two counts of Murder and two counts of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime in Colleton, South Carolina.

It is requested that the presiding Judge take the necessary actions pursuant to the Uniform Act of California to secure the attendance of Snapchat Inc Custodian of Records for the Court of General Sessions for Colleton County, South Carolina on January 23, 2023, until the witness testifies or that trial is completed.

It is further requested that in the event this witness will not voluntarily come to the State of South Carolina on January 23, 2023, pursuant to the Uniform Act of California, that the witness be taken into immediate custody and be delivered to the custody of any law enforcement officer for the State of South Carolina, who is directed by this Court to take whatever measures necessary to ensure the attendance of this witness before the Court of General Sessions for Colleton County, South Carolina on January 23, 2023.

It is further ordered that the State of South Carolina pay reasonable and ordinary expenses incurred by this witness in traveling to and attending the trial in Colleton, South Carolina, including transportation, lodging, and meals.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


The Honorable Clifton Newman
Presiding Judge
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina

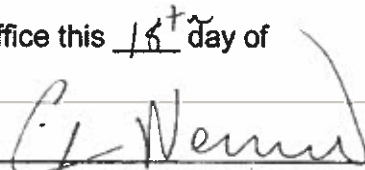
January 18, 2023

AUTHENTICATION OF JUDGE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLLETON)

I, the undersigned, Judge Clifton Newman Presiding Judge in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court of South Carolina, which said court is a court of records, certify Rebecca Hill, whose true and genuine signature appears to the attached certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, the qualified and acting Clerk of said court and that full faith and credit is due to all her official acts as such and that said certificate is in due form.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court at my office this 16th day of January, 2023.


The Honorable Clifton Newman
Presiding Judge
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

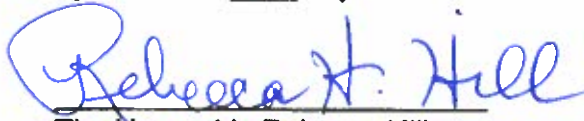
AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLLETON)

I, the undersigned, Rebecca Hill, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Colleton County, South Carolina, which said court is a court of record, having a clerk and seal, certify that the Honorable Clifton Newman whose true and genuine signature appears as Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of Colleton County, South Carolina to the foregoing Certificate, is and was at the time of the signing the same, the duly elected commission, qualified and Presiding Judge of said Eleventh Judicial Circuit and that the full faith and credit is due to all his acts as such and that said certificate is in due form.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at my office this 18th day of January, 2023.




The Honorable Rebecca Hill
Clerk of Court, Colleton County
State of South Carolina