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SLED OPENS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF GLORIA SATTERFIELD

Based upon a request from the Hampton County Coroner earlier today, as well as information gathered during the course of our other ongoing investigations involving Alex Murdaugh, SLED is opening a criminal investigation into the death of Gloria Satterfield and the handling of her estate.

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Letter of Request (Attached)

Chief Mark Keel
4400 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Chief Keel,

I would like to request the assistance of SLED in the investigation of the death of Gloria Satterfield on February 26, 2018.

According to a "Petition for Approval of a Wrongful Death Settlement" in the Court of Common Pleas in Hampton County South Carolina, the decedent, Gloria Satterfield died as a "result of injuries sustained in a trip and fall accident, in Hampton County". The defendant in this action was Richard A. Murdaugh.

The decedent's death was not reported to the Coroner at the time, nor was an autopsy performed. On the death certificate the manner of death was ruled "Natural," which is inconsistent with injuries sustained in a trip and fall accident.

In light of the inconsistencies noted above, I feel that it is prudent to pursue an investigation into Gloria Satterfield's death.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

 Angela Topper-Corner 9-15-2021

Angela Topper, Coroner
Hampton County, South Carolina