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Mr. Anthony Martin, Esquire  
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Re: Commonwealth v. Randy A. Taylor

Dear Mr. Martin,

I am writing you to respectfully request that you order additional DNA testing in the Alexis Murphy/Randy Taylor case and order the examination of Alexis Murphy's social media activity and Matthew's social media activity to determine if they had any contact.

I base this request upon the recent reports in the news which allege that Jesse L. Matthew, Jr. is responsible or linked to the disappearance of multiple young women and stands suspected of other sex crimes throughout the Commonwealth. This is not a fishing expedition, but rather this request is based upon the evidence presented at Randy Taylor's trial and based upon these new developments relating to Matthew in the news.

Alexis Murphy's family members testified at Randy Taylor's trial that Alexis Murphy would have NEVER gone to Randy Taylor's residence without someone else being with her. Alexis Murphy's friends testified that she liked older men (Matthew being about 12 years older) and she was very active on social media, having thousands of friends and followers. Alexis Murphy's friends and family also testified that she liked to go shopping and usually took friends or family along, but turned down requests for company the night she went missing which led them to believe that she had a date.

We also know from the evidence that Alexis Murphy stated that she was going to buy hair extensions in Lynchburg that evening, but knowing the time that the stores closed, and her grandmother's testimony about the time that Alexis Murphy usually got home, we know that Alexis Murphy didn't plan on coming straight home after shopping. Taking all this into account, one would conclude that Alexis Murphy had planned time that evening for a date. Could she have gone to and left Randy Taylor's residence with Matthew?

The vehicle that Alexis Murphy was last seen driving was found to have been parked in Charlottesville the night following her going missing. There was no physical evidence linking Randy Taylor to that car, even though the Commonwealth's theory was

that Randy Taylor drove the car up there and caught a cab home. There was however some DNA samples collected from that car's interior that were never identified. Those DNA samples could belong to Alexis Murphy's friends or family; or that DNA could belong to someone that had something to do with Alexis Murphy's disappearance. I am respectfully requesting that Matthew's known DNA sample be compared to the unidentified DNA samples recovered from the car that Alexis Murphy was last seen driving.

Randy Taylor told the police that a young black male with cornrows was the actual person that was last seen with Alexis Murphy when they left his residence. This matched Matthew's picture. The Commonwealth told the jury in closing argument that Randy Taylor was a liar and that he couldn't be believed, but I don't believe in coincidence. Maybe Randy Taylor was telling the truth about a young black male with cornrows, it just wasn't the one he named? What harm would it do to run the test?

I want to be clear; Randy Taylor maintains his innocence as to the murder and the abduction with intent to defile convictions and continues to state that the Commonwealth's theory on the case is not correct and that the Commonwealth doesn't know what actually happened. There has been much talk about Randy Taylor's deal in which he asked for a reduced sentence in exchange for giving up the location of Alexis Murphy's body, but that is totally incorrect. His offer was to advise on her location and it made no reference to her being deceased and made no reference to a body. Some news agencies created "the body" from "her location". I encourage anyone who disagrees with me to pull the transcript from the trial and read it.

Again, I am respectfully requesting that you order additional DNA testing in the Alexis Murphy/Randy Taylor case and order the examination of Alexis Murphy's social media activity and Matthew's social media activity to determine if they had any contact. Please call my cell phone at 434-760-1793 or respond back to me in writing to let me know what, if anything, you will do; when you have a chance. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Randy A. Taylor