



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Richard Alexander Murdaugh will be processed into the S.C. Department of Corrections today when he arrives at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center in Columbia. SCDC processes all male inmates into its system at Kirkland.

As a part of the intake process, like all inmates he will undergo medical tests, mental health and education assessments, and SCDC will gather other additional background information.

Next, the SCDC inmate classification system will follow the same process it follows for all inmates: evaluate the results of tests, assessments and screenings administered to him, taking into account his crime and sentence, and use all of this information to assign the inmate a specific custody level and prison.

This evaluation process takes about 45 days. After the process is complete, he will be sent to one of SCDC's maximum-security prisons, like all new inmates serving life sentences.

You can find information about [SCDC's classification plan here](#), which explains in detail about the factors considered in processing inmates. A shorter [synopsis can be found here](#).