



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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For immediate release

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Inmate Richard Alexander Murdaugh’s reception and evaluation process is complete, and he has been moved to the statewide protective custody unit of a South Carolina maximum-security prison.

SCDC’s Protective Custody Review Board met Thursday and made a recommendation of statewide protective custody classification for inmate Murdaugh. The four-member board includes SCDC security, mental health and classification experts.

Inmates in this unit have validated protective concerns and are placed in a specialized unit to separate them from the general population. Their location is not disclosed for safety and security reasons. This unit has 28 inmates currently.

Murdaugh will be in a single eight by ten cell that contains a bed, toilet and sink. Inmates in this unit receive all privileges afforded those in the general population inside this self-contained unit.