

CASE TITLE: United States v. Madigan and McClain
CASE NUMBER: 22 CR 115
ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and
Will Cousineau
DATE: June 6, 2018
TIME: 2:41 p.m.
TARGET PHONE: (217) 257-6280
SESSION NUMBER: 5092

SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
COUSINEAU = William Cousineau

(CLIP 1 BEGIN)

1 McCLAIN: Hi Will.
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3 COUSINEAU: Hey. So, (sighs) I think it's time to get a real PR firm
4 in here some-
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6 McCLAIN: Uh-huh.
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8 COUSINEAU: -body who's dealt with real shit. And like, (sighs) I
9 mean, somebody who was around uh, the Clinton
10 impeachment or, you know like, somebody real who's-
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12 McCLAIN: Right.
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14 COUSINEAU: -been through this shit.
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16 McCLAIN: Right. Um, I'll go through my file um, this is um, this
17 is too constant. I mean this is, Rauner's spending some
18 money on getting pe-, getting people to find out things
19 and, uh, this just gonna keep goin.
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21 COUSINEAU: Yes. Yes. That's why we need to get somebody who's really
22 been in the thick of something big.
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24 McCLAIN: Right.
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26 COUSINEAU: Not you know, not Edelman, not like one of these, but
27 somebody who's really got some chops.
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29 McCLAIN: Yep.
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31 COUSINEAU: And it's gonna cost us a ton of fucking money, but if
32 it saves him then so be it.
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34 McCLAIN: Right. Right. Okay, um, I've got three or four different
35 companies in my file. You want me to just give you the
36 names or do you want uh, me to call?

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38 COUSINEAU: Well, I think we need to talk to the boss and (sighs)
39 make sure he's okay with it, but I think we should get
40 on the phone right away.
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42 McCLAIN: Yeah. Um. Alright um.
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44 COUSINEAU: Have, have—
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46 McCLAIN: Go ahead.
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48 COUSINEAU: Have you talked to Tim?
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50 McCLAIN: I've not talked to him, we've done a lot of texting back
51 and forth. But um—
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53 COUSINEAU: Okay.
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55 McCLAIN: —I've talked to Andrew, uh, I've got, calls of course
56 into Madigan but, uh, he's on lockdown at home and I
57 figured that if he, he wants to talk, he'll call me,
58 so.
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60 COUSINEAU: He's using Shirley's cell phone.
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62 McCLAIN: Yeah.
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64 COUSINEAU: So.
65 (CLIP 1 END)

(CLIP 2 BEGIN)

66 McCLAIN: Um, I, I just think we've gotta get somebody in here
67 who's playing hard ball.

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69 COUSINEAU: Yeah.

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71 McCLAIN: I mean not that we're not, but, but you're doing nine
72 other things this guy would just be focused on saving
73 the Speaker.

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75 COUSINEAU: Yeah, I agree. I totally agree with you. Completely
76 agree.

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78 (CLIP 2 END)