

CASE TITLE: United States v. Madigan and McClain
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ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and
John Hooker
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SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
HOOKER = John Hooker

(CLIP 1 BEGIN)

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2 HOOKER: Yeah, and you know how Victor and, and this Amy can get
3 when they think they're so good and smart. I don't know
4 why people think they the smartest people in the world.
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6 McCLAIN: I don't get it.
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8 HOOKER: Yep. That ain't the way you, that ain't the way you get
9 stuff when you want somebody to give you something. You
10 know?
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12 McCLAIN: Right.
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14 HOOKER: Trying to be as, as, as outwardly and as tough, and as
15 nasty.
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17 McCLAIN: (Unintelligible.)
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19 HOOKER: Yeah, you gotta be humble.
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21 McCLAIN: Right. So it's like that Sandoval, uh, daughter?
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23 HOOKER: Yes.
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25 McCLAIN: That works for us.
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27 HOOKER: Yes.
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29 McCLAIN: Um, you know, Madigan decides to go with Chuy's
30 candidate, Anaya?
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32 HOOKER: Yes.
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34 McCLAIN: He's only got four precincts in the county ward
35 district, and instead of Sandoval and Mike Noonan
36 saying, "Okay." You know, "We understand." They started

37 'M' 'F'-ing Mike Madigan, and so then Madigan started
 38 calling Mike Zalewski and other committeemen. Well, then
 39 Sandoval's daughter loses. And Marty does not understand
 40 probably that he did it to himself.
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 42 HOOKER: Right.
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 44 McCLAIN: Should have just kept his mouth shut, she would've won.
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 46 HOOKER: Right. Even though I thought she wasn't ready.
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 48 McCLAIN: Right, I wouldn't know her if she walked in the room
 49 but-
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 51 HOOKER: Yeah.
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 53 McCLAIN: -um, she, she's a ambitious little girl.
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 55 HOOKER: Yeah, too much. She need-, in my opinion, she needed
 56 this loss.
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 58 McCLAIN: Uh, huh.
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 60 (Call minimized.)
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 62 HOOKER: Being an ass is natural.
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 64 McCLAIN: (Laughs.) Yeah.
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 66 HOOKER: Right. So, and, and he could of just, and, and all he
 67 had to do was lose, he would've lost (Unintelligible.)
 68 (Call cuts out.) I don't, I don't understand Mike Z.
 69 leaving. Did he just up and want to go, Michael, or they
 70 wanted to do something different?
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 72 McCLAIN: Mike Z. that, that was with Rauner?
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 74 HOOKER: No, my, no, no, no, Mike Zalewski-
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 76 McCLAIN: Oh, Zalewski.
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 78 HOOKER: -the alderman.
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 80 McCLAIN: Well, um, so, here, I'll give you the truth. So, uh,
 81 al-, Madigan's ward is fifty-two percent Latino,
 82 Zalewski's ward's almost seventy percent Latino, and
 83 Burke's ward is seventy percent Latino.
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 85 HOOKER: Mhmm.

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87 McCLAIN: (Coughs.) And um, Madigan's view is for Marty Quinn, if
88 there are three white guys trying to keep their seats
89 but with those (unintelligible) and Latinos, somebody's
90 gonna lose.
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92 HOOKER: You're right.
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94 McCLAIN: And it could be Marty. And so, Madigan said, to Zalewski,
95 I mean, wh-, who was, who was kind of tired of it anyway.
96 Um-
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98 HOOKER: Yeah, he's been, he's been doing a little lobbying work
99 and playing golf with us. I play golf with him, with,
100 with Andrew a lot.
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102 McCLAIN: Oh okay. So, he um, um, he was ready to go anyway, but,
103 uh, Madigan convinced him that he ought a step down and
104 then, just between you and me, um, Madigan intends to
105 have, uh, Silvana Tabares be appointed as the alderman.
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107 HOOKER: I don't know who, I don't know that person.
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109 McCLAIN: She's a state rep.
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111 HOOKER: Okay.
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113 McCLAIN: Silvana.
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115 HOOKER: Okay.
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117 (CLIP 1 END)