

CCASE TITLE: United States v. Madigan and McClain
CASE NUMBER: 22 CR 115
ACTIVITY: Telephone Conversation between Michael McClain and
Thomas Manion
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SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
MANION = Thomas Manion

(CLIP 1 BEGIN)

1 MANION: So, first of all, let's talk about business. So, I get
2 a call from Terry the other day. From Teal. Um, uh, do-
3 down on the, down at, down there by uh, uh, on the, you
4 know where uh, bur, that uh, golf course, uh, what's it
5 called? Not Burnham Golf Course, but the one there that's
6 on top of the garbage dump on the southeast
7 (unintelligible).
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9 McCLAIN: Oh yeah. Yep, yep, yep, yep.
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11 MANION: You now, that's part of the Ninth Ward. That's not a
12 part of the Tenth Ward. For years it was the Tenth Ward,
13 now it's the Ninth Ward. Alderman Tony Beal, an African-
14 American alderman is there. They work closely with that
15 not-for profit that David Doig has over in Roseland
16 there.
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18 McCLAIN: Uh huh.
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20 MANION: They've been doin' a bunch of stuff. So, they, they
21 wanted, they uh, Tony Beal talked to the Mayor, the Mayor
22 has given his blessing even though-
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24 McCLAIN: (Coughs.)
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26 MANION: -(Unintelligible) of puttin' a casino down there. So,
27 they're talkin' about putting the one Chicago casino
28 like, you know, (unintelligible) I guess Rahm's gonna be
29 gone anyways, but um, you know, for some reason he
30 doesn't wanna put it over the old McCormick Place, which
31 would make sense to a lot people, but he's sayin' that
32 he, he would, he would okay puttin' a casino there. So,
33 what they're talkin' about doin' is, is that, uh, I guess
34 David Doig and Alderman Beal asked him, If you're gonna
35 hire a lobbyist, who would you hire?" And, of course,
36 Teal said, "(unintelligible) the guy to hire would be

37 Mike McClain." So, when Mi, when Terry called he goes,
38 "You know, I understand that Mike's sorta seguein' out,
39 would you mind calling Mike? If Mike would want to do
40 it, they would love have to have Mike represent them.
41 (Unintelligible) not, looking for a recommendation from
42 someone," and I said, "well," so my question to you is,
43 would that interest you at all?
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45 McCLAIN: Well, it would, but I, I, I, well first of all, uh my
46 wife would slit my throat. Um.
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48 MANION Yeah, oh I understand. Okay.
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50 McCLAIN: Uh.
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52 MANION: So, that's what I thought. Right? That's what I told him.
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54 McCLAIN: Yeah. And second of all, um, I'm kind of um, um, I'm,
55 I'm sort of Madigan's agent.
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57 MANION: Right.
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59 McCLAIN: So, like th, the hearings that are goin' on that Bob
60 Rita's running. Um, I'm, I'm guiding Bob on those
61 hearings.
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63 MANION: Are, are, are those gaming, are those gaming hearings?
64 Is-
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66 McCLAIN: Uh huh.
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68 MANION: -that's what those are?
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70 McCLAIN: Yeah.
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72 MANION: Okay. Okay. Well, okay good. Okay.
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74 McCLAIN: So the first time ever, ever that we can remember the
75 City of Chicago testified at the hearing.
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77 MANION: Uh huh.
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79 McCLAIN: Victoria came in and testified and um, and we, we
80 consider that a good sign.
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82 MANION: Mhmm.
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84 McCLAIN: So, um, we're, we're, real hopeful that maybe in the
85 spring we can actually pass a gaming bill.
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87 MANION: Well-

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89 McCLAIN: And now, and now that um, Duchossois has bought out Blum.
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91 MANION: Uh huh.
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93 McCLAIN: That, that removes a huge hurdle, 'cause Blum hired
94 about, I don't know, two dozen lobbyists and um, and he,
95 he, he's against any change, any change in gaming uh-
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97 MANION: Okay.
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99 McCLAIN: -unle-, unless he got Internet gaming.
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101 MANION: Okay.
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103 McCLAIN: Well, you know, two dozen lobbyists to make an impact.
104 Well, now that Blum's out of it, uh, you know, you don't,
105 you don't have that um, looming uh, intermural fight,
106 right?
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108 (CLIP 1 END)