

CASE TITLE: United States v. Madigan and McClain
CASE NUMBER: 22 CR 115
ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and Bob Rita
DATE: May 16, 2018
TIME: 6:11 p.m.
TARGET PHONE: (217) 257-6280
SESSION NUMBER: 2706

SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
RITA = Bob Rita

1 RITA: Hello.
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3 McCLAIN: Hey, Bob. Mike McClain.
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5 RITA: Mike.
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7 McCLAIN: How are ya?
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9 RITA: I'm alright.
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11 McCLAIN: Is this a bad time to call you?
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13 RITA: Nope, I was just sittin trying to cool down. I was
14 out in the sun and it's hot.
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16 McCLAIN: (Laughs.) It's cool up here in Chicago.
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18 RITA: Oh, you're up in Chicago.
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20 McCLAIN: Yeah, it's like 65 degrees or something.
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22 RITA: Oh, it's nice.
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24 McCLAIN: People are wearing jackets.
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26 RITA: Wow. What's up?
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28 McCLAIN: Well, I wanted to tell you something. I, I think you
29 may wanna take a look at what your, uh, secretary put
30 out today. Um, I received a couple emails, um, and I,
31 I'm a little worried about you guys ever, uh, ever
32 putting anything in print—
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34 RITA: What—
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36 McCLAIN: —but basically, basically she said, um, like, to, eh,
37 "Bob's doing something different this time about the
38 gaming bill. And so, uh, we'd like you to send us
39 what you want in the, uh, gaming bill, and then also
40 what your breaking point would be," which, um, I mean,
41 it's not so bad as a standalone email, but if, if, if
42 she's gonna keep putting out emails, I, I'd like to
43 keep the feds away from you.
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45 RITA: Yeah. Let me see what she put out, because what, what
46 we're telling people is bring their fact sheets.
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48 McCLAIN: Say it again, Bob.
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50 RITA: They were supposed to bring like their
51 (unintelligible). Like what, in writing. And so
52 these, and we did this with a number of people so
53 that they weren't being wishy-washy.
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55 McCLAIN: Right.
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57 RITA: Like the fact sheets. Maybe they're, I don't, did you
58 see the email?
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60 McCLAIN: I did. I didn't, I didn't mind so much like, "send us
61 what you want," as much as I said the, the phrase:
62 "And also tell us what your breaking point is."
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64 RITA: Okay. I'll, I'll--
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66 McCLAIN: Just, just take a look at it.
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68 RITA: Uh, I will.
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70 McCLAIN: Like I said, I don't think it's bad as the standalone,
71 but if she's gonna send out multiple, then you know,
72 the feds will, uh, I mean this, this is, this whole
73 thing is millions and millions and millions and
74 millions of dollars.
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76 RITA: Yes.
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78 McCLAIN: So, the feds are gonna look at it no matter what.
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80 RITA: Yeah.
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82 McCLAIN: I think we just have to be real careful.
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84 RITA: Yeah. I, I don't think there was any intention here,
85 Mike.
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87 McCLAIN: Oh, no, no, no. I, I, I, no, no. I di-, if I'm implying
88 that, forgive me.
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90 RITA: Okay. No, I just wanted, I, I, she might have missed,
91 just did this a little wrong.
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93 McCLAIN: Yeah.
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95 RITA: Accidentally, not unintentional. (Laughs.)
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97 McCLAIN: Right, right, right.
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99 RITA: Okay.
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101 McCLAIN: I, I, I'm not, uh, this is not a, um, uh, as I said,
 102 as a standalone email. It's, it's not, it's not, it's
 103 okay.
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 105 RITA: Yeah.
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 107 McCLAIN: But if all, if all of a sudden-
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 109 RITA: Everybody's getting this thing.
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 111 (Simultaneous conversation.)
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 113 McCLAIN: Over two months, all of a sudden two months, uh, she's
 114 got put out fifteen emails, well, you know, you know,
 115 it, it doesn't take you long before, uh, you're hiring
 116 a lawyer to talk to the feds. You spend a hundred
 117 thousand dollars real fast.
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 119 RITA: Yeah. Okay. I will talk with her.
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 121 McCLAIN: Yeah. I just, I just, I, I would just tell her, even,
 122 even if I ask you to put out another email, uh, don't
 123 do it until we talk about it ag, again.
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 125 RITA: Okay. I wonder who-
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 127 McCLAIN: The feds-
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 129 RITA: -she sent that to.
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 131 McCLAIN: Uh, sounds like, it sounds like to everybody that
 132 has, uh, that you knew or that she knew, uh, had an
 133 interest in the gaming bill. That's what it sounds
 134 like.
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 136 RITA: Okay. I'll find out.
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 138 McCLAIN: Yeah. But, uh, don't, don't send a corrective one.
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 140 RITA: No, she won't do anything.
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 142 McCLAIN: Yeah. Because then she looks bad too, right? (Laughs.)
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 144 RITA: Yeah.
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 146 McCLAIN: (Laughs.) So, I just think you just try as best you
 147 can, not to put anything in print.
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 149 RITA: Um, okay. Terry Link's come to see me twice.
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 151 McCLAIN: Yeah. And a friend of ours talked to me, so I think,
 152 when are you coming ho-, when are you coming up here?
 153 Probably not till Friday night, are you?
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 155 RITA: Not 'til Friday. Yeah.
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157 McCLAIN: Yeah. Maybe I'll call, talk to you sometime Friday.
158 'Cause I'll be going home Friday.
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160 RITA: Okay.
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162 McCLAIN: And maybe we can meet somewhere. Um, we'll talk.
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164 RITA: -on the way you're coming-
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166 McCLAIN: Yeah.
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168 RITA: -down and I'm going up. Yeah.
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170 McCLAIN: Right.
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172 RITA: Because he's come a couple times.
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174 McCLAIN: Yeah, yeah.
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176 RITA: Um, alright.
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178 McCLAIN: Okay. I'll be in touch.
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180 (Simultaneous conversation.)
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182 RITA: (unintelligible) just let me know.
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184 McCLAIN: (unintelligible) will do. Yeah.
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186 RITA: I'll fix this thing. Okay?
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188 McCLAIN: Okay.
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190 RITA: Alright.
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192 McCLAIN: Okay. Thank you.
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194 RITA: Alright, bye.
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196 McCLAIN: Bye.