

CASE TITLE: United States v. McClain, et al.  
CASE NUMBER: 20 CR 812  
ACTIVITY: Telephone Conversation between Michael McClain and James Connolly  
DATE: December 11, 2018  
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TARGET PHONE: [REDACTED]  
SESSION NUMBER: 18318

SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain  
CONNOLLY = James Connolly

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

1 CONNOLLY: So, what did, uh, so what was your response on Will when  
2 th-, Will told him he was out?  
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4 McCLAIN: Uh well, uh, I, I'm sure Mike was, um, more concerned  
5 about his father at that point. But, um, you know, Will  
6 didn't like doing that but, uh, eh, he, he didn't, ya  
7 know he's brand new in this side of the bu-, the dark  
8 side.  
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10 CONNOLLY: Uh huh.  
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12 McCLAIN: Right? So he's brand new. So I, I, you gotta forgive  
13 him on making a bad decision. Uh, he didn't ask enough  
14 questions, um, he should've called me, um, and so, when  
15 he, when he called me and says, "Okay, I'm gonna, work  
16 on the plumbers." I said, "Oh really?" I said, "Did you,  
17 uh, talk to himself about this?" (Laughs.)  
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19 CONNOLLY: (Laughs.)  
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21 McCLAIN: He said, "Oh, shit. It sounds like I made the wrong  
22 decision." I said, "I think you oughta talk to himself  
23 about this." (Laughs.)  
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25 CONNOLLY: (Laughs.) Hey.  
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27 McCLAIN: (Laughs.)  
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29 CONNOLLY: I, I, uh, I, I always put feelers through you.  
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31 McCLAIN: (Laughs.) That was a good one. I enjoyed that one. It,  
32 it gives me a laugh.  
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34 CONNOLLY: You know, it always goes back to that you're nothing



35 without him. Yeah, right?  
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37 McCLAIN: Right. Yup, yup.  
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39 CONNOLLY: (Unintelligible.)  
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41 McCLAIN: I always told these young pups, when they started  
42 lobbying, I said, "Hey guys, you only have one client.  
43 Long as you treat that client well, you'll do real well  
44 for the people that are paying you."  
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46 CONNOLLY: Yeah. Yeah, good. An-, and you know what? I, I, I, I  
47 don't look it like that, I just look it as, uh, to me,  
48 as, as a friendship. That's all.  
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50 McCLAIN: Oh no, but you're, but Jim, you're different. These  
51 guys, they all, they see this almighty buck. And, you'd  
52 be surprised how many just kinda drift away. You'd,  
53 you'd be, you'd be amazed. You'd be amazed. How many  
54 drift away because the almighty buck.  
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56 CONNOLLY: Well. (Laughs.) I'm in for the long game.  
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58 McCLAIN: Yeah, me too.  
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60 (NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)