

Meeting between Don Haidl and Michael Carona on 08/13/07

DH= Donald Haidl
MC= Michael Carona
UF= Waitress (Unidentified Female)
UM= Busboy (Unidentified Male)
[UI]= Unintelligible

Segment One (CD 1: 2:53:05 through 2:57:54)

DH: This one here is getting down to it.

MC: This -- exactly. But then you need to figure out like, this common pattern; right? I mean, Carona did this with everybody. They don't have that.

DH: Uh-huh.

MC: Flat-ass don't have that. So now they're down to -- well, this is a problem with uh, Don, and it's very specific, and it's all coming from George. You know, these are the things that occurred -- George and Joe. The law.

Here's the law. Um, you never gave me a bale of cash from the law firm.. George never gave me a bale of cash from the law firm. Joe never gave me a bale of cash from the law firm. Deb never gave me a bale of cash for the law firm. Now, if George and Joe have been saying that, but it's a fucking lie. It flat-ass didn't happen. First, there wasn't a bale of cash, other than what's coming out your pocket just to maintain the thing.

I don't know where they go with the, you know, [UI] all of your cash contributions to -- I'm sure they're looking for you

know, money that went to -- to me, went to George, went to Joe. Again, I don't know the accounting side of it, so I can't --

DH: On my end, nothing's traceable. It's hidden, it all come out of a safe. They can -- they can fuck around all they want and go back a hundred years.

MC: Well, on my end of it --

DH: They cannot put it -- they - it -- it's untraceable. Any cash is untraceable.

MC: Well, on -- on my end of it, completely untraceable, completely untraceable. I mean, unless --

DH: So we're going to be -- we're going to be facing these guys, at some point, I believe.

MC: Oh, I guarantee it. Guaran-damn-tee it.

DH: They got too much money in this deal to walk away.

MC: Right. And they'll -- they'd love to have the Martha Stewart thing of, I don't have to prove this. All I got to do is prove that you lied. So that's why, when I say I don't know --

DH: That's what -- that's what this -- that's set up for.

MC: Exactly. But if --

DH: If we have different stories, they're going to --

MC: Amen. Amen. And again, I don't know this side of it, Don. So you know, if -- if the way all business is done at

Nationwide is --

DH: And my side is cool.

MC: They take every hundred dollars [UI].

DH: And they can uh uh -- they can -- they can go through Nationwide for a hundred years. They can't prove beyond the shadow of a doubt what came from where. The money was in my safe at home. Nobody knows except you and me.

MC: Right

DH: And George, he -- I don't care if he stands here and says I saw it happen. As long as you and me are on the same page --

MC: The answer is --

DH: -- and we say --

MC: Flat-ass didn't fucking happen. It didn't happen. And that's the deal of -- you know, thing about checks --

DH: You got Cavallo in there, too, and this guy's got a hard-on for everybody. And who knows what tax beef he's trying to work off. Seven or eight million dollars went through that trust fund, and we ain't found -- and so far, we've found two that went to him. [UI]

I know there was tons of kicks from the other attorneys back to him, twenty percent on most of them. I know it. He admitted one of them by accident. He told me, "I'm going to give you that

money in cash, 'cause I'm getting it from this guy cash, twenty percent back, and I'm going to give that to you."

And I got pissed. I said, "Well, wait a minute, then why the fuck are we charging the extra twenty percent in the first place?"

Well, we just, you know, da, da, da, da, da. Well, I never got it. It was never even credited. It never came up again he never came the cash back.

MC: Wow. That's surprising.

DH: Yeah. There's a lot of things that shocked me. But as the years go by, it doesn't shock me anymore. That I found out.

MC: Okay. Well, here's the beauty on this one Don, they're not going to get to play both sides against the middle on this.

DH: That's why I'm here, man.

Segment Two (CD 1: 3:09:24 through 3:15:07)

MC: We were -- we were just standing in your house at the place in Newport that had a really bitchin' uh, kitchen.

DH: Jade Cove.

MC: Jade Cove. And you had a folder, and you said, hey, man, I just want you to uh, uh, and you opened it up, and there was stuff in there.

And I folded it back up, and I go, Don, you know what, we should never been doing that. I love you. By the way, I never needed anything, ever wanted anything other than just your friendship. Okay.

Other than that point in time --

DH: That's where the statute comes in, because that was at the time of Gregory.

MC: Of what?

DH: That was at the time of Gregory. We are five years beyond that.

MC: Oh really? Well, I can tell you right now --

DH: We are in August 2007, and that was in July '02.

MC: Well, I can tell you --

DH: We're five years past that now.

MC: Yeah. I can tell you the following. A, you didn't give it to me and, B, I didn't take it. But the reason I'm sharing

that with you, is in terms of Mike and Don. It was the one and only time, the one and only time that that ever came into play, that - ever, ever.

And the sad part for me at that at that point is, you know, you were going through so much shit, and you were still caring about me. You were still worried about me. I was worried about you. It's like, you know, two guys like - like -- it's like, you know, it's like ordering the fucking crab cake. I hate crab, man. I thought you liked crab. (laughs) Wanted you be to happy --

So unless there was a pinhole in your ceiling that evening, it never fucking happened, because it never fucking happened, Don. It never fucking happened. And that part is why I sleep real well at night.

I mean, on all this shit, it's -- I know what Don Haidl has done for me in my life. And I know you have been a stand up motherfucker, and you have taken care of me, and you've taken care of my family, and you have been nothing but good to me, ever, from the day -- day one that you -- I know that.

But you could -- they could hit me sodium penothal and say, how much money did Don Haidl put into your campaign. Man, I don't think Don ended up putting a penny in my campaign. I know Don Haidl, you know, asked a lot of people to support me and and -- and pulled in a lot of chits from his friends, people who

probably didn't know who the fuck Mike Carona was and why they wanted to even invest in me.

But, Don Haidl made that happen. But I don't think Don Haidl ever made a penny [UI].

I know Don Haidl never gave me a penny directly never gave me a penny, now I do know yeah Don Haidl gave me a boat. You did give me a boat man. (laughs) It's like, you know, it's like -- and I couldn't take a boat, and I wrote a check for that.

And now, that's the part that's going to be -- be interesting, you know, discussion around, you know, what happened next. But I also know, even on that one, I swear to god [UI] on this, on this [UI] you could hit me you could put me on the box, full of sodium penothal, you never gave me [UI].

I know what took place, but you never gave me [UI]. You ever never ever gave me money. It just didn't come that direction at all. And that's not [UI], that's just the flat-ass truth of the matter.

DH: I'm okay getting up on the stand and saying that.

MC: It could be either one of us getting up on the stand saying that [UI].

DH: I mean, hopefully, that don't ever happen. I'm okay getting up on the stand and saying that. I want to make goddamn sure that we're both on the same page.

MC: We're both --

DH: And I -- and I want to -- sorry.

MC: No. I was going to say we're both on the same page.

And here's the deal with this one, Don, 'cause you get the subpoena [UI].

DH: That's okay. Thank you.

UF: You're welcome.

MC: Now is that the -- is that the special glass?

UF: That's the special glass. It's pretty, huh?

MC: It's very cool.

UF: (laughs)

DH: It is. Thank you.

UF: Thank you. Have a great night.

MC: The other thing that's unique about this relationship is, they can't get one without the other, and somebody's gonna go first. And --

Segment Three (CD 1: 42:17 through 48:28)

DH: I'll go through what I think the significance is.

MC: Tell me what you think it is.

DH: First of all, I think, the problem is -- well, we probably ought to go through it line by line and make sense out of it. Together, I mean, I don't get rattled easy, but if they're up looking for original signatures, they use original signature transferrin' that boat to you and stuff like that, that's a lot of work. Because normally, they just hit a button or call somebody at DMV and say send it. [UI]

MC: A guys got to witness?

DH: Yeah. We want to see it, the document.

MC: Well, we knew they were probably going to come after that deal because it was done so publicly. I mean -- and I can't remember. I remember -- I think I remember sending you a check on that one.

DH: Here's what we did -- the problem is George was in the room -- you gave me a check so it wouldn't look like a gift.

MC: Right.

DH: I gave you the cash. George was in the room when that happened, so George was in -- sitting in jail on perjury. Cavallo will probably come forward and say, yeah, I was there to

I saw it, and George I'm sure he'll [UI]. Um.. any gift tax stuff, they can come at me. I didn't know I was supposed to do a gift tax. I didn't know there was something as gift tax returns.

MC: Well, if I paid you for it, it's no gift; right?

DH: Yeah. But if they buy the other story then --

MC: Right. But I mean, part of the reality in this thing, Don, just kind of going back, when you gave me the boat the boat had a number of problems. My recollection, you felt real bad about giving me a boat that had all kinds of problems. And did you give me cash to cover the repairs on it, and I had to get a different slip 'cause we couldn't keep it at the slip 'cause you got a brand new boat?

The answer is yeah, you did. Did I declare any of that? No. That was all part of, you know, you were giving me a gift, and you felt bad about me getting the boat and this is the -- this was the cost behind it.

You know, I couldn't tell you how much money you gave me. I know I gave you a check for, you know, the cost of the boat. And, yeah, you know, you were very gracious about that, things that needed to be repaired on it, there was boat slips and, you know, you felt bad giving me something, A, that I couldn't take to start with, and then B, you know, I got this, you know, cost behind it.

DH: Well, there were checks -- there were checks for

repairs though, after the -- the -- remember that for a minute. Now, Bruce went off and did a whole bunch of stuff.

MC: But there were no --

DH: That would have been paid by check after the transfer date, so keep that in the back of your mind.

MC: Okay.

DH: I mean, I got no problem lying my ass off about anything. But if it's two-to-two, you know, and it's them two, I'm okay.

MC: Why is it that I don't remember George being in the room, period.

MC: You know

DH: I assumed it was your birthday.

MC: It was my birthday? Well, I know when it happened, but I'm trying to go back in my head on this one, Don, 'cause I remember [UI], you know, debating with you at the time. I can't take this thing I really can't man, [UI] I mean it was done in front of a whole bunch of people 'cause it was at your house by the pool. I'm not gonna stick you with the tag on this thing.

DH: Huh?

MC: You said I'm not going to stick you with the tag on this thing, you know? This was designed to be a gift, [UI] This is a big gift you know, I can't take a big gift. And you're

right, it's like, you know, I wrote a check for "A". I don't remember George being there for anything coming the other way. Yeah, and I really, I mean, that's one -- I just don't remember him being there. George can talk about it till the cows come home and I'm sure he believes that [UI], but I don't remember him being there.

Unless, you know, he videotaped that and - fuck you. But I mean the hard part on this one is it's -- it's not what George says, it's where you are in this deal. I got --

DH: I want to make sure -- I want to make sure our stories are straight, number one, and there's no tracing cash, number two.

MC: Well, okay.

Segment Four (CD 2: 40:49 through 43:13)

DH: But these feds are smart, man. I mean, you know, getting -- getting down to corporations where you can't take the Fifth and stuff, I didn't -- I didn't know any of that stuff.

MC: Well, I wonder if the statute changes if you go after a corporation too.

DH: I don't know. I think -- I mean, I (sighs) -- since July, I thought that the statute was blown, on and anything we ever did was done, and I still think it, you know. I still think we're okay.

MC: Well, the only thing that gives me concern is, like Dean said, you know, you can make it nine years, you got to be able to show conspiracy, so they got to show the link. And they -- that one area where they keep talking about, you know, Hoffman, Cavallo, Carona, Haidl, then they do Jaramillo -- Jaramillo, Debbie Carona, Mike Carona, Don -- you know, it's like -- I -- I don't know. I mean, you got to have somebody that knows what the fuck they're doing --

DH: Yeah.

MC: -- take a look at this and --

DH: Yeah.

MC: 'Cause you wouldn't -- these guys can't be stupid enough to go after something that they know the statutes blown on

and spend this much time on it. They wouldn't ask for all this shit if they didn't think they had something.

DH: Yeah.

MC: And they're not -- they're annoying, but they're not stupid.

DH: Yeah, you can't call them stupid. Yeah.

MC: But, at the end of the day --

DH: Yeah. Cavallo, George, I don't give a shit if George was in the room, whatever we did, as long as our stories are straight, I'm okay, as long as I know there's no trail anywhere.

MC: No trail anywhere --

DH: Okay.

MC: -- period.

DH: Okay.

MC: Period. Period. In fact, not even close to being a trail.