

Segment 1 -- 7/7/07 Undercover Recording

21:34:03-21:34:57

MC = Mike Carona
DH = Don Haidl
UI = Unintelligible
[**] = redacted name

Carona tells Haidl a story he recently learned about George Jaramillo. George had convinced [**] to give Jaramillo a Navigator SUV when Jaramillo became sheriff.

MC George had [**] convinced to give George, for [**] to give George a brand new Navigator when George became sheriff.

DH No shit.

MC Yes. And [**] was paying him--

DH He's a little cheap. *laughs*

MC Apparently that's the car George wanted.

DH It's a hubcap deal. *laughs*

MC **I use this Don Haidl phrase on an ongoing basis. It's like, you know, all this shit surrounds n [REDACTED] money. I mean it's literally, it's n [REDACTED] money.**

DH *laughs*

MC All George and [JC] had to be is just C players. They didn't have to be stars, man. You know, just they're not f [REDACTED] anybody over--

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21:42:10-21:43:39

Carona is talking to Haidl about all of the accusations leveled at Carona in the media. Carona challenges them to prove up the allegations.

MC Prove this shit, man. F [REDACTED] you guys. By the same token, um, I'm happy to get in front of the camera at the drop of a hat and call bullshit on any of these things. So you may win. At the end of the day, you may very well win at the end of the day. But you're gonna have some battles. Now, my preference is -- I never draw my sword. My goal is, I might just walk away from this deal, fly off into the sunset, spend time with my kid, do what ever I want to do with the second half of my life and fade into anonymity. I don't want to f [REDACTED] with anybody. I don't need to be the big man on campus anymore. But, while I'm here, I ain't taking shit from anybody anymore. I just ain't taking shit from anybody any more. Because there's nothing you can do to me.

DH Yeah. Yeah.

MC **You show another picture of me holding whore from Russia? You gonna, you know, show me in bed with Hoffman? You gonna, you know, talk about the - the multi - gonna run a tape on Sandy Trujillo about me, you know, finger-f [REDACTED] her? Okay. And so, what's new? You gonna deal with my wife now? Hit me with your next best shot, pal. Look, you're gonna ruin my marriage. You're gonna ruin my family. You've given us your best shot so far, that hasn't happened, so...**

DH I better get out of here [UI]. Take care. [UI]

DH If you're gonna be around the next week or two we ought to try to get together.

Segment 3 -- 7/15/07 Undercover Recording

18:24:55-18:28:27

Haidl tells the story of a trip he planned to visit his son in jail. Haidl planned to travel to the jail on his private jet. That morning, Haidl learned that his pilot had crashed the plane.

- DH That was at 9 in the morning. Or 8:30 in the morning. They were supposed to pick me up at 9 and shoot to Coalinga which is standard [UI]. 9:20 my phone starts lighting up. They're not telling me then 'cause it's all Threshold employees, he's got like 70 employees out there so they're just giving the company line. There's been an issue with the airplane. We'll have mark call you. So mark calls me and says here's the Reader's Digest version. Landed in the middle of the runway but the props are bent up, the nose in the air.
- MC F [REDACTED] you.
- DH Wasn't 'till 3 o'clock they get it off the runway. Who'd ever thought that. Nobody maintains a plane more perfectly than I do.
- MC Yeah, but you know that stuff just happens.
- DH Right. It's a machine.
- MC Yeah, exactly.
- DH It is a machine. I don't care how good you are, you know. It's a one-in-a-million deal, it, you know.
- MC Exactly. And that's why people, all the years I've flown in all the shit I do, it's just a matter of time where you gonna have something go wrong. You know, the only hope is that you, like you know, your guy did it, walked away from it.
- DH Yeah. I'm going when it's my time I just don't want to go when it's the pilot's time, you know.
- MC Yeah.
- DH And it was humorous because just the night before Jimmy called, the pilot-- about every other week that he flies--I've got another kid that, you know, Mark's not involved in that stuff much any more, he's got like 70 - 100 employees out there, he's got a huge operation now—
- MC Really—

DH He's got Gulfstreams lined up one end to the other end and all that, so, he's just running a huge company now, so he doesn't get, he's not involved in the small stuff anymore, you know. But, he's got maintenance directors and this or that and the other all over the place, but... He's stopped everything in. He was [UI] cargo and his kids [UI] so he made a u-turn and –

MC **He still with his old lady.**

DH got back there to manage it—pardon

MC **He's still with his old lady?**

DH **Ah hmmm.**

MC **I always figured, kind of she was so [REDACTED] hot, she was going to get herself in trouble.**

DH **Oh, yeah. Still looks good too.**

MC **When she got a couple of drinks in her. I mean I used to love our parties, you know, wasn't she the one that was like humping the elephant or something? *laughs*. One of my true heroes.**

DH Well.

MC God's watching over you my friend.

DH That was a lucky one. Shook Greg up real bad.

MC I'm sure.

Segment 4 -- 7/15/07 Undercover Recording

19:08:30-19:09:32

Carona expresses his frustration over the ongoing federal investigation. Carona does not believe he has done anything wrong and he can not understand why the investigation is still continuing. Carona explains that he knows a number wealthy people, but they never asked him for favors and they never gave him money.

MC

....But I'm like you. I'm just tired of [REDACTED] chasing my tail, Don. It's like...you know. At the end of the day. I've got friends that I was close to that, you know, I did things with. And, you're right, I've had a life that's been absolutely blessed. You know, I've been...the time I met you...I mean, I've met millionaires, billionaires, I've traveled on personal airplanes, and I never shook anybody down for any shit, so... Not that I haven't, you know, drank great wine and had great booze, **and...got some, you know, phenomenal p [REDACTED] along the way**, but none of that...for -- I got it because, you know, I held somebody hostage [UI], "I got something on you" or you know, "I need something from you." They're friends. They're people that I hang out with. People I want do things with. People that I enjoy their time with...

Segment 5 -- 7/15/07 Undercover Recording

20:19:20-20:21:31

Haidl talks about his lawsuit against [JC]. Carona talks about the JC that he once knew and notes that JC has changed. Haidl says that Jaramillo was part of the reason why that happened.

MC ...But [JC], actually I gotta tell you, surprises me. Because I've known [JC] for 25, no more than 25 years...Don, there was a point in time [JC] -- literally [JC] was one of those guys... He's always been a hard charging, you know, street kid. I mean, that's what I loved about the guy. But...but he'd never cheat you out of a buck. Something changed, man.

DH Somewhere in that -- something in that process changed and George was part of that change. The two of them started here and there and here and there and pretty soon, there's deals going that I don't know about that I'm supposed to be getting a percentage of...didn't happen. You know, I mean, all that stuff started happening and green started kicking in, justification, you know [UI] started kicking in. The press thing he started liking too much; being on the cover of magazines he started liking too much. Um...being involved in that nickel and dime bail thing is about as stupid as you could get. That was stupid. Small money.

MC N [REDACTED] money.

DH Doing -- doing that thing with [**] at the crucial point in the trial. Having that big beef with [**] where he had to make--I mean, he makes 20 grand on that deal. But he took two weeks out of Greg's trial to fight [**] over a scratch in the car. That started right here one night.

MC Oh that's -- we were together.

DH It started that night.

Segment 6 -- 7/15/07 Undercover Recording

20:37:56-20:39:53

Haidl talks about his son and the rape case and how, five years later, his son is a different kid. Mike comments that a lot has changed in the past five years.

- MC You know, Don, that's actually um...a much different kid.
- DH He was sixteen then. He's twenty-two now, man. Twenty-Two.
- MC I mean, I'm sure that...all the shit that he's been through, it breaks you up a lot, too, but there's a point in time where, like literally, I wanted to kick his ass. I mean, like the stupid shit like, like skateboarding...
- DH Oh, I know. Oh. Oh. Nobody's got any idea how many times I threw that kid off a wall for skateboarding or this or that or doing something just dumb. Just, you know, I mean, it's what every other kid up and down the street's doing, except they ain't got his last name. You know.
- MC You know, it's...
- DH And the timing wasn't too cool.
- MC **Hey, five years ago... I could, ah...get laid, you know, enjoy myself. Now, me checking into a hotel room? Unless I'm doing it with--you know.** Life is just different, you know, when you're under a microscope. And that's where he was. I mean, it's not that what he was doing was any different than, you know, a hundred other kids.
- DH Sure. Yeah. Sure.
- MC But now, dude, you need to sit in the house...keep your old man out of the paper. I mean... So the fact that he is now at that mindset of, "I'm gonna suck this up because I don't need you to go through this shit." That's pretty impressive, Don. That's a big change, man.

Segment 7 -- 8/13/07 Undercover Recording

1:19:57-1:22:29

Haidl talks about how he is winning his lawsuit against [JC]. Haidl won't settle unless [JC] gives him a lot of money. Carona comments that [JC] is facing criminal charges.

DH Did I tell you that [JC] tried to throw up a white flag.

MC Actually, [**]told me that [JC] sent you a ...

DH He sent his lawyer up....Can't we all get along.

MC Wasn't there a black guy that tried that once...he got beat up pretty good for that.

DH Same results happened here. I told my guy I got my foot on the throat, now I'm gonna push. Now I want money. I want a lot of it.

MC Joe's got to be shitting because he's coming to trial. Well you got to give these guys credit. Their trying everything in their power to f[REDACTED] things up.

DH Whoever they are, they're good.

MC You know, as much as I hate George for the stuff that he's done because none of this would have had to happen. I mean your kid, you know, all the shit that's going on, none of this would have had to happen if he'd a just kept it — he would be the f[REDACTED] Sheriff of Orange County. They'd be — he'd be riding fat. **All he had to do is be a white guy about it.**

DH [coughing]

MC **1:22:20** You okay? Went down the windpipe? But you've got to give him credit. He has thrown every punch he possibly can....

Segment 8 -- 8/13/07 Undercover Recording

1:43:53-1:49:57

Carona talks about the accusation that he referred cases to [JC] in exchange for money. Carona explains that he referred people to [JC] because he believed [JC] was a good lawyer. Carona also made referrals to other lawyers. Carona never got any money in exchange for his referrals.

MC Oh absolutely. I referred a lot of people to [JC]. I — Don, I've referred. I mean I've referred a number of people to [**]. To the guy that you got know. I referred Debbie's best friend's kid to [JC] on a drug charge. Had nothing to do with making money for, you know, your partnership. It had to do with here's a guy who's an attorney that's going to fight for his client and I — ... it's like going back with [JC] — George. I believed in these guys. I believed in [JC]. I thought [JC] was a good attorney. I thought he would fight hard so I referred a number of people to him

. . . .

But it had nothing to do with, you know, a contract that [JC] had. I was referring cases to [JC] long before you ever met us. When I was the Marshal. When say referring cases somebody asked me, you know, who would you go with. You know these are the group of guys that if I had, if I were in trouble, I would go to. And at the end of the day, ... you know, with the entire agreement that you guys had on the law firm, there's not one penny that came my way, period. End of story. So even if I referred. If I said. I said referred. I said that, twenty people use meet [JC] never gave me a penny. I defy him to find checks, cash anything else coming my way

DH Thank you (to waitress)

Waitress Would you like another glass of wine in a moment?

DH You know, I would. That would be great.

Waitress Watch out for that chair

DH Thank you

Waitress My pleasure

MC **Not to change the subject but you'll appreciate this there is a girl in Sacramento .. I actually met her, you know, just thinking about when we flew up to Sacramento for the Grey Davis deal, I met her at the Grey Davis event. She looks just like this girl.**

DH This girl here.

MC Incredible piece of ass man you know I mean and ah Jaramillo is like I was like we were up there on for the Peace Officer Memorial in May and she shows up and we [REDACTED] all night. So in the morning Jaramillo goes what did you do last night. I [REDACTED] the shit out of I can't remember her name, like Erica or something like that. No I am saying I did. You lying bastard you did not. You could have gotten her all the guys are staying here. I know you're right. I didn't, I didn't but literally she has that same personality the same voice intonations.

DH That sweet girl next door look, yeah.

MC And that, you know, ... you know that 20's , you know. ... Nah, I mean I'm sure if they want to, they'll spin that six ways to Sunday but could fill me with sodium pentathol... on that one, you know. The answer doesn't change was — and even with you, with all due respect, and I feel bad about this one, you were asking me earlier what I thought about [JC] and defending [**]. I really — and at that point I believed you.

DH So did I at the first trial, he did a good job. The second trial, he started putting make up on and he ran his mouth when he shouldn't have..

Segment 9 -- 8/13/07 Undercover Recording

37:36-38:37

Carona and Haidl are talking about the ongoing federal investigation. Haidl says that if the government brings charges it will be two years before there is any trial.

DH Well, I mean if the shit hit the fan tomorrow, it's going to be two years before anybody has to talk about it, you know, so.

MC Given the way my heart disease is going, I could be dead by then. Don't have to worry about this shit. You think we can get everybody together and have dinner and bullshit like we used to like, like.

DH Yeah, forget about this bullshit.

MC **Yeah and talk about p[REDACTED]. Try to hit on the waitress and get laid.** I literally thought we were through this shit. I mean.

DH So did I.

MC huh.