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DEAN SKELOS and :  
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Recorded Telephone Calls

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ADAM SKELOS Cellphone

Call Date: December 31, 2014  
Call Time: 11:22:28 AM  
Session Number: 1246  
Participants: ADAM SKELOS  
BJORNULF WHITE

1 [Start: 04:32]

2 WHITE: Okay. Oh, and while I got you, before I  
3 forget, so Glenn's been -- Glenn sent me a note last night,  
4 and he mentioned this before, too. I just figured it  
5 wasn't that urgent. But he's like -- he was asking me  
6 like, do you think I should see Adam next time I'm in New  
7 York? I don't want to offend him, but do I -- like, you  
8 know, should I? Like what's it about? I'm like, I don't  
9 really know, and I tried to just get off because I hadn't  
10 talked to you about it so I didn't really even know if you  
11 were try -- you know, I didn't know your angle, so I just  
12 didn't want to go one way or the other.

13 A. SKELOS: Wait. He said he wanted to see me or  
14 I said I wanted to see him?

15 WHITE: He said you had wanted to see him and he  
16 wasn't --

17 A. SKELOS: Oh.

18 WHITE: -- sure how to respond to that.

19 A. SKELOS: Oh.

20 WHITE: So --

21 A. SKELOS: No. He, he said he wanted to see me.  
22 What a weird little man. He said he -- the next time he  
23 was in New York, he's like he, he finally wanted to meet  
24 me. I said, well, give me a call next time you're here.  
25 He said that when he wanted to give me my checks that he

1 owed me that one time. And he said, well, I can give, give  
2 them to you in person. I said, you know what, it might be  
3 faster if you mail them. And I go, so mail them.

4 But I said, you know, it would be nice to -- if  
5 I'm ever down in Arizona, I said I'd love to like come down  
6 there sometime and, you know, take a tour and meet  
7 everybody, all the, all the people. I said, but let me  
8 focus on the, the Nassau County thing first; this way maybe  
9 we have something to celebrate. So he said please do that,  
10 so -- but, no, I mean, unless he's got something that he  
11 wants to talk to me about, you know.

12 WHITE: No, no, he, he -- well, it started with,  
13 I guess, like right before Christmas, so a week ago.

14 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

15 WHITE: He said something to the -- he said  
16 something like Adam wants -- asked if he could, you know,  
17 see me or meet me next time I'm in the city. I thought  
18 that'd be weird that you'd do that without even mentioning  
19 it to me, but --

20 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

21 WHITE: And then he's like, you know, I don't  
22 know if I can do it; you know, I don't want to offend him.  
23 I'm like --

24 A. SKELOS: No --

25 WHITE: -- well, first of all, he's not, he's not

1 the type who just gets offended like that, so -- like --

2 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

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6 WHITE: And then -- yes, but then last night he -  
7 - when he, he followed up, he's like, by the way, I still  
8 need to talk about meeting in NYC, and then he puts with  
9 Dorego-slash-Skelos.

10 A. SKELOS: Oh. Maybe Dorego called him.

11 Well --

12 WHITE: So, so then I, I wrote back. Now, he's,  
13 he's like traveling to Minneapolis or some -- or coming  
14 from. I don't know what it is, if it's even business. But  
15 he -- I wrote back like, I don't really know anything about  
16 Dorego. I, you know, basically played completely dumb.  
17 But I was surprised to hear that or see that.

18 A. SKELOS: You know, I don't know if he's spoken  
19 to Charlie, but he's been in like some major recovery after  
20 his surgery.

21 WHITE: Okay.

22 A. SKELOS: So I didn't want to push the issue.  
23 And then after the fracking news came out, I was -- I just  
24 text him like, I guess I was wrong. He was like, yup.

25 So, so, you know, I left it alone. I'll reach

1 out to him again maybe next week. But I had called Glenn  
2 because I had the guys from, from Albany, Nick and Mike  
3 Avella, saying, you know, they, they haven't been paid. So  
4 I called Glenn and I said, Glenn, you know, I know like  
5 some of the vendors aren't -- I said, but these guys, they  
6 just started like their first like month or 2 working for  
7 us, they haven't been paid. And then he said that it was  
8 your responsibility to pay them, not his, because it was  
9 separate. I said, well, yeah, but doesn't one kind of fund  
10 the other?

11 WHITE: Right.

12 A. SKELOS: I was like, isn't that really like  
13 saying like, you know, like -- like the dad giving the son  
14 permission to eat candy but you better ask your mother  
15 first? Like isn't that the ultimate say, the mom? So --

16 WHITE: Right. I mean, I mean, and that was --  
17 that pissed me off because -- especially 'cause I was --  
18 like every 3 days was yelling at AbTech, saying if you  
19 don't fund us, fund AEWS and transfer -- you know, we're  
20 pissing off vendors left and right.

21 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

22 WHITE: We had the check cut and ready to go as  
23 soon as we had money in the account. So for him to say,  
24 oh, well, that's my responsibility is such bullshit. So --

25 A. SKELOS: Well, I mean, I haven't, I haven't

1 talked to Glenn a lot, but the few times I have, it seems  
2 like he's the kind of guy that likes to pass the buck off  
3 to like --

4 WHITE: Yeah.

5 A. SKELOS: -- of responsibility to other people.  
6 So that's just my impression. But, you know, it is what it  
7 is. That's kind of why we were looking to do the thing we  
8 were looking to do in New York and not have to go through  
9 Arizona.

10 WHITE: Right.

11 A. SKELOS: I don't know, if we get this P3 stuff  
12 going, though, I think we could still do that. I think  
13 Dorego and all that could still happen. It doesn't need  
14 to, you know, fall on the back of the success of, you know,  
15 hydrofracking thing.

16 I just think that, that the P3 stuff has -- it  
17 always had more of a -- we always said that, it always had  
18 more of a shot anyway, you know. So maybe we'll focus on  
19 that when that time comes.

20 WHITE: Yeah.

21 A. SKELOS: But Nassau County, man, burning  
22 bridges left and right. I'll tell you this, the state's  
23 not going to do a fucking thing for the county. Any favor  
24 that --

25 WHITE: Yeah.

1           A. SKELOS: -- Ed calls and asks for, it's not  
2 happening. You know, that --

3           WHITE: What's not happening?

4           A. SKELOS: Like, Ed'll call and ask for favors  
5 to help with NIFA or to help with the labor unions in  
6 negotiating contracts or this and that, and it's just not  
7 going to happen. After they haven't helped us with what we  
8 needed, you know, and then to come with your hand out, it's  
9 like --

10          WHITE: Oh, I see where -- yeah, yeah. Of  
11 course, yeah.

12          A. SKELOS: Yeah, so -- and so -- have they  
13 released those funds yet?

14          WHITE: No.

15          A. SKELOS: Tim Kelly, the 400,000?

16          WHITE: No. In fact, we had -- let's see. I  
17 had -- the last follow-up, I made sure that we did this  
18 right at the end. Yeah, we, we even pushed to get some  
19 kind of answer right before, right before Christmas, the  
20 day before Christmas --

21          A. SKELOS: Wow.

22          WHITE: -- last week. And -- 'cause I knew that  
23 Mangano had said that he was going to -- he was still  
24 supporting this --

25          A. SKELOS: Yeah.

1           WHITE: -- and going to help. So Tim Kelly's  
2 position as of the day before Christmas, the afternoon, you  
3 know, he says no word from the commissioner's office yet  
4 and I haven't had a chance to look at the report yet  
5 either, but will get back to you shortly on that. The  
6 report is on the 14 other sites. So it's not the notice to  
7 proceed, it's the 14 other sites.

8           But he's like -- he's, he's kind of passing the  
9 buck, too, saying he needs some kind of sign-off from the  
10 commissioner's office. But it was Tim Kelly who -- here,  
11 I'll -- I actually want to pull this up so I get it right.  
12 Or I want to read this email. Let's see.

13           It was an email -- where the hell is this? All  
14 right. He -- well, wherever it is, it was, it was Tim  
15 Kelly at some point who said, who said, like months ago, I  
16 have 400,000 in my account now --

17           A. SKELOS: Um-hum.

18           WHITE: -- let's get going on the first site.  
19 And then so he's -- it's like the money already was in,  
20 what the hell does he need to go back to the commissioner's  
21 office for? And if it's the commissioner, who is it? Does  
22 Shila have to sign off or is it Ken Arnold, the assistant  
23 commissioner? But whoever it is, why can't -- I mean, it's  
24 already -- like what is there to approve? There's  
25 nothing --



1 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

2 WHITE: It's not like we've -- it's not like it's  
3 specific engineering designs at this point. It's literally  
4 just saying go ahead with the engineering design on Bay  
5 Park.

6 A. SKELOS: Yeah. Okay.

7 WHITE: But that was supposedly -- so I don't  
8 know, it's like they're playing games with us.

9 A. SKELOS: All right. Well, let me follow up  
10 with -- let me call the commissioner. Is that Shila Shah?  
11 Isn't she the commissioner? But -- well, she's the --

12 WHITE: Yeah. Shila's the --

13 A. SKELOS: -- she's the head of the DPW, right?

14 WHITE: Yeah, she's -- so she's commissioner and  
15 then --

16 A. SKELOS: Fucking -- don't say Ken Arnold.

17 WHITE: -- Ken Arnold is --

18 A. SKELOS: Oh, God.

19 WHITE: Ken Arnold, he's like the assistant  
20 commissioner.

21 A. SKELOS: All right. I don't want --

22 WHITE: You know, let's just --

23 A. SKELOS: I don't want to call Ken.

24 WHITE: I would say let's just, let's just wait  
25 and, and -- until -- because nothing's going to happen on

1 New Year's Eve. Let's just wait --

2 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

3 WHITE: -- until Monday next week.

4 A. SKELOS: All right. Fair enough.

5 WHITE: And then tackle this, 'cause it's --

6 A. SKELOS: You know what, I'm just writing a  
7 note down right now. All right, Monday it is.

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