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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
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v. : 15 Cr. 317 (KMW)
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DEAN SKELOS and :
ADAM SKELOS, :
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Defendants. :
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Recorded Telephone Calls

[REDACTED]
PREPAID Cellphone

Call Date: February 26, 2015
Call Time: 11:48:43 AM
Participants: ADAM SKELOS
BJORNULF WHITE

1 A. SKELOS: Hi.

2 WHITE: Hey, sorry, I was in a public bathroom.

3 A. SKELOS: Oh, I'm sorry.

4 WHITE: Yeah, I didn't want to, I didn't --
5 especially since I knew you were calling from a different
6 number, I didn't want to talk in front of other people,
7 so --

8 A. SKELOS: No, no, that's all good.

9 WHITE: -- back to Long Island?

10 A. SKELOS: What's that?

11 WHITE: Are you back in Long Island?

12 A. SKELOS: No, I'm still here. This is a, this
13 is a safe phone.

14 WHITE: Okay.

15 A. SKELOS: But I'm going to always leave it off
16 and --

17 WHITE: Okay.

18 A. SKELOS: -- like if you ever need me, just
19 text me, like, something like, oh, my girlfriend's really
20 bothering me or -- you know, I'll, I'll get it.

21 WHITE: Okay.

22 A. SKELOS: And I'll, and I'll call you right
23 back on this.

24 WHITE: Okay.

25 A. SKELOS: But everything is okay, but I have to

1 stay completely away from anything that you do having to do
2 with the state. So the meeting was cancelled because I was
3 involved in setting it up, but they'll call you and
4 reschedule it and it'll --

5 WHITE: Oh, okay.

6 A. SKELOS: -- just be between them and you.

7 WHITE: Good.

8 A. SKELOS: So that's, that's all that was. This
9 way they can never say, you know, I had set up a meeting.

10 WHITE: Okay. So should I call Jenny Hart or
11 should she -- should I just wait for her to call me back?

12 A. SKELOS: I'd give it a couple days, see if
13 they call you back. If they don't, then, then you could
14 probably reach out to her --

15 WHITE: Okay. Okay.

16 A. SKELOS: -- to reschedule. But, you know,
17 all -- that's the, the only thing I can't do is do anything
18 with, you know, the state.

19 WHITE: Right.

20 A. SKELOS: So all the smaller municipalities,
21 they're all -- you know, it's game on for them, which is
22 great. The only issue is we have to get through the hurdle
23 of the P3s. So I can't have any texting or emails or
24 anything to do with that, so it's all going to be on you.

25 But what was told to me was that it's, it's, he's

1 going to do it. They're, they're going to, they're going
2 to pass it and they're going to make sure that it's, you
3 know, the stormwater stuff, P3 approval.

4 Probably important that you get the paper, you
5 know, what exactly it is, the, the proposal is going to be
6 for P3 storm water-specific. And I can take that and I can
7 actually give that to Ed Mangano.

8 Now, secretly, Ed Mangano's been pushing for P3s
9 with Cuomo and apparently he's been doing it pretty
10 heavily, and Cuomo wants to do it. So I just want to make
11 sure that the wording and -- you know, specifying it with
12 just storm water is, is, you know, the information that he
13 has to work off of.

14 But I'm allowed to have smaller municipal
15 leaders, like Ed Mangano or a town supervisor, reach out,
16 you know, to the state because it's in the interest of that
17 small municipality. I just can't do anything directly with
18 any of the senators.

19 WHITE: I see. Did, did you know that Ed was
20 pushing for P3?

21 A. SKELOS: No. I found -- I had to wait to talk
22 to my, my dad and --

23 WHITE: Yeah.

24 A. SKELOS: -- I found out everything finally
25 when we sat down. I sat down with his attorney, too, who's

1 going to be my attorney, and he was the one who actually
2 had called Mike Venditto to cancel that appointment, so,
3 you know, not giving any reason why, but he just knows how,
4 how it works up here. You know, Mike's staff knew how
5 things worked, so they just said, okay.

6 And you can continue on with what you're doing.
7 No one's going to -- you know, I was told nothing's going
8 to stand in the way. And then later on, when it was just
9 me and my dad, he said that he's, he's going to be sure
10 that that gets done. So we should be good to go.

11 WHITE: And is, is Venditto going to be the
12 sponsor, you think, or Croci or both or --

13 A. SKELOS: I think it's just going to come -- I
14 don't think it's, it's going to need a sponsor. I think
15 it's just going to go through, you know, the Republican
16 Senate as a group with, with their package, hopefully, in
17 with this budget. If not with the budget, then a
18 standalone, but -- which would be a different story, but I
19 think it's going to be with this budget.

20 WHITE: Wow. Okay. Okay.

21 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

22 WHITE: Well, you know, Glenn, Glenn was
23 yesterday asking about time lines and he mentioned that you
24 had told him March, April --

25 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

1 WHITE: -- and he, and he was wondering if that
2 was still the right time line for his planning purposes.
3 It that still the right time line, you think?

4 A. SKELOS: Yeah, I would say not March, but I
5 would say we're still shooting for April. It's still,
6 like, a, a high possibility that will happen. But don't
7 guarantee him anything because I'd hate for it to, to fall
8 through last minute and then, you know, have promised
9 someone something that, that I couldn't deliver on. But
10 let's just stick with, you know, we're, we're shooting --
11 the goal is April to, to get that passed.

12 WHITE: I see. Yeah, it's mostly I think he was
13 trying to gauge whether or not this is even, to be honest,
14 worth it. You know, because I was, I was telling him
15 about, you know, that I've got to spend some time on this,
16 I've got to go to Albany, and he was worried about time
17 line and, you know, so --

18 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

19 WHITE: -- it's not about making promises. It's
20 more about, you know, him -- I, I think he's sort of --
21 he's wondering is this even going to happen?

22 A. SKELOS: Oh, yeah. It's -- well, that's one
23 thing I was told, that he's definitely -- my dad said he's
24 definitely going to do it. They're going to do it and
25 they're just going about it, I guess, in a way of, you

1 know, having Ed Mangano being -- pushing for it through the
2 governor, where it's the governor asking us if this is
3 okay, which we'll ultimately say absolutely. And then they
4 don't have to worry about the Assembly because they have,
5 you know, both of them backing the same idea. It's, it's
6 almost gets swept in the mix of all the other stuff, which
7 is, like, far more controversial.

8 WHITE: I see.

9 A. SKELOS: You know?

10 WHITE: I see. Yeah.

11 A. SKELOS: Yeah.

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13 [Start: 06:55]

14 A. SKELOS: -- I really have to stay away from
15 the phone calls. But that would be good, and I would
16 just -- you know, I can't promise time lines but I could
17 say it seems like all things are pointing towards April.
18 But you still have to -- the most important thing with
19 all -- in retrospect of all this going on for you is to
20 continue moving forward as if, you know, I didn't exist but
21 you know what all you have in front of you. You know the,
22 the people that you need to contact and the, the material
23 that you need to present them with.

24 WHITE: Right.

25 A. SKELOS: If you do that, no one can say

1 anything, that, you know, things weren't done
2 appropriately, because they, they are. But, but so it's
3 not like we could just, like, forget about that. Like,
4 definitely do all that stuff.

5 WHITE: Right. Right. Okay.

6 A. SKELOS: Once, once that happens, then, then
7 everything else falls into place, and definitely in Nassau
8 County since Ed's the one pushing all this.

9 WHITE: Should I still follow up with Croci with
10 language or focus on Venditto or what?

11 A. SKELOS: Definitely follow up with Croci on
12 the language.

13 WHITE: Okay.

14 A. SKELOS: And, and hey, what's up? Yeah, I
15 would definitely do that. And, you know, call them next
16 week, see if you could reschedule or something like that --

17 WHITE: Okay.

18 A. SKELOS: -- if, if you don't hear from them
19 already.

20 WHITE: Okay. All right.

21 A. SKELOS: All right?

22 WHITE: Sounds good.

23 A. SKELOS: All right, brother.

24 WHITE: Okay. Let me, let me know if, if you
25 hear anything more and have a good trip back.

1 A. SKELOS: All right. Thanks. Appreciate it.

2 I'll talk at you soon.

3 WHITE: Right. Yup. Okay, bye.

4 A. SKELOS: Bye.

5 (End of call)

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