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McKANNA: The communication with me with me is confidential.

WELLS: I totally agree.

McKANNA: Alright and I- just so-

KMETIC: Is there any text messages between you and (unintelligible) on here?

McKANNA: Yes, there are.

KMETIC: Okay, okay.

MANHAS: And my email's on here.

KMETIC: Okay.

MANHAS: I don't all my email uh or- doesn't matter.

WELLS: I totally agree. I totally-

KMETIC: I totally understand that.

McKANNA: Alright and I don't think there are any other communications (unintelligible).

MANHAS: (Unintelligible) anyone's names (unintelligible) mind.

KMETIC: So before- before we forensically analyze this we will have discussions, I mean first of all I have to talk to whoever's going to forensically analyze it to figure out if there's a way to- you know what I mean? 'Cause I don't ever want that part to be in my possession...

McKANNA: Right.

KMETIC: ...in terms of it, but I don't know forensically how they do that.

McKANNA: I mean maybe they- yeah, I mean (unintelligible)

KMETIC: So before- before that analysis is done...

McKANNA: Okay.

KMETIC: ...we'll talk about that. I- I don't know- I don't know what to tell you about how to cordon that stuff off.

MANHAS: I don't need a lot if you're gonna get this back to me by Friday. I just need a couple people.

KMETIC: Okay.

WELLS: The other thing that I can do is as- as soon as- there's two different processes, one process can get the contact list out and I can email that to you so you have contact list, right?

MANHAS: Okay. I mean assuming that it's quick. Today's Wednesday right? You think by Friday?

WELLS: I'm gonna try, I'm gonna try.

MANHAS: I mean I'm- I- I...

WELLS: I don't do it.

MANHAS: ...I want you to...

WELLS: I have to find some- I have to take it somewhere that does it, when they grab it, it doesn't take long but it takes- some usually- it's tryin' to get in the queue to do it.

MANHAS: I'm not- I'm not scared to give it you, I'm- I'm just scared about the media. I don't- I just don't want...

KMETIC: Well here's what I can share with you about that. Right now in terms with public records, there's a criminal investigation pending and nobody, nobody is going to get...

MANHAS: Right.

KMETIC: ...any of that during- however long that takes.

McKANNA: Yeah, that's what I un- (unintelligible) yeah, so that's- and if it takes 2 or 3 months then it...

KMETIC: Nobody's gettin' anything.

McKANNA: ...and once that's done then...

MANHAS: Can you say that last part again?

KMETIC: While the criminal investigation or the crim- and/or criminal case is pending, nobody is getting anything.

McKANNA: So in fact, even if there are charges against someone and Jeff for example...

KMETIC: But eventually they'll- they will.

McKANNA: ...that's- it's still sealed...

KMETIC: Right.

McKANNA: ...until that's totally over.

KMETIC: Until the criminal case- if there's a criminal case which would last longer than an investigation, and other than his defense attorney nobody is getting anything.

McKANNA: Um do you know who his defense attorney is?

KMETIC: Janet HOFFMAN.

McKANNA: Okay great, um, do you um an- and once that's done...

MANHAS: When Janet HOFFMAN'S done?

KMETIC: What's done?

McKANNA: Once the criminal case, the criminal investigation and our case is done...

KMETIC: Right.

McKANNA: ...there's a file and it contains all these things, and then the ordinary public records law applies...

KMETIC: Yes.

McKANNA: ...there's not some special...

KMETIC: No.

McKANNA:special, okay and that...

KMETIC: It's the same the statute.

McKANNA: ...does have balancing test...

KMETIC: Yes.

McKANNA: ...and it does look at balancing...

MANHAS: So I can make a case...

McKANNA: ...the need of the public to know versus the- the personal for...

KMETIC: There are certain things that are exempt for example, I mean...

McKANNA: ...yeah, I mean I- yeah...

KMETIC: ...there are certain things are exempt and there's a balancing, absolutely.

McKANNA: Right, but they don't, you know your communication with your mother or your child...

KMETIC: I- I can tell you right now...

McKANNA: ...that doesn't go.

KMETIC: I can you right now that the only information on that phone that is relevant is your communication with Jeff or your communication with other people that involves Jeff or...

MANHAS: Yeah.

KMETIC: ...in some way.

MANHAS: I'm- I'm- you can see I'm- I just- I just for my own brain, I just want to see- you- you'll have it all. I just need to- I just- for my- otherwise I'll be killin' myself tonight trying to understand what was on here that I gave to you. I just wanna quickly take a peak.

McKANNA: (Unintelligible) some of these, um...

KMETIC: If you're lookin' at and I would caution you, I don't- I don't want to see if you're opening it to stuff involving your attorney.

MANHAS: Oh no, I didn't.

KMETIC: Okay.

MANHAS: Um, Jeff...

WELLS: Do you have a lock on your phone, a passcode?

MANHAS: So they won't look at your stuff, we just can trust that?

McKANNA: No, they will not look at that stuff.

KMETIC: No, we're not gonna look at her stuff.

MANHAS: Okay, so I got Christine, I'm just gonna keep it know I've got it for a little bit longer. Um, the lock is broken, you have to use that.

KMETIC: But there's no passcode or anything?

MANHAS: Um, no.

WELLS: So your iphone when you lock it, it's not gonna ask me to unlock it?

MANHAS: No, you just turn it on, look.

WELLS: Alright.

KMETIC: Yeah, some people have a number whatever.

MANHAS: Um, okay, so, yeah, alright, you'll see the las- you know Jeff is on there on the- on the day that he met with his attorney which was actually Mon- it was Monday, you'll see on there. He's known as Deadhead on there (laughs).

WELLS: Jeff is known as Deadhead?

MANHAS: Yeah, you can change the contact if you'd like.

WELLS: No.

KMETIC: No, we're not gonna change anything. So is there anything on there that once again, I mean anything that you want to tell us about before we look at it?

MANHAS: Well, I mean, I- I think, you know I um- I don't how far back you're gonna be able to access messages of course but I think the recent ones you're gonna see, is yeah, we've been in contact and it's- it's you know kind of- my sort of shock like what is going on here?

WELLS: Mmhmm.

MANHAS: And like are- is anyone talking to you, do you have any friends left, that sort of thing, um...

KMETIC: Anything that you think bears on the criminal investigation?

MANHAS: ...um, in- in terms of...

KMETIC: And- well- well...

MANHAS: ...use of county resources?

KMETIC: ...well let- well let me caution you, I don't want to hear about anything right now that would involve communications between Jeff and his attorney, other tha- separate and apart from that is there any conversations or texts that involve the criminal investigation?

MANHAS: Um, which would be related to?

KMETIC: Uh, I'm really worried that they're gonna find out "X", I should have paid for the hotel. I mean anything that involves any of the allegations.

MANHAS: Let me just think for a minute, um...

KMETIC: You dummy, you should have paid for the hotel. I mean, you know, I don't know.

MANHAS: (Unintelligible) I almost did that but I didn't want to do that (laughs). I know, like really, did you do that? Um- I mean I don't know, depending on when your- what- there's some on there that are- are going back and forth right um that you know depending on what you're able to pull from before when the- you know I- I'm going to plead naiveté on this that I didn't know what the hell to do you know and I- I didn't know the scale of what this even was and it was like what- what are we doing- like what do you do? And you know basically the story is he completely like abandoned me anyway so it didn't really matter, but um, you know at one- one point I was um texting him to say like the story's wrong and I don't understand what's going on and can't we- can't we figure out a way to- to talk, you know and I- I did say that. It wasn't about trying to subvert anything but I was just completely confused about what's happening. Um, and the way that he was portraying the- the relationship as well.

KMETIC: Did he respond to that?

MANHAS: Um he- he did sort of like, let's- let me think about it, that kind of thing, um...

KMETIC: But you haven't met like...

MANHAS: No, no, most of its just acknowledging the devastation and you know it's just kind of pathetic because it's devastation, but like I- up until that Monday I thought we were in a relationship. He's in political mode to save his career but you gotta understand, it was actually a real thing for me and so I've just been trying to understand it (teary).

WELLS: That was- that was going to be my last question is what your understanding of your relationship was, if it was truly a relationship or was it just sex for fun?

MANHAS: Nooo (crying).

WELLS: Okay, 'cause I think that- that really does- in my opinion has a bearing on the actions.

McKANNA: I mean you...

WELLS: The actions?

McKANNA: ...you read her letter and it was true, it was accurate...

WELLS: Okay.

McKANNA: ...and a mistake of falling in love and it was never...

KMETIC: So you essentially think that- well I mean, obviously you wouldn't have maintained a relationship unless you thought Jeff was in the same place so this, I mean I don't want to put words in your mouth, so his response has come as a shock to you?

MANHAS: So you're gonna- yeah you're gonna see chaos down there, 'cause I'm trying to understand what's going on legally but I actually care for him so you're going to see me going, are you okay? I'm worried about you going into the board meeting. And it look- I look like a crazy idiot 'cause clearly he doesn't care but that's what you're gonna see.

KMETIC: Is he um, well we'll get at it, I mean is he leading you on at all in terms of...

MANHAS: No.

KMETIC: ...just wait for this to blow over?

MANHAS: No, no, you'll see the last, I mean obviously you know it's- it's- we can't communicate, this is- you know- this is- I've got you know the damage. I mean he's- whatever whatever, right but I'm- I'm just tellin' you you're gonna see that seesaw from me and it's just embarrassing, that's all.

McKANNA: Yeah, I mean I think it's just the- the personal stuff.

KMETIC: Oh I understand. We're not- we're not tryin' to ask you to upset you, I mean.

MANHAS: I know, I know- I know, I know that you're doing job and I respect that and I wanted- I wanted to tell someone what really happened um...

KMETIC: Well what I can assure is that...

MANHAS: You didn't ask about the promotion (laughs).

KMETIC: We- yeah we did, that was just like a long time ago.

MANHAS: Oh right, okay, right, right, right, right.

KMETIC: Um, but what I can assure you about the investigation is it will be probably longer than you would like, but it will be thorough, it will be complete, it will be accurate, um, we're not the media (laughs).

MANHAS: Are- are you looking to charge me?

KMETIC: Uh, I have, well, keep in mind that we haven't looked at any of the documents. I can tell you Sonia, that I have um- I don't know if it's criminal or not, this- this Mya business gives me pause, because the- the versions are different...

MANHAS: Mmhmm.

KMETIC: ...um but um I don't think I have anything beyond a reasonable doubt right now as it relates to you but there's- we're at the- we're at the beginning, so- the answer is I don't know, I- I don't know.

MANHAS: Okay but...

KMETIC: You know I mean that's...

MANHAS: No, that's- that's fair.

KMETIC: ...that's as best as I can say.

MANHAS: But from what you're looking at right now that's the piece that you're- you're- you're...

KMETIC: That gives me the most pause.

MANHAS: Yeah, okay.

KMETIC: I mean before I came in I had concerns about the travel piece, I don't have those concerns as it relates to you anymore at this point.

McKANNA: Can you tell me what bothers you about the Mya?

KMETIC: At this point- of course, and- and the caveat is we still have to look at everything.

WELLS: And I just want to make sure I- we're not- we're not promising you anything and you understand that? This is Day 2 of an investigation that I believe that I'll probably working on for a couple months, honestly...

MANHAS: Mmhmm.

WELLS: ...by the time I feel confident that I've gone through the records enough that I can stand up to the media's scrutiny or my boss's scrutiny...

KMETIC: And say...

WELLS: ...or to the Attorney General's scrutiny 'cause that's...

KMETIC: ...here's what happened.

MANHAS: Can- can I ask more questions or do you gotta go?

WELLS: I do not have to go.

MANHAS: Um, um, do you- based on even what- what I...

McKANNA: We're still on tape recorder, right?


WELLS: Yeah, but I'm fi- I'm done asking you questions so are you guys good?

KMETIC: Is that (unintelligible) recorder's on?

McKANNA: Yeah.

WELLS: Okay, I'm gonna turn the recorder off, it's 6:47.

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