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: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
: v. : S2 17 Cr. 686 (LAK)
: James Gatto, :
: Merl Code, and :
: Christian Dawkins, :
: Defendants. :
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TJ Gassnola

(U/I) - UNINTELLIGIBLE
(PH) - PHONETIC SPELLING

1 GASSNOLA: Yo.

2 DAWKINS: TJ.

3 GASSNOLA: What's up?

4 DAWKINS: How are you?

5 GASNOLLA: Good. So obviously you got my text. You
6 got to be careful with that, man, because
7 I'm not happy about that. That's a problem.

8 DAWKINS: Tell me exactly what you gather on your end.

9 GASSNOLA: That Rick Pitino called Jim Gatto and TJ and
10 a hundred grand was given to Brian Bowen.
11 You can get the same thing to this person.
12 You advised this person on what they could
13 get. Now, listen. Listen. This guy ain't
14 lying because there's only four people in
15 the world knew that went down -- so five,
16 me, you, Merl Code, Jim Gatto, and Kenny
17 Johnson.

18 DAWKINS: So the --

19 GASSNOLA: That's (U/I).

20 DAWKINS: Whoa. Kenny didn't even know. The --
21 unless -- I didn't tell Kenny. The \$100,000
22 number was not mentioned. The only thing
23 that I think that could have transpired from
24 somebody out of the circle was --Brad --
25 because, you know, the kid was going to

1 fucking go to Arizona and I'm like, listen,
2 you're in a contract here. The best thing
3 to do is send the kid to a contract -- I
4 mean to an Adidas school. I told him he
5 needs to have fucking Miami's coach call
6 Gatto.

7 GASSNOLA: Listen, we're good. I don't -- listen. I'm
8 just saying that you can't do that. I can't
9 have that. Like, listen, your name comes up
10 in my life all the time and I adore you.

11 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

12 GASSNOLA: I think the world of you and I take care of
13 you. That shit right there, I don't talk.
14 Like that shit right there gets people in
15 trouble.

16 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

17 GASSNOLA: Now, you can say, you can do this, yo. If
18 you go here, I can take care of this. I get
19 that. That's fine. But names and money,
20 you can't do that. Do you know what I mean?

21 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

22 GASSNOLA: -- Because I like this guy a lot and I'm
23 going to help him. Okay. And I brought
24 order back to the situation yesterday
25 because god knows, there's a bunch of

1 fucking idiots around -- around me at
2 Adidas, who won't shut the fuck up. It's
3 brutal

4 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

5 GASSNOLA: And I don't operate like that. Like I'm
6 just saying. You don't have to give a fuck.
7 In your world, there's no jurisdiction.

8 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

9 GASSNOLA: Right. But people could lose their jobs is
10 all I'm saying. And I don't want this shit.
11 I'm just saying to you, you know, for
12 somebody who is as successful as you are,
13 let me -- I'm not mad. I should say this
14 I'm mad, but I'm not, like it ain't the end
15 of the world. I'm just talking to somebody
16 who I think the world of, who you know god
17 damn well, you can trust me. And you know,
18 if you need something, you can call me. You
19 fuck -- I don't talk to you every day. I
20 don't have to. I saw you at fuckin'
21 Nations. I turned to blink and I don't know
22 where the fuck you went. I didn't see you.
23 I'm not mad about that.

24 DAWKINS: Yeah.

25 GASSNOLA: But when names come up and money comes up, I

1 -- and he ain't lying to me. Okay. And I'm
2 not mad.

3 DAWKINS: Oh, no, we definitely had a conversation.
4 That's the only other person who could know
5 anything, because obviously I denied my
6 involvement to everybody else, because
7 everyone was pissed. I didn't tell Brad
8 about no 100K now. I told him --

9 GASSNOLA: You told who?

10 DAWKINS: You're talking about Brad, right?

11 GASSNOLA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

12 DAWKINS: Yeah, I didn't tell Brad about no number,
13 but I told him it's in his best interest for
14 Nassir Little to go to fucking Miami because
15 it's an Adidas school.

16 GASSNOLA: Well, first of all --

17 DAWKINS: And he (U/I).

18 GASSNOLA: -- I'm going to take care of him. I'm going
19 to take care of him. He's going to get
20 taken care of on the other side because I'm
21 going to -- I already talked to -- you know
22 me. You should know well enough, you've
23 done -- when I tell you something, it's
24 done. You know that.

25 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

1 GASSNOLA: All right. And I'm going to take care of
2 him. I don't know if this kid's a pro. I'm
3 not so sure about that. Eventually I think
4 he will be. That one and done shit, I'm not
5 listening to it. I'm -- you know, everybody
6 is one and done in their mind. I get that.

7 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

8 GASSNOLA: But, but anyway, so just I'm asking you from
9 here on out, just fucking -- I mean he
10 brought your name up. I took care of you.
11 He fucking brought that up and I didn't say
12 anything to him. I was just like, you got
13 to be fucking kidding me.

14 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

15 GASSNOLA: So I didn't say anything else. I didn't say
16 to anybody. I didn't say anything to Merl.
17 I'm just saying to you, don't do that.

18 DAWKINS: Because I know Merl had a conversation with
19 him too because obviously me and Merl had
20 met him together. So I don't know what the
21 fuck he's talked to Merl about. Merl called
22 me but I haven't had a chance to call him
23 back yet. I've been in meetings. But I
24 just told him, like listen -- and Caputo --
25 I talked to Caputo today too. Caputo called

1 me with the same shit. And I just told
2 Caputo like, listen --

3 GASSNOLA: What do you mean the same shit? Because I
4 didn't say anything to anybody. What are
5 you talking about?

6 DAWKINS: Not like about, not about the, the money
7 shit but just can he actually get it done,
8 because obviously Duke and Carolina have
9 offered and all that kind of shit. And I
10 just told Caputo that --

11 GASSNOLA: He told me -- Brad told me he's getting it
12 done. He told me that.

13 DAWKINS: He can get it done.

14 GASSNOLA: But I'm going to take care of him. I'm
15 going to get him taken care of. I'm going
16 to get him a new contract. But I got to, I
17 got to have a, I got to have a come to Jesus
18 meeting with some of them retards around me
19 who are just fucking retards. I've had
20 enough (U/I).

21 DAWKINS: Well, I mean the one you need to talk to
22 more than anybody is Cutler.

23 GASSNOLA: He's an idiot. He's a fucking idiot.

24 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

25 GASSNOLA: Because he talks too fucking much and it's a

1 fucking joke.

2 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

3 GASSNOLA: But lo and -- I mean look at the fucking
4 Frank Jackson. Now, if you lose to Steve
5 Pina you got, come on, man, you got to ask
6 yourself, hey (U/I).

7 DAWKINS: (U/I). Exactly.

8 GASSNOLA: That's what I'm saying. But Cutler thought
9 he had him. He did the whole thing with
10 Bradbury (PH), pounding his chest. I mean
11 who gives a fuck. You know, you got a
12 player. So what, you helped him to Kevin
13 Bradbury. That's great. So you made me
14 look like a fucking jerk off because I went
15 to Andy to help you with fucking -- work
16 with Porzingis. Enough is enough. Like,
17 you know, I'm just tired of lies. Like, I
18 don't play that shit, man. I wear my
19 emotions on my sleeve. That's a
20 conversation for another day. But this guy
21 Brad is a pretty sophisticated guy and he
22 sniffed right through Dan's dumb shit. (U/I)
23 dumb shit.

24 DAWKINS: Um-hmm.

25 GASSNOLA: And it's got nothing to do with nothing. So.

1 Anyway, anyway, he said --

2 DAWKINS: Go ahead.

3 GASSNOLA: No, go on.

4 DAWKINS: I was saying, I'll keep you in the loop if
5 something comes up. I think that we're on
6 the same page, that the kid probably should
7 go to Miami. It would probably be best for
8 him. I don't think anyone is like pushing
9 anything, you know, else, at least from my
10 perspective.

11 GASSNOLA: Yeah, I don't know where the Arizona thing
12 came in. Like he was going to I don't know,
13 you know what I'm saying?

14 DAWKINS: Well, he had me talk to Sean. He told me he
15 talked to Sean, but at the end of the day, I
16 mean I told him, like listen, dude, it's
17 going to be difficult to -- like you're
18 going to get a deal because you got the
19 other kid, the top ten kid Balsa, but it's
20 going to be difficult to go to Adidas and
21 say, listen, you need X, Y, Z to really run
22 the state of Florida if you're fucking
23 sending a kid that you just had to one of
24 the elite Nike schools. I think it's kind
25 of hard to fuckin' do that.

1 GASSNOLA: Just so, just so you know, just so you know,
2 okay. And you can agree that when I tell
3 you something, I don't lie. Have I ever
4 lied to you?

5 DAWKINS: Um-um.

6 GASSNOLA: Okay. So I talked to the right person
7 today. When it comes to what I have
8 Larranega do, what I have to have Larranega
9 do. He'll do it. My guy will take the
10 phone call. Brad will be okay. Brad
11 Augustine will get what he wants. And then
12 I got to figure out me and him, what he
13 needs on the backside to take care of him
14 away from the grassroots contract. So
15 Larranega will make the phone call when I
16 tell him to, and everybody -- the leverage
17 will be played. Follow me?

18 DAWKINS: Right. Okay.

19 GASSNOLA: So what else you got? So no more. I don't
20 want to hear any more about fucking your
21 urban legend shit, right, out of Christian?

22 DAWKINS: No. I mean listen, I just told the guy like
23 --

24 GASSNOLA: You want me to start calling you. I'm going
25 to start calling you for now, Christian

1 Vaughn Pina (PH). I'm going to call you
2 Snoopy.

3 DAWKINS: Let me say this. Let me say this. I did
4 tell Brad what happened. I did not tell him
5 no number. That number shit did not come
6 from me.

7 GASSNOLA: Well, he guessed the right number then, so
8 we should call him to go to the casino then.
9 We'll see if he can bet on red or something
10 because that mother fucker, he got the right
11 number, so whatever, dude. I'm just trying
12 to understand it. What else you got? What
13 do you know we got?

14 DAWKINS: I don't know. That's pretty funny. That's
15 really funny. Everything else is solid,
16 man. Everything else is slow motion, man.
17 Slow motion.

18 GASSNOLA: Give me some, give me some, give me some
19 information.

20 DAWKINS: Oh, for sure. Would you need to -- so I've
21 got fucking -- what do you think about the
22 team Thad in Memphis?

23 GASSNOLA: You're good.

24 DAWKINS: Would you guys sign him?

25 GASSNOLA: Probably not with Ernie Kiper (PH) down

1 there or maybe, maybe.

2 DAWKINS: Everybody is trying to leave Under Armour

3 right now. He want -- he's trying to get

4 out.

5 GASSNOLA: Oh, I know. Oh, I know. Where's he trying

6 to go?

7 DAWKINS: He's close with Jarens (PH) at Kansas. I'm

8 sure he's going to have (U/I) call you so.

9 GASSNOLA: Under Armour is so funny. Like today, they

10 went and got Dennis Smith, you know, they

11 can have him. Like it's so funny like we're

12 making some changes which is fine, but it's

13 like these fucking guys, nobody is selling

14 basketball shoes, nobody.

