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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
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 v. : S2 17 Cr. 686 (LAK)  
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 James Gatto, :  
 Merl Code, and :  
 Christian Dawkins, :  
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 Defendants. :  
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Recorded Conversation  
989-493-4317

Date: July 24, 2017  
Time: 1:11:48 PM  
Session Number: 5953  
Participants: Christian Dawkins  
Merl Code

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







16 CODE: Umm then I -- boy, this is difficult.  
17 Alright, I'm doing it now. Umm scheduling --  
18 when are you headed to Vegas?  
19 DAWKINS: The night of the 27th. That's what I gotta  
20 -- I'm going to confirm everything. I was  
21 going to get back to you today with Jeff  
22 because I'm just trying to make sure he's  
23 given the night of the 27th, too, then we  
24 can just have a meeting the night of the  
25 28th and the 29th.

1 CODE: (U/I) you need to get -- so, here's what,  
2 here's, just going through this shit, like I  
3 need you and I to protect ourselves man and  
4 I'm saying this just as a guy whose real  
5 skeptical about this shit. You you and I  
6 need to get some background information on  
7 Jeff and his chick.

8 DAWKINS: Okay.

9 CODE: Like, I'm just telling you to protect your  
10 own ass and where she come from and where  
11 her money come from.

12 DAWKINS: I don't know the girls name.

13 CODE: But Munish does.

14 DAWKINS: Okay.

15 CODE: So, we need to do some real digging. I just  
16 don't want to be in no bullshit, and I just  
17 --

18 DAWKINS: No, I agree with it 1,000%, 1,000%. I don't  
19 --

20 CODE: Your name your name is going to be tied to  
21 it, my name is going to be tied to it  
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25 CODE: So, you got to be extra cautious about who

1                   you associating with and that's why I'm on  
2                   this whole - look they ain't cutting me no  
3                   checks for shit. They gonna pay you and you  
4                   gonna pay me.

5 DAWKINS:           Mm-hmm. You know, I definitely

6 CODE:             Until I feel good about these folks. I  
7                   don't know them and I'm looking up Jeff  
8                   D'Angelo and can't find nothing on him and  
9                   that shit is really concerning me.

10 DAWKINS:          Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. No, I agree, I agree  
11                   completely.

12 CODE:             Okay, so --

13 DAWKINS:          -- find that out for us. Like, who could we  
14                   go to?

15 CODE:             I mean, Munish knows, fuck. Munish Munish  
16                   is your dude.

17 DAWKINS:          Munish, Munish don't know -- he don't he  
18                   don't know everything. I'm saying like  
19                   could we get, I gotta get like a private  
20                   investigator or some shit like that.

21 CODE:             I mean, I know some PIs but they expensive  
22                   and you need to find one in New York that's  
23                   that's in the area that can find out some  
24                   shit pretty quickly and not have to charge  
25                   you an arm and a leg for flights and motel

1 rooms.

2 DAWKINS: I, I didn't pay somebody (U/I), I pay  
3 somebody who got access to to to, like, how  
4 the federal government can look people up.  
5 I don't need to fucking, you know, see  
6 pictures of him at home. Whatever he did at  
7 home ain't nothing to do with me, I'm  
8 talking about-.

9 CODE: Oh yeah, I'm I'm saying, really, we need the  
10 chick's name and then we need to find out  
11 about who's in her family and who she is and  
12 -- like, we need that. But if we got, if we  
13 even got the chick's name, shit, we can do  
14 our own search and find out who she is and  
15 what, you know, where her money came from,  
16 who her family is.

17 DAWKINS: Mm-hmm. Okay. Yeah that's definitely -- I  
18 agree with you 1,000% there.

19 CODE: That's going that's going to cause a  
20 problem.

21 DAWKINS: Mm-hmm.

22 CODE: If we don't.

23 DAWKINS: Mm-hmm.

24 CODE: Alright.

24 DAWKINS: Let me ask you this, the the, the ain't  
25 nothing going to be funky with that shit



1 with Brian Bowen is it?

2 CODE: It shouldn't.

3 DAWKINS: I need you to confirm that because that shit  
4 -- that will be bad. Very bad. I can't let  
5 that happen. I ain't got 100 racks.

6 CODE: Yeah, well, I ain't gonna say I don't have  
7 100 racks, but I ain't got it to give Brian  
8 Bowen.

9 DAWKINS: No one does. Shit. So, they gotta they  
10 gotta they gotta that out, man. You gotta  
11 talk to Gatto about that shit.

12 CODE: Yeah, I will. I will. I will --

13 DAWKINS: You know Justin can't get this shit. I'd  
14 rather he has to go somewhere else as  
15 opposed to fucking up that relationship  
16 because Brian's daddy is not no nigga like  
17 his shit (U/I) take it.

18 CODE: Right.

19 DAWKINS: You know, I can't afford that one.

20 CODE: Okay. I might have -- I mean. Yeah that's  
21 bad, that's bad. I might have to lean on,  
22 might have to lean on Rivs or some of his  
23 side hustle, off the book shit, if we can.

24 DAWKINS: Well, yeah. I mean, I mean well Gatto  
25 wasn't puttin' it on the books, was he?

1 CODE: Huh?

2 DAWKINS: Gatto wasn't puttin' it on the books, was  
3 he?

4 CODE: Yeah, I think he was. But I think he was  
5 doing it as a payment, he's doing it as a  
6 payment to my team, to my organization. So,  
7 it's on the books, it's not on the books as  
8 what it's actually for.

9 DAWKINS: Yeah well just confirm that shit because, I  
10 mean, I can't let this shit (U/I).

11 CODE: No, I understand. I get it, man. Like I  
12 said, I know - what whatever I can do to not  
13 put you in that predicament. Umm, but I  
14 definitely need to have some side bar with  
15 Jim. I'm going to get the -- I want to get  
16 (U/I) because that's, this is real bad,  
17 like, damn dog, I spent my I spent my whole  
18 career based on my word and credibility and  
19 now, I'm I'm shitting on it like I, this is  
20 bad.

21 DAWKINS: Mm-hmm.

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