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Conversation between Steve Chevashore and Paul Janszen

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STEVE: ... Paulie that last time that we had a conversation that you were really upset with me and everything.

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: Well, I was going to call your mother back to apologize because that time I never called your mother.

PAUL: OK, hey

STEVE: But I just want to finish, OK

PAUL: OK, sure.

STEVE: That night you were all upset and man you know you made me serious. I was scared to death you know, you wanted to shoot me...

PAUL: Well, yeah

STEVE: Which I could understand Paulie,

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: But I never, 'cause you don't know me too well, but you knew I was a quiet kind of guy and I'm not a troublemaker to yell and scream, you know.

PAUL: Yeah I know

STEVE: But I was very upset and I was, and I said Jeez, I better call Paulie's mother up and let her hear my voice so she knows that that wasn't me who called her that day because you told me she was crying, this and that, you know.

PAUL: Yeah, I went over there that night and she was like in tears and

STEVE: I understand.

PAUL: She said somebody called, she said

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: I think it's the same guy that was calling Stevie and he threatened to kill you.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And ah, but any way let me, Stevie before

STEVE: I just wanted to get that straight, OK.

PAUL: OK ... Now listen let me say what I'm going to say

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And I want you to listen to everything I say to you.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: OK, and then we'll figure a way out of this OK.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: It's been a year and a half now, or a year, whatever

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And I've kept a lot of things inside and I haven't
said too much, OK.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: Well I'm at the end of my rope now with Pete Rose. I won't ...

STEVE: Paul, I just, you know, I don't like to interrupt you but, you know like I remember before you said Stevie I've got everything on tape, this and that, you got.

PAUL: No, no. It's not, believe me.

STEVE: Remember you said this to me.

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: ...because I'd forgotten, except that...you know I hate to interrupt you Paulie, because you know I, with this thing that happened you know, I had to take it out of my pocket...

PAUL: OK, well listen. When I said all that to you, I didn't have anything on tape and I wasn't going to do anything like that. OK.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: I'll tell you why I'm calling you now.

STEVE: OK, Paulie.

PAUL: Back when we were doing business

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: When we left Florida. Let's go back so I want you to understand everything. When we were in Florida, even in Florida, Pete was late. You know what I'm saying. He was always, it wasn't right on time like everybody wanted.

STEVE: You mean when he was in Florida - when you were there in Florida.

PAUL: Right, remember how it would be

STEVE: I understand. I had to go over to see him in the dugout and he used to say, well didn't you see Paulie, he's supposed to take care of everything, remember that?

PAUL: OK, now Just remember all these things that I'm talking to you about. I'm trying to make you, I want you to see the whole picture and now afterwards, if you want me to fly somewhere and take a lie detector test, I told Howie I will.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: OK, but now I want you to understand, we flew back to Cincinnati

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And he wanted me to continue calling you or Val up, right.

STEVE: Yeah.

PAUL: OK. Well, I did and I explained to him that you guys wanted business taken care of every Monday.

STEVE: Right, right.

PAUL: OK. Well, every Monday came around and every Monday he had another excuse for me.

STEVE: Right.

PAUL: Now, in Florida I was betting like up to like 250, 3 up to 500. OK. He was doing two dimes.

STEVE: Right, and you used to add on to it.

PAUL: Right.

STEVE: Right.

PAUL: Well, that continued up here. OK.

STEVE: Right.

PAUL: Well, if... I wound up winning all the time.

STEVE: You used to tell me that, right.

PAUL: OK. He wound up losing - I never got paid anything because it was deducted from the bill, OK. Now, all that money that was sent within like a 2-month period

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: ...was mine.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: I went to the goddamn safety deposit box and took my life's savings.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: He promised me he'd pay me - he promised me. Danita cried that I would go to that damn safety deposit box and take everything we had out.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: OK. Well, I did because I thought he was my friend and I thought he was a little, financially in trouble at the time. Well, I was at his house when you called him and I remember him saying to you, oh well Stevie, Paulie must have went crazy and started using my name. I was sitting on the couch with him.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: When he got off the phone with you he said to me, well, I knew you could handle Stevie, Paul. I knew there wouldn't be any problem. And the reason there was a balance left. I didn't have no more money, first of all.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: Second of all, there was a balance of like 13,000 left

STEVE: Well, I know what it was.

PAUL: Whatever the balance was

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: Danita had money coming to her

STEVE: 3,000

PAUL: Right. And she was so excited to get that money.

STEVE: Right. Val couldn't wait to send it to her.

PAUL: OK. And, I want you to tell Val something too. I think he's a hell of a guy because he was always straight with me.

STEVE: That's right.

PAUL: When I had to get mad on the phone at you

STEVE: Yeah, well ...

PAUL: I wasn't mad at you, I was frustrated with Pete.

STEVE: OK I understand that Paulie. See, I was very upset and I wanted to call your mother back that day. I

mean this is just that because you know when you get your family involved and your mother, which is the only precious thing you have

PAUL: Right

STEVE: Like I do, you know, because I have nothing but problems and health problems with my mother now she's the only thing I have, I felt bad. But I said Jeez I better not call him up because, you know I might upset her more.

PAUL: I know, no, now this

STEVE: But, I want you to know I never did that.

PAUL: OK, now let me explain what happened.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: When, remember when every Monday, like 3 Mondays came and went and there was no more money sent?

STEVE: Right.

PAUL: And Val kept saying, man, and you kept saying, you got to get things taken care of. Well, I kept going to

the son of a bitch saying, straighten it up, not only pay the balance but pay me my fuck'n money.

STEVE: OK

PAUL: And he kept coming up with excuses, Stevie, I heard every excuse

STEVE: Paul, he used to tell me, Stevie, he's in, he flew to St. Louis, he's got a \$25,000 check that is not cleared yet, remember you used to give me ...

PAUL: Oh my God. He gave me checks that never were good. OK, So any way...

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: Anyway, this is what happened. I told Pete on a Saturday or Sunday. I said look ..

STEVE: This past Saturday or Sunday?

PAUL: No, no this is way back when.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: I said Pete, look, they are not going to take anymore action until you take care of the 13 or whatever the balance was

STEVE: Right

PAUL: And he said,

STEVE: ... I don't like to interrupt you but I want you to remember that you said Stevie you're right you know.

PAUL: OK, and then, this is what he said, Don't worry about it, they'll take it. So he called me on a Monday night and asked me to place some stuff for him and I did. And Val said, I told you no more.

STEVE: Right

PAUL: And he didn't take it, OK. Well Pete wound up winning about 10 that night and he called me up the next day to place more and I said, Pete, I didn't even get in the action the night before and he said why. And I said because I've been telling you the guy won't take anymore 'til you get cleared up with him and he says Well, if he's going to treat me like a baby, fuck him.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And that's how it ended.

STEVE: Well...

PAUL: And then, since that time, then I started getting phone calls, that's when I had my number changed, because I couldn't take it anymore.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: Now, this is a year and half later and the son of a bitch hasn't given me a penny.

STEVE: I can't understand that. I mean, I have to believe you Paulie, but you know, the only thing is, when I spoke to Pete when you were there and he said, I says, Pete you know we keep falling behind this and that and you know they won't take anymore action I don't know what the figure was

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: Maybe it was 15 or 16. He said Stevie I stopped betting when we were in New York on the last trip. He

said I'm not betting any - I haven't bet in over 10 days. I said so whose betting this? So we thought it was you making

PAUL: No, no

STEVE: ...betting everything under him

PAUL: No, no.

STEVE: And, that's what he said to me. He said I'm not betting anymore.

PAUL: No, no, Steve, Steve.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: I will, you can tell Val I will go anywhere you guys want and I will take a lie, polygraph test...

STEVE: ...don't need that

PAUL: Your choosing. I want you guys to believe me. I am so frustrated, I have my life's savings sitting over there with some son of a bitch that, you know what his attitude is now?

STEVE: Oh, yeah

PAUL: You know what he says to me?.... What money?

STEVE: What's he crazy, what's the matter with him, he's got money, he's not broke. But, I mean Jeez, he cost me money, he caused me nothing but problems, then I had problems with you, and I you know, and he told me, he told me on the phone and his wife got mad at me and she says Carol please don't, Carol says to me Stevie, please don't call up and bother my husband. I'm not responsible for what he does you know and I just don't want you to call him. I says Carol, I won't call you anymore because I called her twice and that was it. He told me, he says, I don't do, he says, I haven't done anything since I left New York with you, with you and Paulie. He says, I have, you know, I stopped betting because with those people because I wasn't lucky, he said to me you know, whatever was done you did and you know, he didn't say that you were betting under a false pretense, under ghost bets.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: He said this was yours personally, he never said that you were betting and using his name, you know.

PAUL: Stevie, do you really think that I would have been betting \$2,000 every game?

STEVE: No, you couldn't afford that.

PAUL: Thank you. I mean I just hope

STEVE: Paulie, I don't know you, but to me I don't think you. You know why?

PAUL: OK

STEVE: Because it makes its sense that when you used to call up I would say, when you called those guys in New York, you used to say you know, give me 2 dimes for Pete and add on 3 for me. I remember, I mean that's the truth, you know, I understand that

PAUL: Right

STEVE: And you know I remember that.

PAUL: I used to 200, 300

STEVE: I remember that

PAUL: And, I am, see this is why I called Howie too.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: I am going to go to the Commissioner of Baseball.

STEVE: Oh, wait a minute, Paulie, you know, aren't you going to get yourself in trouble for that?

PAUL: No.

STEVE: Well then you're looking to expose the guy, aren't you?

PAUL: Yeah. I'm going to ruin the mother fucker for doing this to me. He has taken my life's savings now, Steve, you have to understand.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: He has taken my life's savings

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And he has, and he has, and I was his friend

STEVE: I understand

PAUL: I went over and busted my ass for a whole year doing all kinds of little odd jobs for the man. Never got a penny for it, just because I thought he was my friend. Not because he was a famous ball player, because he was my friend.

STEVE: Yeah, I understand that.

PAUL: Then, I have some tax problems, right.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And, I need my money.

STEVE: I can understand that, Paulie.

PAUL: And you know he turns his back on me.

STEVE: I don't know, that's.... I mean there's no reason why you should call me up and lie to me because I mean I don't understand this guy..

PAUL: A week...

STEVE: I don't understand it.

PAUL: Well you remember how he was down there in Florida.
He was always coming up with an excuse.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: You guys aren't the first, he's done it

STEVE: He's beat better people like this?

PAUL: He's a ...

STEVE: That's what they said in the office, that he must have
done before this to other people.

PAUL: Are you ready for this? Do you know what he's in debt
to some guys in New York, right now? Over a quarter
of a million.

STEVE: Can I ask you something? Do you remember that time
that Val finally came up there and wanted to pay you
because you had like \$4-\$5,000 and you had that
fat...what's his name, that fat guy there?

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: Well, I heard that that guy was in serious trouble that this guy was in serious trouble with people here in New York.

PAUL: He is. That fat guy was betting for...

STEVE: What was his name again?

PAUL: Mike Bertolini.

STEVE: Yeah, Michael yeah.

PAUL: He was ...

STEVE: And Val gave him the money and because you got tickets for Val but you never showed up. And he felt really hurt, Jeez, you know, he wanted to meet you and say hello, you remember.

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: Am I right.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: And so he gave the money to that guy, Michael. I don't know who he is but I just remember the name.

PAUL: Oh. Yeah.

STEVE: Well, Paulie, let me explain something. Because I'm in so much trouble myself. I have no money. If I tell you that I owe people money, I've borrowed money. I've got myself nothing but into trouble.

PAUL: OK. Well look.

STEVE: And this is the truth, and I just... Danita started talking to me about that somebody came to New York after, looking for you or something? That's what she just said to me.

PAUL: Howie said that somewhere Pete was confronted by some guys

STEVE: Never. That's a lie.

PAUL: Oh, OK.

STEVE: I swear on my mother. I don't know, I hope you love your mother, which I know you do. I swear to my mother that nobody ever came and ____ed it. It was dropped. OK, so don't let that bother you.

PAUL: OK. But I don't it dropped. I don't want it dropped. I want to take care of this. I want to get settled up. I want Danita to get her 3. I want Pete to settle up and I want to see how we can work it.

STEVE: Well, can I have you talk to Val about this?

PAUL: Oh, definitely.

STEVE: Alright. Can I just tell you one thing please, Paulie.

PAUL: Sure.

STEVE: Because see this did nothing but ruin me too, you know with a lot of problems that I've got myself involved with. But, the time that, when there finally there was another balance of, it was 13970.

PAUL: Right.

STEVE: OK. I want you to verify this.

PAUL: That, you...I...Stevie...

STEVE: I just want to tell you the story because I don't know what happened that day. Danita called up and she bet

3 dimes. She said you and Pete wanted to bet 3 dimes on Cincinnati, they were playing Montreal.

PAUL: Right.

STEVE: Listen to the story. So, she calls back Val and she says, Val you got to cancel the bet I made a terrible mistake.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: She says they don't want that thing. So Val says, Look Danita, if there's no score, I'll do you the favor. I'll cancel the bet.

PAUL: Right.

STEVE: Am I right?

PAUL: Right.

STEVE: So, Val calls up they're leading 6 nothing, so what's Val going to do. He can't cancel, he's only a clerk, right.

PAUL: Uh um.

STEVE: He says, I'm sorry I can't do nothing about it.
[PAUSE ON THE TAPE] ...Send me the 13970, I'll send
you back the 3,000 that you have to eat the bank.

PAUL: Now, what happened was that night I had asked Danita
for me, I was leaving here OK, and Pete - ya know,
what happened was Pete would call here about every
night about like a quarter to seven

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And leave the..you know, the numbers of the teams he
wanted and when I was leaving here I told her I wanted
3 on Cincinnati myself. Well, when she started you
know putting in Pete's and everything else, she got
confused and put 3 dimes for me and instead of 3 dimes
it should have been 3 nickels

STEVE: Right

PAUL: And so that's what that was. But see, now let me tell
you something. When I was in Florida and you guys
came over with the food and everything else, that's
really nice OK. And I like that, I appreciate that
stuff. But I have to tell you something, Pete and
Carol Rose are not the type to appreciate things like

that. They never have been, they don't think, they think people owe it to them.

STEVE: Well, I had nothing to do with that. That was between that guy who had the fish market and Howie.

PAUL: That was nice. You see.

STEVE: Paulie, you have no idea how I felt. I could not believe that I would be put into a trap like this and get myself in trouble trying to do them a favor. I don't understand.

PAUL: Well, how do you think. I know how you feel.

STEVE: I know yourself. You got yourself, you used to keep telling me stories, don't worry, he'll take care of them. You used to say to me, Jeez, could he carry it over for like 3 weeks or a month, but they couldn't do it, those people.

PAUL: See, I understand that, and I always took care of mine.

STEVE: I understand.

PAUL: And here I am, a guy that's making a million dollars a year and I have to start helping him out because he can't come up with it? And then,

STEVE: Yeah. Well, you wouldn't mind doing it because you'd think he'd be honorable and he would straighten you out, right.

PAUL: You know what I told Danita when I was doing it, I said Danita, if there is one guy that I never have to worry about paying me back it's Pete Rose. And can you believe it's the only man that ever sticked me like this.

STEVE: Yeah, I can't believe it.

PAUL: But see, just last week, I gave, I talked to his attorney,

STEVE: Whose attorney?

PAUL: Pete's.

STEVE: Oh, yeah?

PAUL: And I said, look, this is the final straw. Either he gets back with me within a week with my money or I'm going to blow the lid on Pete Rose.

STEVE: Jeez, I don't understand this, I can't understand.

PAUL: Stevie, I didn't get a call. This is how he thinks. Let me explain how he thinks. He thinks he's untouchable. He thinks that nobody can get to him. He thinks that I won't go through with my threat. But he knows me. He should know me better than that.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: He has done this to so many friends of his over the course of years and nobody has ever gotten even. So I guess in his mind, he thinks nobody will.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: But, he's, it's too much to somebody that's, I'm in a...as you are, in a bad period of your life

STEVE: Right

PAUL: Or at a low, you know, as far as financially.

STEVE: ...at a low time of my life, right.

PAUL: OK, I am in the same situation.

STEVE: I understand that.

PAUL: And the day I lose my condo because of him

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: You know, or puts me in a situation is the day that I strike back. And now it's happened. But see I wanted to get with you and I wanted to get with Howie, because I'm sure this will be in the magazines and the papers and everything and just so you know, nothing about you guys will ever be said, because after you guys, he started doing it with a guy in Dayton, Ohio. OK. The same thing, betting baseball in Dayton, Ohio and that guy will be the one that's used. You guys - I want you guys to know you're as good as forgotten.

STEVE: Well, I don't want to see anybody get in trouble, Paulie. But, I just, I have to tell you, I can't understand why this guy put you in the spot and made you hussle up all this money. You used to tell me, Stevie, I got to go get this and borrow this and that

and you said he's away and he forgot to leave me a check. You remember you used to tell me all this.

PAUL: And that's, everything was the honest to God truth. I got Danita will tell you. We'll both sit in polygraphs if you want.

STEVE: No, that's..

PAUL: I want you to believe me.

STEVE: ...I just, you know Paulie, let me tell you something. I got in trouble because of this money, but then I felt so bad because I thought you were going to kill me.

PAUL: No, no. I just was upset because...

STEVE: Somebody called your mother when you were right...

PAUL: Here I am, I thinking I did a good deed for one guy. Now, he owes me money and I said now somebody is calling my family and all I did was try to help somebody else.

STEVE: I understand that. Well listen. I hate to feel stupid but I can't afford to talk to you anymore.

PAUL: That's OK, have Va...

STEVE: See, I don't want you to think that I'm being a piece of shit.

PAUL: No.

STEVE: Because I am glad that at least I could get this off my chest with you because I never wanted to call back your mother and apologize to her. Because I never did that

PAUL: Listen, no, no. Listen, Sometime I would like to get together when... you're in Florida

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: And we'll come down and we'll have, you know go out for the weekend and have a nice time. But, would you have Val call me.

STEVE: And, when can I have him call you?

PAUL: He can call me right now.

STEVE: Well, he's not home right now, but

PAUL: When he gets home..I will. He can call me in the middle of the night, that's how bad I want to talk to him. This has been on my chest now for a year and a half. OK.

STEVE: Because he said, so in other words, you're trying to say that this thing that's left over is what he had done, not you. That's what you're telling me?

PAUL: Exactly. And I want it taken care of because my girlfriend deserves the money she won.

STEVE: Well, she deserves it because even if it was a mistake what happened she, - and Val used to say, you know, she used to call his wife at 2 in the morning or one, Val's wife and he couldn't believe it.

PAUL: Uh um.

STEVE: She used to call him up and be upset. She did, it's the truth.

PAUL: I know. She's a good girl, Stevie.

STEVE: Yeah, I mean, Paulie, I'd never, who would ever think in a hundred years, that, you try to do somebody a

favor and then this, look what happened with all this trouble.

PAUL: I know. That's how I feel.

STEVE: But you know something Paulie, it's like, I don't know what to tell you because see, I have nothing to do with it. I just got in trouble because, I didn't vouch for nobody.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: I got in trouble but believe me. You know, don't worry, heh heh.

PAUL: But, I just want

STEVE: But, I never called that guy again and said anything to him when his wife told me I respected her when she told me that because I called her twice and I spoke to him twice. And he told me Stevie, he says, Paulie got mad because she shut him out the next night and he picked 6 out of 6 winners and he would have won and that's why he's not paying you.

PAUL: That's the same story but him. That is the story he concocted.

STEVE: Well, I'm just telling you that's what he told me.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: He says that's why Paulie's pissed off.

PAUL: No. No.

STEVE: Because he took, picked 6 out of 6 and

PAUL: He just doesn't have the spine or the guts to stand up and admit he was wrong and say I'm a no good I stiffed these guys

STEVE: Why would he want to do that, there's something wrong

PAUL: Stevie, he's been doing it for, friends of his told me he's been doing this for 10 years

STEVE: Who told you that?

PAUL: Friends of his who used to do the same thing I did for him.

STEVE: And you've got yourself into some trap with this.

PAUL: Yep.

STEVE: I don't under...I could ask you because I know your wife was always close with her, that's, right, wasn't your....

PAUL: Danita's?

STEVE: Yeah, wasn't she always close to her?

PAUL: Yeah, she won't have nothing to do with her now because of this whole situation.

STEVE: Then Carol probably just washed her hands of the whole.

PAUL: Exactly.

STEVE: She told me, Stevie, I have no control over what my husband does with Paulie.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: She says, you know, don't call up because I don't want any problems, so I gave her the respect and never called her again.

PAUL: Do you know what he told...I went and talked to a close friend of Pete's to get him to talk to Pete and explain the situation. And do you know what Pete told this guy, 'I never bet baseball. Ever.'

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: That's what he told this guy.

STEVE: Well, I don't know what, so what do you want me to do. I'll have you call Val, but what do you want to tell. I don't know what you want to do, Paulie.

PAUL: I want to work it out so that I can go, I'll go over Pete's with someone and sit down and get it straightened out.

STEVE: Well, I want you to... Listen, I'm not being selfish. You got to get your money. Don't worry about me, pal.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: You've got to worry about yourself because, forget about me.

PAUL: I'll take care of me.

STEVE: I mean I've got my problems with this deal, but I can't be selfish and say, you know, demand it, because I never, we didn't pursue it anymore. I was waiting for him to come down there. I couldn't understand I had no money for rent and I had to leave.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: Don't you think I would have gone up to him and asked him personally when he came down to the track race last year.

PAUL: Sure.

STEVE: I didn't. I had to leave. I've got nothing but troubles. I don't want to cry. I just hope he takes care of your problem first and just sit with him. And I don't understand what's the matter with him. Why he'd want to put somebody in such a trap like this.

PAUL: Can I ask you something Steve. I just want to ask you something. Do you believe what I'm saying to you?

STEVE: Well, you know something Paulie. I'll tell you why I believe you. Because you know what they said to me.

The guys in the office, the bosses, they said, this guy probably did this before with other people.

PAUL: Yep.

STEVE: OK?

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: They said, something is not right here.

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: Because you know what they said; if you were the culprit and wrong, he is supposed to take care of it because we did everything under his merit.

PAUL: Yep.

STEVE: If you were doing something wrong, which you're telling me you didn't..

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: ...he's still supposed to take care of this because, you know, we did everything under him. We figure,

well we'll never get in trouble anything that's called up by you, he's got to stand by.

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: Do you understand?

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: Am I right?

PAUL: That's absolutely right. You know if just have... Have Val call me because I want person to person I want to tell him the same thing.

STEVE: I want you...I'll let him call you.

PAUL: Thanks.

STEVE: And, you know, I'm nervous because I don't want any problems, because I've got nothing. What's going to happen, you know I don't...

PAUL: You won't have any problems. I have a lot on my chest and I want to get it off. I like Val. Danita used to say he used to treat her really good.

STEVE: We all treated you nice, Paulie. You could never say nothing bad about me either.

PAUL: No that's right.

STEVE: You might have gotten your balls twisted if I kept calling you to say Paul you got to send this thing because they've got to pay other people and you said Steve you're right. Danita told me all the time, Stevie, you're right. My boyfriend is trying to do the best he can you know. She says, it's his fault because you know, he didn't leave checks, he has \$25,000 worth of checks that weren't any good. Hey, let me tell you something. When you gave me that check for \$7500. You remember the first time, and it was no good?

PAUL: And who did that check come from?

STEVE: It was his.

PAUL: That's right.

STEVE: And you know something. He exposed himself doing that. Because you know what they did. When they first got the check when they were gonna cash it they

went to the bank and it was no good and the people were looking and I think they made a photostatic copy of that too.

PAUL: Oh really.

STEVE: Yeah, I think they did. (laughing)

PAUL: See, but, OK, doesn't that... See what I went through.

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: If he's downer for a lousy \$7500 and it doesn't go through...

STEVE: Yeah

PAUL: What do you, and that check was 3 weeks late.

STEVE: Yeah. And I said to you. Then I got a little nervous when you gave me that thing from Danita and that bounced too. And I said, Oh my God, what's happening here.

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: What are they doing to me. They're getting me in trouble.

PAUL: Yeah, I know.

STEVE: And, you know, but look, Paulie, I can't talk anymore.

PAUL: OK. Tell Val to call me whenever.

STEVE: Are you home all the time?

PAUL: Yeah

STEVE: Is this the same old number that you had.

PAUL: Yeah, this is my house, this is a new number though.

STEVE: Yeah, but you know, there's no problem, nobody, you know,

PAUL: No, no, no.

STEVE: Let me explain to him and let him tell you what, you know, 'cause see I have, there's nothing for me to do.

PAUL: OK, yeah, have him call me.

STEVE: I don't want any problems for myself. I don't want any problems for you. I just want for you to get paid.

PAUL: Thanks.

STEVE: I mean, what you tell me, you know. There's no reason why you'd lie to me.

PAUL: Yeah.

STEVE: But then, please, remember this, nobody sent anybody over to see him or you in New York.

PAUL: OK

STEVE: That's the truth.

PAUL: OK

STEVE: Please remember that.

PAUL: Thanks. And, then tell Val to call me and have a nice New Year's.

STEVE: I'll give you a....

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STEVE: ... do you think of all of this rehashing two years ago.

PAUL: Thanks Stevie.

STEVE: ...just upsets me, you know.

PAUL: OK, buddy.

STEVE: I feel bad. I know I'm sorry.

PAUL: Thanks a lot.

STEVE: And, I'll have Val call you.

PAUL: OK

STEVE: Alright, bye.

PAUL: Bye, buddy.

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