

## **Transcribed phone call**

**Participants:** Kyle Hooten calling Donald McFarland

**Date and time:** 11:57AM, 4/19/2022

**Subject:** McFarland's statements regarding the police investigation of a car crash Minnesota State Auditor Julie Blaha was involved in during August 2021.

**Donald McFarland:** "Hi, this is Donald."

**Kyle Hooten:** "Hey, this is Kyle over at Alpha News. How ya doing?"

**McFarland:** "Fine, thank you."

**Hooten:** "Good, good. Hey, I'm just giving you a call, dropping a line to try to figure out exactly what's going on here. I see that you've said to the media multiple times that the can that was cold in the police investigation was fruit juice and that the fruit juice is what spilled but we can't find that anywhere in any of the documents. In fact, the exact opposite is true. So I'm just wondering what documents you were looking at to reach that conclusion?"

**McFarland:** "Yeah, we looked at the documents and we saw that in there. So, you know, at this time really we don't have anything else to say to you."

**Hooten:** "So you can't point to any specific place where it says it was fruit juice?"

**McFarland:** "No, we can. It's there. If you look at the report, you'll find it."

**Hooten:** "Well could you please post that or show it to us because what we found is them saying it's White Claw on almost a dozen occasions."

**McFarland:** "Ok, well it doesn't but again..."

**Hooten:** "So you can't indicate which page of which document you're citing? You can't indicate where it appears in the video?"

**McFarland:** "We're not going to continue this back and forth conversation. I spoke to you, your outlet and you misrepresented facts and you cherry-picked data so we really have nothing else to say to you but thanks for calling."

**Hooten:** "All we're asking for is one indication of where this debate that your candidate or your client is referencing, where that debate is referenced in any document. Can you provide that?"

**McFarland:** "It's in the report."

**Hooten:** "Where?"

**McFarland:** “It’s in the report. It’s all in the report. So, again, I’ve said that repeatedly.”

**Hooten:** “The clarification is: is this the same report that we’re citing? Is this the same report that we’ve posted and uploaded to our website?”

**McFarland:** “Yup. There’s only one. It’s a large, large report.”

**Hooten:** “Ok, so we’re looking at the exact same report and we’re seeing different things?”

**McFarland:** “Apparently we are. Ok, but but yeah apparently we are. So, alright, I, again it’s really we have nothing else to add to the conversation at this point but thanks for calling.