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1 sentencing guideline range of zero to six months?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Regardless of what happens with anything else,
4 you're looking at that guideline range, is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Mr. Duvieilh, do you have any reason to lie about
7 what you've testified to today?

8 A. Not at all.

9 Q. Has Andrew Martin been your friend for over twenty
10 years?

11 A. Yes, he has.

12 Q. Do you have any kind of relationship with Edwin
13 Edwards or Stephen Edwards?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Is there any animosity that exists between you and
16 Edwin Edwards and Stephen Edwards?

17 A. No.

18 MR. HARPER: That's all, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: You can step down, sir.

20 (Witness excused)

21 MR. HARPER: The government calls Jamie Perdigao,
22 Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Just stand right there, sir, until he
24 can swear you in.

25 JAMES G. PERDIGAO, having been first duly sworn,

1 testified on his oath as follows, to wit:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. HARPER:

4 Q. Would you state your name, sir?

5 A. James G. Perdigao.

6 Q. How are you employed, sir?

7 A. I'm an attorney with Adams & Reese.

8 Q. How long have you been an attorney with Adams &
9 Reese?

10 A. Fourteen years.

11 Q. Do you know Robert Guidry?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How do you know him?

14 A. He is a long-time client of Adams & Reese.

15 Q. Do you know when Adams & Reese began doing legal
16 work for Robert Guidry's gambling interests?

17 A. Would have been in 1992.

18 Q. All right. And what did that involve?

19 A. Initially we worked on his video poker business as
20 well as his charitable bingo business, charitable gaming
21 business, and then subsequently on the Treasure Chest
22 riverboat project.

23 Q. All right. Did Adams & Reese represent Mr. Guidry
24 at the time he applied for his riverboat license and for his
25 Certificate of Preliminary Approval?

1 anything to do with the racetrack slots bill on behalf of
2 the Treasure Chest or Robert Guidry?

3 A. Not to my knowledge.

4 Q. Did you ever have any consultation with him or
5 discussion with him about that?

6 A. No.

7 MR. HARPER: One moment please, Your Honor.

8 Tender the witness, Your Honor.

9 CROSS EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. COLE:

11 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Perdigao. My name is Jim
12 Cole. I'm Stephen Edwards' attorney.

13 A. Good afternoon.

14 Q. Obviously as an attorney, Mr. Perdigao, you're
15 aware of the attorney/client privilege, is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you're also aware of the ethical rules that
18 cover lawyers in the practice of law, is that right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And the attorney/client privilege covers certain
21 confidentiality aspects of how you treat matters involving
22 communications from a client, is that right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And the ethical rules go even beyond that and say
25 that you're not allowed to talk about client matters without

1 their permission, is that right?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Even if it's not covered by the attorney/client
4 privilege, the ethical rules say you can't even disclose
5 anything dealing with letters, communications, anything like
6 that without the client's permission, is that right?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. So I assume you got that kind of permission from
9 Mr. Guidry before coming here today?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. I'm sorry?

12 A. Yes. I'm sorry.

13 Q. Mr. Perdigao, you said that your law firm
14 currently represents Mr. Guidry?

15 A. Yes. We represent various companies that he owns.

16 Q. How many?

17 A. I don't know. He's got a tugboat business and
18 other ventures, and we do represent him personally on estate
19 planning and various other matters.

20 Q. And could you tell us what the billings are per
21 year from Mr. Guidry and his related companies from your law
22 firm?

23 A. I don't know that, but they are substantial.

24 Q. Above a million dollars?

25 A. In the days of Treasure Chest, it would exceed

1 that. I don't know what it is right now.

2 Q. He's a big client?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Nothing to make him stay with your law firm if he
5 should decide to go, is that right?

6 A. I'm not sure I understand your question.

7 Q. You don't have a contract with him where he has to
8 use your law firm for his services, do you?

9 A. No, no.

10 Q. If he's displeased with you or your law firm, he
11 can leave, isn't that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And he knows you're here testifying today?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. He gave you permission to come here and testify
16 today?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did he encourage you to come here and testify
19 today?

20 A. I'm not sure he encouraged me. He gave me
21 permission to come.

22 Q. You talked about some of the work that was
23 involved, including the application for the Treasure Chest
24 to get the riverboat gaming license, is that right?

25 A. Yes.