Snapshot Series : Bob "Gimmee Gimmee" McDonnell, Ratted Out By Jonnie Williams? Investigation Insiders Say 'Yes'

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For now, Williams, the super salesman, the ultimate talker, is staying quiet.

The Man Who Made Gov. Bob McDonnell 'Deeply Sorry'
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Perhaps he's found his voice again . . ?

Today, the Washington Post reported:

> A prominent political donor and his dietary supplement company have been cooperating for several months with federal prosecutors in a fast-moving public corruption investigation of Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell, according to three people familiar with the probe. . . Star has given prosecutors access to corporate records and offered information from other company officials. The three spoke on the condition of anonymity because the case is in a sensitive stage.

The writers add:

> The cooperation is an ominous sign for McDonnell, suggesting that federal prosecutors are focused on trying to build a potential criminal case against him.

"Ominous" will likely be recalled as an understatement. That Williams has opened the doors into to Star Scientific corporate and to his own mouth to DOJ (and perhaps VAOAG) may indicate that prosecutors have pushed Williams himself to reach a deal before a deal goes poof. Given Williams' reputation, it's not unlikely that a bribery charge was in the discussion among the traditional wire fraud and conspiracy writs . . .

For today, though, Ship's Captain McDonnell may feel something like this: