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**From:** Darkenwald, Scott  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 12:18 PM  
**To:** Black, Michael  
**Cc:** Mattioli, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: Donaldson, et al. v. State

I appreciate that completely. We will talk about this afternoon.

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On Jan 28, 2014, at 12:04 PM, "Black, Michael" <[MBlack2@mt.gov](mailto:MBlack2@mt.gov)> wrote:

I am in a different situation here. I will not allow my professional reputation to be sullied by the brattish behavior of Mr. VanDyke. I have worked too hard to develop positive relationships with judges and other lawyers, based in large part upon appropriate candor, which I will not sacrifice.

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**From:** Darkenwald, Scott  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 9:34 AM  
**To:** Black, Michael; Mattioli, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Donaldson, et al. v. State

Mike ... your frustration does not exceed ours ... you and Mark and I will have this conversation in private between the 3 of us after the Bureau chief meeting ... Scott

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**From:** Black, Michael  
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