

# **RANDY CREDICO REFUSES TO ANSWER WHETHER ROGER STONE CALLED HIM ABOUT AN ASSANGE PARDON ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

As I wrote back in April, the available evidence indicates that Roger Stone reached out to WikiLeaks lawyer Margaret Kunstler just seven days after the election. Randy Credico testified in Stone's trial that "some time" after the election, Stone reached out and said he needed to talk to Kunstler about a pardon.

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A warrant affidavit released in April reveals that on November 15, 2016, Stone texted Kunstler with a link to use to download Signal. Kunstler responded, saying she would call Stone.

Additionally, text messages recovered from Stone's iCloud account revealed that on or about November 15, 2016, Stone sent an attorney with the ability to contact Julian Assange a link to download the Signal application. 15 Approximately fifteen minutes after sending the link, Stone texted the attorney, "I'm on signal just dial my number." The attorney responded, "I'll call you."

15 This attorney was a close friend of Credico's and was the same friend Credico emailed on or about September 20, 2016 to pass along Stone's request to Assange for emails connected to the allegations against then-candidate Clinton related to her service as Secretary of State.

These stories are *somewhat* inconsistent (when Credico first explained the timing of this to me, he said Stone's call happened before the end of 2016). Credico says that first he "sat on it." And then, after he told Kunstler that Stone wanted to talk to her, "she didn't act on it." Only after Credico sat on it for some time and Kunstler also didn't act immediately, "eventually, she did" act on it.

There's not a whole lot of time for Credico to sit on a Stone request and Kunstler to not act on it after Credico passed it on in the seven day span between the time Donald Trump got elected and this affidavit says Stone and Kunstler first spoke.

One way to explain the discrepancy, though, is if Roger Stone called Randy Credico the day after the election to start talking about a pardon. That'd leave time for Credico to "sit on it," and Kunstler to not act on it before, "eventually, she did."

Of course, that would mean that on the same day that the WikiLeaks account DMed Roger Stone (having chastised him three weeks earlier for reaching out), and said, "Happy? We are now more free to communicate," Stone called (or texted) Credico and said he wanted to approach Margaret Kunstler about a pardon. In any case, it had to have happened shortly thereafter.

It would mean that hours after Trump won the election, with help from Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks Twitter account wrote Stone and said they were more free to communicate, which would mean (if this indeed happened the same day),

Stone immediately reached out to Credico, saying he wanted to talk to Kunstler about a pardon.

Randy Credico and I just got into a bit of a Twitter spat because I quoted something else he said at Stone's trial. That led me to ask him for more details about this pardon dangle, the first (known) one. After Credico said he did not recant on his testimony and said he had nothing to hide, he then dodged and dodged and dodged, refusing to answer either of two questions: 1) when Stone first called him or 2) whether it was on November 9.


The screenshot shows a Twitter thread with the following content:

- emptywheel @emptywheel · Sep 17**  
In sworn testimony at the Roger Stone trial, Randy Credico said Assange has 1,000 lawyers.
- Assange Defense @DefenseAssange · Sep 17**  
Practicing law since 2013  
Have you ever acted for WikiLeaks?  
Our representation was for Mr Assange. Not generally for WL, not a general counsel, Ratner worked for CCR which was engaged with Mr Assange  
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- Randy Credico @Credico2016 · 1h**  
Empty wheel deals with an empty cannon
- emptywheel @emptywheel · 1h**  
You're now saying you lied under oath? Given the redactions in your 302, you probably want to stick to the story you're committed to.
- emptywheel @emptywheel · 1h**  
Why is WikiLeaks hiding the pardon discussion you were a broker for, Randy? Why pretend just one happened, not four (that we know of)?
- Randy Credico @Credico2016 · 1h**  
Stop misinterpreting my testimony re pardons..stone lied about a pardon discussion and you know it..The same way clapper lied about vault 7 to congress
- emptywheel @emptywheel · 1h**  
Stone didn't talk about a pardon. Only you did. Under oath.  
And you've got your details wrong on Clapper. Try again!  
Again, why is WikiLeaks hiding this?
- emptywheel @emptywheel · 1h**  
If WikiLeaks weren't making such efforts to cover this up, it would look only like Roger Stone working to pay off his election help. If that's all it is, why try to cover it up?

-  **Randy Credico** @Credico2016 · 1h  
Why do you care  
2 replies 1 retweet 1 like 1 share
-  **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 1h  
Well, for one, I'm a journalist. If you want to defend Assange in the name of journalism (lots of reason to do so!!) don't lie in the service of doing so.  
1 reply 1 retweet 6 likes 1 share
-  **Randy Credico** @Credico2016 · 1h  
For 1 I am a journalist who knows much more about all this than you but i have better things than to engage with your Qanon like conspiracy tirades  
1 reply 1 retweet 2 likes 1 share
-  **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 1h  
Are you recanting on your sworn testimony, or not?  
1 reply 1 retweet 2 likes 1 share
-  **Randy Credico** @Credico2016 · 54m  
Im not recanting..but you are misconstruing  
2 replies 1 retweet 1 like 1 share
-  **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 51m  
Great! Then explain it. All the silence and misrepresentations about it--and not just from you--sure makes it look really suspicious.  
3 replies 1 retweet 4 likes 1 share
-  **Randy Credico** @Credico2016 · 44m  
Stone broached the pardon as a ruse..he lied about the pardon..he was setting me up as a fall guy  
1 reply 1 retweet 1 like 1 share
-  **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 43m  
Oh...  
Too bad there's evidence to the contrary.  
Want to answer the question about timing?  
1 reply 1 retweet 2 likes 1 share
-  **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 43m  
And want to explain why you're not the only one trying to hide this?  
2 replies 1 retweet 3 likes 1 share
-  **Randy Credico** @Credico2016 · 33m  
I have nothing to hide

 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 32m  
Great. When did Stone first ask you?


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 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 23m  
Here's your testimony. You said 1) it happened after the election 2) you sat on it and 3) she didn't act on it, but 4) "eventually, she did."

[documentcloud.org/documents/6862...](https://documentcloud.org/documents/6862...)

A. Well, sometime after the election, he wanted me to contact Mrs. Kunstler. He called me up and said that he had spoken to Judge Napolitano about getting Julian Assange a pardon and needed to talk to Mrs. Kunstler about it. So I said, Okay. And I sat on it. And I told her -- I told her -- she didn't act on it. And then, eventually, she did, and they had a conversation.

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 **Randy Credico** @Credico2016

Replying to @emptywheel

I domt lie in courtrooms..

Stone lied about it all .  
He had no discussion with Judge napaleatano..just another idle boast ..stone cold liar!

4:28 PM · Sep 19, 2020 · Twitter for Android

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 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 18m  
Replying to @Credico2016  
Yes. It was clear the Napolitano thing was a lie. Sorry you fell for it. Lots of evidence explains why he lied.

But you didn't answer my question. When did he call you?

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 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 12m  
Randy, if you don't mind my saying so, you're refusing to answer a question that Donald Trump also refused to answer Mueller about.


I'm happy to write up the post saying that you wouldn't answer the question about timing. But that's not going to make this look less suspicious.

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 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 10m  
Let's try it this way:

Yes or no: Did Roger Stone call you up on November 9, right after Assange DMed him and said now they could speak?

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 **Randy Credico** @Credico2016 · 7m  
Whatever the text messages say..there are 100s of text messages that were not brought up ..see if zelinsky will give them to you

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 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 5m  
1) You said he called, which is not a text.  
2) As I already said, I believe this was the period where neither of you had text messages available.

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 **emptywheel** @emptywheel · 3m  
Besides the fact, it seems like it ought to stick out, if Stone called you on November 9.

I know I was still reeling from the fact that Trump got elected (with Assange's help).



**emptywheel** @emptywheel 46m  
Replying to @emptywheel @Credico2016  
Alright.

I'll say you refuse to answer, just like Donald Trump did.

I'd say that only raises further questions, especially abt why WikiLeaks is hiding this pardon dangle (and two others) but not the one from the suspected Russian asset.

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**emptywheel** @emptywheel 44m  
Replying to @emptywheel @Credico2016  
Why are you protecting Roger Stone? He dicked you over and would do it again in a second.

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**Randy Credico** @Credico2016 18m  
Replying to @emptywheel  
Not me..what are you talking about

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**emptywheel** @emptywheel 16m  
Replying to @Credico2016  
I'm talking about the fact that you say you've got nothing to hide but won't answer a very very simple questions.

Makes the Russian asset pardon dangle look downright innocent by comparison, that you're hiding this detail.

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**Randy Credico**  
@Credico2016

Replying to @emptywheel

I have been going after barr and trump fervently and non stop..they are trying to kill the most important journalist in the world , julian assange..

Check my website out

[Assangecountdowntofreedom.com](http://Assangecountdowntofreedom.com)

So in spite of my persistence, Randy Credico refused to answer basic questions about

something that Trump also refused to answer about—pardon dangles during the transition period (though Trump also professed memory failure going back into the election).

Whatever date Stone actually called Credico, by all appearances Julian Assange gave the President's rat-fucker a green light to reach out and Stone immediately set about pursuing a pardon for Assange.

And WikiLeaks would like to distract you with the pardon dangle from the suspected Russian asset, instead.

Trump's rat-fucker started paying off Assange's election assistance immediately after the election, and Donald Trump won't deny that that started before votes were even cast.