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## **Conventions of Transcription**

M	Unidentified male speaker
(Yes)	Lower level of confidence in words transcribed
(Yes/no)	Alternatives within lower confidence section
er-	Hyphens denote incomplete or interrupted speech
...	Unintelligible speech
[Coughing]	Description of non-verbal sounds or other information
00:00	Timings

## Transcript of AC3

6<sup>th</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Fergal Lynch

(This starts at 16.32 hours)

0:24

Miles ... right. Just things- when you think fucking things is getting easier, I've got a problem. Right, you know I to- I don't know whether even Shaun will have told you but er the first one that he went and ballsed up on erm I'd ... used someone's money who I haven't paid back whose brother's a bit of a nutcase. Did Shaun tell you about it? I- I told him about it and he was going to send his brother to see (K off), (his family are there and that), I- I sweetened him up, bunged him a few quid, of course along comes fucking the little fella, bosh, and it happens again. Meanwhile I said "Right, as soon as (we can) get back on- as soon as- as soon as anything comes my way", I said, I would give him mine and we would start again, do you know what I mean? Which was fair- fair enough I suppose. So I said to him "Right, I'm going to come and fetch (yous) on Monday morning". Yeah, no, you weren't in the car with me, we- we rung while we were in the car, on the- on- on the port, you know, when we split up, he rung then, after, "Can I come and see you Friday". Anyway, rings- rings him this morning, no answer. He rung me up, "Right, what's happening?" He said "I'll come and see you Monday", I said "I'm away Monday

afternoon", I said "Come and see me Monday" I says "And I'll fucking come and sort- I'll sort it". And he's "No, no, no, that's not good enough." S- says "What can I fucking do?" I said "I can't come any fucking quicker. I've tried to ring you." I says "Bank- banks are going to be shut, you know". I says "So, we'll come and fetch you, go and fetch another (fucking five) ... again". I said "I'll put it in again out of my own pocket", which is again it is out of my pocket, do you know what I mean? ... so ... says- says "No, that's not good enough, er I want ten" ... (impossible) ... fucking ... (thinking) ... find a- find a- find a way of (getting) it back er "Well er you should pay me your share er I'm- I'm going to go and see him (for your share)". So, yeah. So I says- I says "Or otherwise we can give you ten on Monday ... I just can't do it". You know, like, I keep fucking- I keep pulling it out of all my businesses and screwing my businesses ... and I just cannot seem to find- I just- I don't know where I was going to get the five from, to be quite honest. So everything I have ... I says "Look" I said "I've got a problem here" and I says "You're going to have to tell me what to do about it 'cause ultimately it- it's going to (fall fucking) on our toes, I said ... KF, and- and, like, we're supposed to be looking after KF, right ... going to be (streetwise), I said "I don't know what to do". I said but I've told- he- he's known about him all along, do you know what I mean, I- I- I don't keep secrets. I tell everybody about everything that's happening and everything like (that). So he says to me, "Right, fuck it, let him- let him go and see KF." He said- he said "If he does" he said "I'll be surprised if he does, mind", he says,

“Because where’s he going to see him?” Because what’s he going to do? Walk up to him (on) the racecourse and say “Give me my money”? He says “But if he does” he says “then- then- then all that’ll happen is KF will get in touch with the man who- who’s over there and we’ll er- we’ll sort it out.” He says “So- but at least then KF knows we’ve done him another favour.” He says “So-“ he says- he says “What’s it take to sort him out?” I says “It takes ten”. I says “And the ... what I was go- what I’m going to do with it, is every time yours is finished, if he’s got anything in, use his”. I says “But yours gets done first” I says “Er an- and I’ll- I- you can have all his account numbers and everything like that“. I says “I’ll give you all that”, I said “And- and- and build it up from there. If there’s just- if there’s any- there’s any- er anything left. I says “It’ll not ... of my business”, I says “But if there’s anything left I’ll mop it up, like”. Right, ‘cause as I say, after theirs are full I can do what I want, (that’s the deal), so I thought “Right, just fucking, keeps everybody sweet”, you know what I mean. Anyway, so, I’m telling you because er when he sees he’s Ke- e-, KF, KF’s going to chuck fucking big brother’s name in, isn’t he. And he’s going to say “Oh, well what about him? He w- he was sorting it out (sure)”. If they go to see big brother. If they go- sorry, if they go to see KF, he’s going to say “Well, I- I never had owt to do with that Miles” or- or- or whatever. He’s going to- he’s going to try and find- he’s just- he’s going to try and walk away somehow, isn’t he, and the somehow, so far, has been to blame Shaun for everything.

4:51

[End of section 1]

6<sup>th</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Fergal Lynch (continuation, later of above.)

5:02

Miles But his brother is- i- to be fair, his brother's an old has-been. I wouldn't fancy him coming and fucking ... j- i- in Sheffield he- he's a name, but he'll be fifty-odd now, do you know what I mean. But I still wouldn't fancy him coming to collect any money from me, do you know what I mean? But then again, I don't like fucking pain. Er but he's not- he- he's not anywhere in the league of the people we're in with, do you know what I mean. He's just-

5:31

[End of section 2]

6<sup>th</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Shaun Lynch

5:39

Miles Exactly. I says er- I says "I know there's all this", I says "But," I said er "This is what's happened, what should I do?" I said "I'm not asking you for more money, I'm asking you what I should do." So he says "Right, tell him to go and fucking see KF." So I said, "So what- is there going to be two lots of you going?" I said "But surely KF's going

to come back to you and say "You're supposed to be protecting me here ... he said "Then I'll sort it out", he said "But KF's had a fucking visit meanwhile from somebody else, so he knows I'm doing him another favour." S- so I said "Right, fair enough". But again, it's all of us keep putting our necks on the line, do you know what I mean, you get a phone call like you get, I'm fucking having phone calls ... he's not in their league the man who- who he's going to send, but he's- he's a fearsome man and he's (has been) as an individual, do you know what I mean. He's a- he- he- he- he- he's- he's one on one, he's going to make a mess of whoever fucking- whoever is unfortunate to fucking come- come- come in contact with him and er I- I don't think- well, I don't know, I don't think he'd bury him, but whatever, it's- but still, I've got that threat, do you know what I mean? And I'm sat here and er an- and it's like "Well, you owe yours, y- y- your- your share's fucking twen- twenty grand". So he says c- well- well I said "Well- well, look, I'll get a fucking fucking ... so, which- which was about what it- how it was working. So he says "Er- no, he- he says- he says- he says er- ... to sort out what ... course is at fucking five and a half ... that's fine. I says "Look we'll have a conversation about it", but as it is now, I'm looking to fucking get eighty back ... fucking twenty ... It's not on. Yeah. And then all last week the guy over here was away. He ... he ... to me he was away for two days er Wednesday, Thursday. Then when I get over there he's told his mate he's been away Friday, Saturday. Erm suddenly he's ringing me back on Tuesday and he rung me on the Tuesday ... been away ... which is fair enough. But

he'll have told KF he's been away. He's told KF he's been away, so KF's thought "Oh, fuck it, I'll just have to have a week off as well, then." And at Goodwood he were definitely working (elsewhere). So. But they're not daft these lads, they fucking know. They fucking know. No, no, no, no. (It was) said you- you- you put yours in and everything was on his terms.

8:27

[End of section 3]

9<sup>th</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Fergal Lynch

(Tape begins at approx 11.47am)

8:32

Miles Yeah. Ah, what about all- all the time obviously, it's er- the only problem was, when we used to be with Kieran it'd be like a last minute thing, that's when I used to panic, right, such as you- you- you're going to- you've got to tell me before you go in in the morning, that's plenty of time, an hour's notice is plenty. Erm I'm never- er the Friday, which I think is the nineteenth. Do I? Why? I- I can get you- I can get money to you. Kim can pick money up and Kim can fetch it to you. It's not a problem if th- if there's- if there's money to be collected, it can be collected and it can be- it can be brought over. If there's any problems it can be fetched. ... fucking no chance. Er I've just- I'm- I'm actually ... I'm- I'm actually just er you know that- er the guy I told you

there was problems with? I'm sat outside his house now, taking him five in. We had- we h- we had the meeting this morning and he ended up backing down, 'cause he'd said "It's got to be ten and not five", and I said "I can't do the ten". I said "I can get you five or otherwise get on and do what you want to do". (Yeah), but anyway, he's er- so I've had to go back, had to go back up the- the other side of town and get the- We'll see. We'll see. It's shit for us all at the moment. You know, like, usually you put your hand up and you have what you fucking want. It's just that he- he- he- he- he's a- he- he- he's- he's left us all in the shit with it. We're all in the shit with it. We're all fucking- yeah, we're all fucking sat here fucking short. But to be fair this morning, I didn't mind whether they fucking went after him. I must admit, now, after I'd ... and he said "Leave it, (it/he) can only do us good." And it's like- but like when I went into it the- when I went into the meeting with that- that- saying that, it were like "Yeah, yeah", and then like when it dawned on them that I was going to let them go and do it, he were like "Well, I suppose we could give you 'til November." I said "Well, whatever", I says y- "I- I'm happy. Fucking get on and fetch mine as well at the same time". Yeah, so er I thought "Oh, fuck it". Do you know, from my point of view I'm going to pay these lads anyway, do you know what I mean, whatever happens they've- they've got to be paid. So it's like w- er when money starts coming back, all right, yeah, I'll be- I'll be straightening a few other bits and pieces out but everybody'll be- What's happening to it? No, it's theirs. Because their- theirs is getting that last one thirty back. And they've got like- what did

they say, there's another fi- seventy to come back or something, of it. Well, there was- well, there was- well, there was twenty with this weekend to come back, so it's only fifty to come back. But if there's anything of yours done, they said yours was separate, which I clarified with them again. I says "Look", I says- I says, "I'm not being funny", I says, "But", I says, "When Fergal works", I says, "He's got it fucking spent". I says "As he's fucking- as he's- as he's doing his job he'll have got it spent", I says, "And, like, you've told him six hours", I says, "He'll fucking want to hold you to it". And he says "No, no, no, a hundred ...", but I says "You're not going to wait w- w- want to wait until the account's filled back up?" He says "No, of course not". He says- he says- he says- he says- he says "He- he can have it straightaway." So I said "Well, that's fine". So he- he- he- he- he- well, he said that and to be fair he's always been a hundred percent honourable, I've never- nev- never ha- never had a- do you know what I mean. It's like me saying it to you. If I say it to you, it's just like him saying it to you. And he's always- he's always- he's always been spot on. Er but as I say like, yeah, fucking usually I can say to you "Well, you can have it and fucking we'll knock it off when we do something", but I- even I can't- I can't say it to you. I just can't say it to you. Like, to be fair, if I could have got the ten together I'd be giving this guy this ten, I wouldn't be stood here with a five, I'd be giving him the ten and having him off my toes 'cause I'd rather not have the hassle. But it's er it's just a fucker at the moment. It's awful, isn't it, it's

an awful feeling. It's an awful feeling, but he's got lots of rides today,  
hasn't he.

12:31

[End of section 4]

27th August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Philip Sherkle

12:42

[Mobile telephone ringing]

Miles Now then.

M ....

Miles You all right?

M ...

Miles Don't worry about it. Right your friend asked me if I would er sort out  
how much- how much he's in debt to er the other guy.

M Yeah ...

Miles I think it's about four and a half.

M ...

Miles About four and a half. Now I've done a list of winners and losers, so could do with linking up with you at some point to give it you.

M ...

Miles He wants to meet them?

M ...

Miles Fucking hell, ... wants to meet him after he fucking has. Is he coming over on- on his own 'D' or is he bringing the other guy with him?

M ...

Miles [Laughs] I just think he's thick you know. (No), I think er I think as well when 'D' goes to meet him, I know 'D' doesn't understand anything about racing, but once we get that we're working again with him, we've got to have some sort of a thing whereby we- we- we study them in a morning and said to him "Right, well/look thi- this is where we think that you- you- you- you can work". You know what I mean, because they shouldn't work anywhere other than in handicaps, because that's what they are, they're handicapped and they should all

run. If- if- if- if the handicapper's right, and that's his job, they should all run in a straight line. So you know, like, the other day on the odds on one, how he- he found he- he like got stopped, they ... he stayed in the (stalls) ... that's enough to get beat in a handicap. But it's not in a claiming race and it's not in a maiden race. It's er- but he knows that, do you know what I mean. He should more- know more about racing than you or me'll ever know. But he's just ... he- he- he's not- he's not playing with a ..., is he. Well, I think to be fair, that i- i- i- it's one of those things, you know, i- i- in my life I've met- I've met- met- met many menacing people and when you talk to 'D' you understand what he's saying to you. He just has that way of speaking, doesn't he? He's not a huge person or anything like that, but he just has a way of speaking that- that you understand. And you know when you've been spoken- you know the little guy I took over, when I went out- when I went over there to see him, over- over the water, the little jock- the little jockey I took over. Oh, yeah. Yeah. When I took- Yeah. When I took him over, we stood at the bar, my mate walked in. Have you ever seen my mate? ... huge, he's a real huge guy, twice the size of me, massive, massive guy. He walks in, er the other guy, do you know ... do you know ... have you met K who was working out there with (him/them)? Yeah, so and obviously he's a scary looking guy, isn't he, 'cause he's a big guy, er but er he says to- so- so when I took the little fellow er he said- he says "Is he the one who- who works for ...?" I said "Yes", he said, "Well he don't look nothing." So I said "Just wait (while- well, if) you listen to his conversation for about ten minutes",

then we walked ... “You were right what you said about him, ‘D’, weren’t you”. I said “Yeah, fucking hell”, I said, “You know you’ve been told when you fucking talk to him”. And you do. He’s just got something about him, the guy, hasn’t he? [Laughs] So that’s the best thing ...

M ...

Miles You- you ring me. The only day- the only day I’m going to have a massive problem is on Sunday because we’ve got er er er one of- one of the pubs has got a football team and it’s a bit of a gala day thing, so I’ll- I- I’ll- I’ll struggle Sunday but I can- I- I- I could- I could link up any time before- (so) basically (you’ll) ... before he comes. Having said that, if you’re not going to go and see KF, I’ve told ‘D’ that I’ll- Oh, you are going to, so that’s that ... So whenever yo- whenever you want to, give me a call and w- we’ll link up, er ei- ei- either before lunchtime or- or after racing. All right. See you later. Take care. Bye bye.

16:56

[End of section 5]

28<sup>th</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Paul Hall

17:05

Miles Right, well this is the new plan of attack. I've had enough of that fucking idiot and I'm just going to go back to the old guard, you know Fergal and fucking Howard ... fucking ... so- so it might be that I only work once a week, when I work once a week I know I'm fucking (drawing) once a week. I've been and seen them all this week and fucking clued them all up and told them- not told them what er what- what's happened wh- how much I've (got) in, like. For all I know ... been working ... but basically I- I w- 'cause I- I sort of like half fucked them off, you know, 'cause when you've got- when you've got someone as big as Fallon you don't need anybody else in your own mind, do you. Do you know what I mean? So I've half fucked them off and they've not been working 'cause- well, they'll- the- they just not been working, so it's like they're all backed up for it, (so fuck it). I'm just- Yeah, I'm just going to work with them again. I tell- ... today, Paul, six twenty- six ...

17:53

[End of section 6]

31<sup>st</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Darren Armitage

17:59

Miles How are you?

M ... (how are you?)

Miles Yeah, not too bad, thank you. I'm sorry, yeah, no I'm very good actually er Little Fergal's coming to play today. All three. (We've got) three with chances of us doing all three. Three, (no, no/no, I'm not) fucking about. Er he's just bought himself is it- is it a 'Z' five or something like that, them- them BMW four-wheel drive things.

18:23

[End of section 7]

31st August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Fergal Lynch.

[Mobile telephone ringing]

18:42

Miles Hello. What do we do now? What do I do?

M ...

Miles Fucking- fucking thirty odd (grand there/grander). By the way, fucking apparently Darren's give mine the worst ride in the fucking world. I've got (Birdey) on the 'phone screaming at me (while/when) you ... Mate, he ... he didn't report it at all ... snarling at me. No. ... When ... down ... (it'll be all right). What do I do about this ... By the way, whoever else ...

M ...

Miles W- the fir- the first one that we did ... returned the first one. (It was) fucking every- every ... I sat down at quarter to two, and it was still ... from then on it ... Look, I'm not going ... No, don't ... Well if ... that'll be ten grand a piece ...

M ...

Miles Can you not drop this one out ... Well, I'll just go and get this- I can always get a ... and get back. And get all these people off my back.

M ...

Miles Do this one. Yeah, let me get as much as I can out of this one, but listen, you cannot make a (mistake) ...

21:49

[End of section 8]

Miles Rodgers talking with another

21:53

Miles He didn't want to do it (let's have/unless I had) ten grand a piece on one to get it back.

21:57

[End of section 9]

Miles Rodgers talking with Darren Armitage (??)

22:12

Miles ... apparently Darren give ours a fucking bad ride (last night). Have you watched it? ... fucking ... fucking ... No, my fucking Sky's gone up and they've just got to send me a new card (or something). So, no, I didn't listen to it and (he) never got really mentioned until (at the end). Apparently ...

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[End of section 10]

31<sup>st</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Fergal Lynch

23:05

Miles I know you say you haven't told anybody, but they were awful today.

M Don't be telling me that.

Miles Promise you. I prom- no, we- we- we've ended up doing a fucking cup of tea and about- I've had to w- I- I- I'm coming up to see Darren actually, I'm meeting him up at Ripon. I've got to fucking-

M ...

Miles Bung them a few quid, so I haven't been able to stop and do it but it looks like we've done about fucking four and a half grand a piece (or/in) something like that on the day, which isn't the end of the world, but- but- I'm telling you, somewhere along the line- somewhere along the line they've- they've- they've been ridiculous ... huge amounts of money ... Huge. You know when see (grands) coming up at nine to one and ten to one. That- that- that's- ... that doesn't happen. So, I don't know ... it- it's your business, it's not my business ... I- I just- I just do what you ask me to. Are you there? You there?

24:06

[End of section 11]

24:12

31<sup>st</sup> August 2004

Miles Rodgers talking with Fergal Lynch

[Mobile telephone ringing]

Miles (Hiya).

M ...

Miles [Sighs then laughs] Don't we get ourselves in some fucking trouble.

M I'll tell you what, I don't really want to do that again, I was ... (to do that).

Miles Fucking tem- Fergal but- Right we've got-

M ... but fucking it's cost me a winner that ...

Miles Well-

M But I know ... Brian's rage and- Brian Smart, you know, and talk them round in any way of thinking, you know.

Miles Yeah.

M And I agreed that w- I agreed ... and all that shit and all that ... stuff. ... somebody with his naked eye could fucking see that a (mile out).

Miles I know you say you haven't told anybody, but they were awful today.

M Don't be telling me that.

25:01

Miles Promise you. I prom- no, we- we- we've ended up doing a fucking cup of tea and about- I've had to w- I- I- I'm coming up to see Darren actually, I'm meeting him up at Ripon. I've got to fucking-

M ...

Miles Bung them a few quid, so I haven't been able to stop and do it but it looks like we've done about fucking four and a half grand a piece (or/in) something like that on the day, which isn't the end of the world, but- but- I'm telling you, somewhere along the line- somewhere along the line they've- they've- they've been ridiculous ... huge amounts of money ... Huge. You know when see grands coming up at nine to one and ten to one. That- that- that's- ... that doesn't happen. So, I don't know ... the business ... it- it's your business, it's not my business ... I- I just- I just do what you ask me to. Are you there? You there?

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Miles Right, then. It's not my business, it's your business, I only do what you ask me to do. If someone-

M ...

Miles Yeah. No, I'm only t- you know what I mean, I tell you- I tell you what happens and then you do what you want from there, it's one of them. Look, you know the first one ...

M ...

Miles Yeah.

M ...

Miles Yeah.

M ...

Miles Well. But-

M ...

Miles They have done there, as I say, you know the first one- and again u-  
the- they're stupid because they're touching it before the off. They're  
touching it before they open up. And the- the first one, they first er  
forced the first one out from fucking two to one to four to one before  
they opened. But anyway, you know- you know your business and I-  
I'm telling you because you're my pal. And, yes, you're right, Fergal,  
we shouldn't have played the last one today, but then again we  
shouldn't have played the second one.

M ...

Miles We should have-

M ...

Miles Yeah.

M ...

Miles Really.

M ...

Miles (It would be better to do) ... and I wish some fucker would (play) mine in second. Oh and it gets- Oh, I've told you, haven't I, it gets better, fucking Burkey's rung me up and fucking like, basically, accused me of stopping it ...

M ...

Miles [Laughs]

M ...

Miles Yeah, no, he fucking has, they've really fucking snarled at me. I thought-

M ...

Miles [Laughs]

M ...

Miles No, fucking all right coming on and snarling at me, I paid for the fucking horse, he didn't- I give him the horse and paid for it.

M ...

Miles [Sighs] But no, we- we've not done- we've not done the earth in, we've got away with it and- well, we've learned something today, kid. We've learned someth- something.

M ...

Miles Pardon, lad.

M ...

Miles Exactly, exactly.

M ...

Miles Yeah, let's just do one, like we've said, just do one, get ourselves three or- two or three, four out of it, and- and- and- and it's one of them things, if you bury one a- if you bury one a week you've not got a problem. It's the fact that when if you're trying to do more than that you've got to (deliver) the front and things can happen. Not being nasty to you. To me he's the best jockey in the world and we see what he keeps doing. 'Because he's the best jockey I've ever seen in my life and when we keep- we keep seeing what ... Anyhow we've averted a disaster today. Yeah.

29:32

[End of section 12]

29:36

Miles And I'm like you, not happy, just to show (all). But, it's like, you know the man who's money helped pay for ... (account), if I'd have done it in the first day, he'd have ... he doesn't know anything about it, I've just- I've just (told) ... then if he wants to have a look he can still see his money there. You know, if he needs anything ... not (pulling) anything out of it. So I might give him a bit when- when things do really well, like ... and- and you know who's done it ... there's been a fucking ... and you know ... I don't think ... the second one because it wasn't touched until ... most people will try and ... on something ... but I- I- I won't ... see you later.

30:49

[End of section 13]