

SCO & NSA: The Great Digital Whack-A-Mole Game

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Since leaving SCO, McBride's life has continued with the sort of gangsteresque intrigue that defined him in the days when he was Linux's public-enemy-number-one. Last May he made news when The Salt Lake Tribune reported that he had turned over a four year old audio recording of a conversation he had with Mark Shurtleff, who had been Utah's Attorney General when the recording was made.

The conversation turned around a bad debt McBride was trying to collect.

It seems that McBride invested \$286,000 with businessman Mark Robbins, who had promised a \$5 million return which McBride had hoped to use to cover legal expenses in the SCO vs. IBM case. Unfortunately for McBride, Robbins skipped town to avoid being served a bench warrant in an unrelated civil case and was nowhere to be found. In an attempt to collect the debt, McBride established a website, Skyline Cowboy, which the Tribune described as "a sort of virtual bounty-hunting operation aimed at flushing out Robbins."

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