NUNBERG'S CLAIM THAT TRUMP TALKED OF THE JUNE 9 MEETING THE WEEK BEFORE IS PLAUSIBLE

Sometime ratfucker Sam Nunberg has been running from cable channel to cable channel trying to get them to believe he's going to blow off a subpoena from Robert Mueller to repeat what he said a week and a half ago in an interview before the grand jury, protected by immunity.

Among his crazy rants, he claimed that Trump knew about the June 9 Trump Tower meeting "the week before."

> You know it's not true. He talked about it the week before. And I don't know why he did this. All he had to say was, yeah, we met with the Russians. The Russians offered us something and we thought they had something and that was it. I don't know why he went around trying to hide. He shouldn't have.

Nothing has reported on *how* he would know this. He's close with Roger Stone (indeed, that's who he says he's trying to protect by blowing off the subpoena), and Stone remained in touch with Trump — reportedly still does. So maybe that's how he knows.

But the claim is plausible.

After all, when Rob Goldstone first emailed Don Jr about the meeting on June 3 (six days before the meeting), he suggested he could go through Trump's assistant Rhona.

> Emin just called and asked me to contact you with something very interesting.
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> The Crown prosecutor of Russia met with

> his father Aras this morning and in their meeting offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father.
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> This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump – helped along by Aras and Emin.
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> What do you think is the best way to handle this information and would you be able to speak to Emin about it directly?
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> I can also send this info to your father via Rhona, but it is ultra sensitive so wanted to send to you first.

He was instead reaching out to Don Jr because the meeting was "ultra sensitive." But the implication was, ultimately, that Trump should know about this meeting, but that perhaps this was even too sensitive to run through Rhona (as I've said, I don't think Goldstone is *really* talking about the crown prosecutor).

So the idea was Goldstone calls Don Jr, and Don Jr tells Pops directly.

Had he done that, then Trump would, indeed, have known about the meeting the previous week (June 9 was a Thursday; the 3rd would have been the previous Friday).

So had Uday gone and told Pops right away it is conceivable that Trump (whom Nunberg elsewhere accused of being incapable of colluding with Russian because he would blab about it) was talking about it "the week before."

Which would change the stakes of the meeting dramatically.

Update: Nunberg told Zack Beauchamp that he was talking of Trump's public statement on June 7.

> Nunberg was actually talking about *public* comments Trump made on June 7, 2016 — two days before the Trump Tower meeting. In it, Trump promised that he would soon be offering interesting revelations about Clinton.
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> "I am going to give a major speech on probably Monday of next week, and we're going to be discussing all of the things that have taken place with the Clintons," then-candidate Trump said. "I think you're going to find it very informative and very, very interesting."
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> Nunberg interpreted Trump's comments as a veiled reference to the Trump Tower meeting that Donald Trump Jr. had set up. "He said publicly we'll find something out about Hillary Clinton," Nunberg told me about Trump. "You can look it up."
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> This, he emphasized during our conversation, is only his interpretation of Trump's comments. He has no special inside knowledge that Trump was informed of the meeting before it happened, as many have taken his CNN comments to imply, or that Trump was referencing it in that speech. Nunberg thinks that's what Trump meant, but he never heard any proof.