

MEMO TO THE FILE

DELUNA

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**Interview of
09/28/2004**

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Becky Nesmith
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The following is a summary of my visit with Becky and her husband Jessie on 09/28/2004:

Wanda Lopez Vargas is Becky's cousin. Wanda's father and Becky's mother are brother and sister. Wanda's birth name is Wanda Jean Vargas. Wanda also has an older brother, named Ricardo Vargas.

Becky was married for a short time and divorced in 1981. In 1982 Becky and Wanda started "hanging out" together. Wanda was not married at the time and had a daughter about the same age as Becky's daughter. Becky was born in 1964. Wanda was 7-8 years older than Becky but they both had children about the same age and both had a history of bad relationships with men. These shared characteristics brought them together and served as the foundation for their friendship. Becky and Wanda hung out together and shared their problems with one another. Becky's father owned a duplex and lived in one side of it. Becky rented the other side of the duplex and Wanda often visited her there. Sometimes they bought liquor and mixer and drank while they "cruised

Ayers” visiting and talking about their problems. **(NOTE: Follow up: what were their problems in addition to bad relationships with men?)** [Material removed] Wanda was involved with many different men. In spite of the warnings Becky continued to see Wanda and claims, “Wanda was like a sister to me.” Within days of Wanda’s death Becky’s brother again asked her why she continued to hang out with Wanda.

Becky stated working at the Diamond Shamrock (D/S) at the intersection of Morgan and Baldwin in 1982 and was working there when Wanda was murdered. Wanda started working at the D/S by Wolfy’s Bar on SPID before that. Becky and Wanda both had concerns about the safety at the D/S Wanda was working at on the night shift. At the D/S Becky worked on the night shift and there were always two people working. Wanda worked alone in what was considered to be a dangerous area as the D/S sat next to a topless bar that was allegedly owned and managed by a Bandito motorcycle gang.

One of Becky’s college classes took a field trip to the courthouse to view the court process. Coincidentally, the trial in session during the class visit was the De Luna case. Becky sat with her class in the court room and listened to a 911 audio tape of Wanda talking to the dispatcher. Becky had questions about the case based on what she had seen in court and heard about the killing. For example: In the audio tape we heard in court there was a man asking for Marlboro cigarettes. Why wasn’t his voice compared to Carlos De Luna’s? I was told there was lots of blood at the scene and De Luna must have walked through the blood. Why weren’t his shoes compared to foot prints found at the store? There must have been blood on De Luna’s cloths? Why wasn’t any found? If Wanda knew the assailant why didn’t she tell the dispatcher his name?

Becky’s present husband Jessie met Wanda through a friend of his who also knew Wanda. According to Jessie Wanda was “outgoing” and Jessie saw Wanda at the following clubs; The Chazz Club, Parkdale Plaza, The Dallas Club (country), and Bandy’s.

My visit with the Nesmith’s ended as Becky left for night school and Jessie had another commitment. The Nesmith’s are supportive of our efforts in this project. They are thoughtful, articulate and most of all concerned that the DeLuna story be told if he was innocent. Becky is the first victim family member contacted to my knowledge

and luckily she is wonderful with stories and personal knowledge that may make a compelling victim family spokesperson in the future.

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