

DeLUNA

**NOT A SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW, BUT ONLY A TYPESCRIPT OF JSL'S
ROUGH NOTES**

**Interview of Rev. Pickett
07/11/2004**

[Material that is irrelevant to *Los Tocayos Carlos* and contains sensitive personal information about one or more persons has been removed.]

Book.

I have been blackballed. When he first left, warden said, "Come back all the time." Acting warden, next, said same thing. Then out comes Ursay piece on NPR and then book and then blackballed.

As tough as I had to be, the DeLuna case sent me to counseling. 7-12 didn't work. Not whole deal.

I got very involved in DeLuna case. Calls you "Daddy" – CDL did this. Stayed with him the whole time.

Once sun goes down, no more visitors; whole personality changed. This was the way they used to do it with executions near midnight, and change in demeanor in prisoner once sun went down the last time.

Re: DeLuna: To me, he was a child; he started it; he called me daddy. Brought home the difficulty of seeing one who was young and healthy executed.

Most of people on our list had fall partner – Charlie Brooks. [Material removed]

All Chaplains got canned (fired for being at odds with execution process). Won't even let Rev.P get into Livingston.

Whole goal of Rev P's work to that no one would fight the guards before the execution; none of them ever did fight on his watch.

Didn't see execution; time of visit with CDL is indicated

1. Rosemary & Brad, 10-12
2. Daniel Conejo & Maria Conejo 12-2
3. Maria Arendando & Vickey Gutierrez, 2-3
4. Rosemary & Brad
5. Called his family 8:37-8:50 at hospitality house. Toni Pena – wanted to make a call to her. He did call her 9:04-9:26 p.m.
6. Karen Boutard in Cincinnati, OH. Called her last

Kathy Fair – Houston Chronicle. Now Kathy Walt; husband in AG’s office. She’s PP for Gov. She wrote article saying CDL wrote letter asking for forgiveness on night before execution. She came to P to ask who letter was sent to. He wouldn’t tell her, but he did tell her and article says that it was NOT anyone involved in the crime in any way.

Not member of V’s family. **Believes it was a member of his family to whom he wrote.** Maybe to one of those girls (who didn’t come and who CDL had to call.) [JSL: we think it was to Rose.]

He was such a child in his feelings and his actions. He’d be the type to say that so and so didn’t come to see the execution, so they must be made at me.. He’d think she didn’t forgive him.

He was under a truck; that’s what he said. That was all he says.

[others who might be innocent: Doyle Skillern – Stella – didn’t pull _____. Robert Black paid se _____ guy got off. Harris brothers – 2 executed, other 3 didn’t.]

Several years later, P talked to Nueces DA – said, “He never should have been tried.”

Jim Maddox came over to execution.

“No question, he’s innocent.” [This from Rev P. not from Maddox?] Not from Maddox – himself.

P has note on paper that Maddox was around for this one. [I believe that P on tape refers to M as a bad force; who they had to shoe away.]

They ran everyone out except 2 guards and Pickett. [probably means they had to run Maddox out] Then 5 guards would come.

We’d take them in and strap them in; and Maddox would come into visitor’s room and stay there.

I stayed until funeral home came.

Not a glass partition; instead was brass bar between visitor area and execution – you could touch visitors. Any family member could have come over it and gotten after us.

He stayed and Jim Maddox stayed a few times.

Maddox: This one: “Never should have been here.” Another one, he said: “Why do we have to do this.”

Maddox never abused a convict.

But he was noseey:

- Wanted to know everything.
- Insert needles
- How everything was done.

The press would leave. On the few occasions when he had something to say, Maddox would stay back and had something to say to me after everyone left.

45 – 1 1/2 hour on each one – TAPE

Rev P: “I would honestly say from the bottom of my heart, he [CDL] was not capable of killing anyone. That is why it was so difficult to watch him die for that reason.”

This one tore me to pieces. Dallas: 4 times to Dallas for therapy.

“CDL was an inmate (anyone who was there for any reason but behaved themselves) **; but he was not a convict** (does everything to break rules, get into fights, blackmail anyone; buying cell phones).” **“People who are innocent are all inmates.”**

Maddox: “This guy should never have been here.”

DA interaction over this case was much later – maybe 2000 when he said this. Maybe not DA at the time, but had been in DA’s office at the time.

Panel ethics prof from Incarnate Word Seminary in Austin, me and DA from Nueces.

DA – I asked him: Let’s go through the list – Nueces people: I asked him about each one and he said that, above, about CDL.

P: 1/3 shouldn’t have been executed– M___ Marquez, Frank McFarland retarded.

So much crooked stuff in **Harris**. If I had a million, go after Harris.

Nueces cases:

1. Jemarr Arnold
2. Carlos DeLuna
3. Jeffrey Dowdy
4. _____

Nueces DA knew all 4. About CDL, he said: he should never have been tried. I don’t try many cases.

Re: CDL: “He was a good guy.”

“Sure” – Rev P would be willing to meet with Rose.

Hold my hand – Help me with my last words. He would never been a danger to society even if he was guilty.