



and visited. Lina described Carlos Hernandez with a Spanish term, “Pachuco” which Lina translates into English as, **“gangster type from the old school, carried knives, had to show everyone they were macho”**. **Lina knew Carlos Hernandez always carried a folding pocket in his pocket and Carlos said he also carried a gun. One time Lina asked Carlos to show her and her friends the gun. Carlos pulled out revolver and showed it to the children.**

Lina heard her mother talk about how Carlos was physically abusive to his wife Rosa. **How he took advantage of Rosa’s illegal status and beat her often.** Carlos lived with his mother when he got out of prison but he also spent time with Rosa abusing her. Lina learned Rosa finally had enough of the beatings and sprayed Carlos with lighter fluid and lit it burning Carlos on the neck. The burn left a scar which looked like a birth defect on Carlos’s neck. After that Carlos stopped beating Rosa and they were eventually divorced.

While living on Carrizo St. Carlos had a black girlfriend named Cindy. Cindy was slow almost retarded. She lived with Carlos and they argued.

Carlos Hernandez and his family left Carrizo and moved to Hancock St. Lina and her friend also moved to Hancock St. in the early 90’s. Lina soon discovered she was living in the same apartment complex as Carlos and Cindy. Lina became reacquainted with Carlos and Cindy. Lina, who was drinking at the time, and Carlos, who always drank, started drinking together and visiting. Carlos drank liquor and Lina drank beer. **Lina remembers a time while Carlos and she were in the living room drinking and Cindy was in the kitchen working Carlos made the statement that he had killed before. Lina said, “no shit you killed someone”? Carlos said, “yeah”**. That was all that was said but Lina felt Carlos was telling the truth. Even though Carlos treated Lina and her sister with respect she knew he was a violent man. She’d heard too many stories about how Carlos beat Rosa to not believe he was violent towards women. Lina’s own father abused her mother and the children. “He could be nice as could be when someone was visiting but as soon as they left it started all over again”. Lina had experience with men who could turn their violence on and off at will and she believed Carlos was telling the truth about killing before.

I ran through names of people other than family from the neighborhood (forgot to

ask about the Hancock neighborhood names) and **the only name she remembered was the name Wanda being used by Carlos but she wasn't sure in what context.**

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