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RBW'S NOTES**

**Interviews of  
09/23-24, 27/2004**

Janie Adrian

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### **09/23/2004 Phone call to and telephone conversation with Janie Adrian:**

On 09/23/2004 at 5:45 p.m. while traveling in my car I received a phone call from Beatrice Tapia. She called to inform me that her mother, Janie Adrian, had just called to tell her that Carlos Hernandez made a confession to Janie that he had murdered Wanda Lopez. Janie told Beatrice that she wanted to talk to the investigator about what she heard and knew about Carlos Hernandez and the murder. Janie asked Beatrice to call and have the investigator call Janie back to make arrangements to meet with her. Beatrice made the call to me and passed the information on.

I immediately called Janie, identified myself, and told her I had just received a call from Beatrice. I asked Janie if she wanted to talk to me about Carlos Hernandez and things she heard Carlos Hernandez say. Janie began talking. She said that after Carlos Hernandez had been drinking, he often bragged about killing Wanda Lopez, bragging not only to Janie, but also to the female attendant at the gas station, and several others in the neighborhood. It was common for Carlos Hernandez and other men to drink beer and visit in a grassy area by some trees behind Janie's home. Janie could often hear the men talking from her home. The night of Wanda Lopez' murder, Carlos Hernandez stopped at Janie's house looking for Janie's daughter Margie, whom Carlos Hernandez shared a relationship with some years before. Arrangements were made to interview Janie at her home the following day 09/24/2004 at 9:00 a.m.

**09/24/2004 Meeting with Janie Adrian:**

I met with Janie at her residence. Present during the interview was Janie's youngest daughter, Cindy Garcia, age 34, and morbidly obese. Janie is age 55 and has 5 children starting from oldest to youngest: Mary Jane Garcia (Tapia) age 41, Mary Margaret (Margie) Tapia, age 40, Cindy Garcia, and Ralph Tapia age 29. **[Material removed]**

Janie and her children moved to a house on Carrizo Street in 1977-1978 and remained there for 8-9 years or more. Fidela Hernandez, her sons Carlos and Javier, and her granddaughter Pricilla lived across the street. Soon after the move to the Carrizo neighborhood, Janie's 14 year old daughter Margie, who was pregnant at the time by another man, befriended Carlos Hernandez and moved in with him and his family. While living with the Hernandez family, Margie gave birth to a son, Eric Tapia, on 01/03/1979. Both Carlos Hernandez and Fidela had been told that Eric was not Carlos Hernandez's son but Janie believed Carlos Hernandez "thought Eric was his." Janie says Carlos Hernandez and Fidela loved Eric and that, "Fidela even took out a life insurance policy on Eric which is now paid off." Fidela had told Janie about the life insurance policy a couple of years prior while the two ate lunch in town.

Janie became familiar with some of the people who hung around the Carrizo Street neighborhood. She remembers Richard Zammora, *Carlos DeLuna*, Richard Garcia and mother Andréa, and a retarded boy who lived next to Fidela. There were others but Janie was not able to recall their names.

According to Janie, Carlos Hernandez and Carlos DeLuna, "were good friends who hung out at the park together." "I watched them walk back and forth to the park together many times. *Carlos Hernandez always carried a folding knife in his back pocket.* **[CAN SHE REMEMBER WHICH BACK POCKET???**] One time I saw him carving something in the tree behind my house."

Janie first heard about the Wanda Lopez murder - Diamond Shamrock robbery on television the day after the event. **She also heard a guy was with the killer prior to the killing, (???? where did she hear this???)**, and he was waiting in a car or someplace

**and didn't know the other guy was going to kill the girl in the DS.**

After hearing the news report Janie recalled that the night before the killing in the evening about 6:30 p.m., Fidela had asked Janie if she had seen Carlos Hernandez. Fidela told Janie that Carlos got off work at 5:00 p.m. and had received his paycheck. Fidela wanted money from Carlos. Janie had not seen Carlos Hernandez and told Fidela so. Between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. that same night **Carlos Hernandez and Carlos DeLuna** stopped by Janie's house. Carlos Hernandez asked if, "Eric needed anything?" Janie told Carlos that Eric was fine. Carlos Hernandez and Carlos DeLuna then left Janie's house. Janie was not sure if Carlos Hernandez had been drinking then. Later the same evening, Carlos Hernandez returned alone to Janie's house looking for Margie. He was wearing blue jeans and a white t-shirt and had obviously been drinking as Janie could smell alcohol. It appeared to Janie that Carlos was in a hurry and acted very anxious, "he really wanted to talk to Margie." Carlos Hernandez stayed at his car while asking for Margie. Janie was not sure if the car belonged to Carlos or was one he had borrowed. Janie noted that, "Carlos Hernandez was nervous like he was looking for someone looking for him." Janie told Carlos that Margie was not home but was with Eric's father, Ramiro Lazo. Carlos Hernandez then drove off. Janie wasn't sure but she thought the Hernandez's no longer lived in the neighborhood but that Carlos Hernandez still hung out in the Carrizo Street area, visiting his drinking friends, and visiting with Margie while checking on Eric.

Three to four days later Janie saw Carlos Hernandez again behind her house visiting with "Tinker" and someone else. Carlos Hernandez was apparently drunk. From her house, Janie overheard Carlos Hernandez and the others speaking: "(Carlos Hernandez)...said a girl died that night. Someone asked if it was the girl from the Diamond Shamrock? He (Carlos Hernandez) said, you put it together - I am not going to tell you."

**09/27/2004 Meeting with Janie Adrian:**

Again met with Janie at her residence. Janie wasn't feeling well and reluctantly agreed to visit with me.

Janie said that Carlos Hernandez came by to check on Eric "all the time" after he and Margie broke up. Carlos picked up Eric and either took him shopping or to visit Fidela. This occurred 2-3 times a week. **NOTE:** Janie adopted Eric sometime between

1990-1993 when the state welfare office took Eric away from Margie. After Carlos and Margie broke up, Carlos stopped at Janie's to check on Eric and always asked Janie, "Hi how are you doing, what's going on?"

Night of the Lopez killing - summary: Carlos Hernandez came by the house twice, the second time he, "seemed anxious, like he really needed to talk to someone." He was looking for Margie. Carlos Hernandez was wearing slightly worn blue jeans, and a white t-shirt, pressed and neat. He had a moustache and was driving a **gold Chevy Impala**.

A couple days after the Lopez killing Janie heard Carlos Hernandez talking and laughing with another guy, (Tinker) behind her house. They were talking about how there had been a killing. Janie didn't know who or why they were talking about it. They used "code words" so I wouldn't understand. "What I understood was there was a killing not that day but a couple of days before and that someone was in jail for it and the night of the killing he got paid that day."

Janie explained: "I used to be real close to Fidela. Last time I saw her was 2-1/2 to 3 years ago in a restaurant and she told me she had a paid off a life insurance policy on Eric. She loved Eric." Fidela and Janie often went out together when they both lived on Carrizo Street. They hung out at a bar on Staples and Kennedy and the "Y" Bar on Comanche and Port. **Apparently Carlos Hernandez often tried to beat Fidela**. On one occasion, when Janie and Fidela were getting ready to go out, Fidela confided to Janie that: "When he was drinking he told me 'we' killed somebody. Carlos always said 'we'." This conversation took place after Carlos Hernandez and Margie broke off their relationship. Fidela, incidentally, worked at an Oriental Cleaners on Staples and Morgan for many years, with Janie's sisters Yolanda and Margaret.

There were a few times when Janie was with Fidela, her daughter Paula, and Paula's daughter Pricilla (Fidela's Granddaughter) that Pricilla often wanted to tell Janie "something" and either Fidela or Paula would stop Pricilla before she could say anything. On several occasions, when Fidela had to work on Saturday, Carlos took care of Pricilla.

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