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JSL: Ms. Adrian, if you wouldn't mind would you show me the set up of the neighborhood over there on Carrizo Street? Where everybody lived.

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JA: Right here [indicating a diagram], this is Carrizo. This is a dead end; Right here. Ok, there was a big old house, right here on the corner; Right here. And then right here, it's like just a little space. My apartment was right here. I had a garage apartment. My house it's up here on. This right here. This is the windows to my apartment. This is the door to my house; this the other window to my apartment right here. Right here there was another bedroom back here. Back here it was a balcony right there. There was a balcony. So from here in the kitchen, cause right here is my living room you can see all the way down to the kitchen. It's a little hallway. In the back there was a park where they used to hang out. Ok, right here was a...

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JSL: Where was your washing machine? You told me you had a washing machine.

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JA: My washing machine was right here. This is a garage

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apartment, these are the doors to the garage. The garage had a little door back here, like that.

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JSL: And how did you get from your house down to the washing machine?

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JA: The stairs were right here on the side. We had to go through here to get up the stairs.

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JSL: So the stairs were actually outside?

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JA: Outside the apartment.

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JSL: So they were right there next to that park in the back?

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JA: The park was right in the back.

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JSL: Ok, keep going.

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JA: Ok, then this other lady lived here, I can't remember who they were. But I know that another lady that had a little heavy set little girl lived here.

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JSL: Was that the Zapata's by any chance?

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JA: Could have been. Then right here was a retarded little kid.

Right here was Fidela's house. It's a big old house.

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JSL: Ok what's Fidela's last name?

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JA: Hernandez. Ok.

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JSL: And who was there with her? Who lived at that house?

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JA: Carlos Hernandez, Fidela, Pricilla, Pricilla's mom and Carlos's brothers, I think two brothers.

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JSL: Ok and Pricilla, was she a sister of Carlos? What was her relation?

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JA: A niece.

JSL: Fidela had a daughter named Paula.

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JA: Paula right, right. I think Fidela was Paula's mother.

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JSL: Right.

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JA: Right. Ok.

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JSL: So this is the Hernandez's house. Why don't you put a big "H" there so we know this is the Hernandez's? And keep going.

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JA: And then here there was another apartment. This here is supposed to be an upstairs and downstairs too. OK, Right here, right here, there's some apartments up here. They were all the way like that. This is the porch and the apartments were right here. This is where the Garcia's and other kids used to live.

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JSL: Ok.

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JA: Ok. And right here was a big old house that was apartments too.

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JSL: Ok that's great. And so, show me again where this little park, grassy area, trees near your house was?

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JA: Ok, the little grassy area was right here. This is the big old tree, right here. This is the stairs going out my apartment. As you go down there like that, there was a park behind our house.

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Right behind our house. It was a big old park. There used to be a tree that was like this and they would sit on it. And they would start engraving stuff in there.

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JSL: It was like a stump?

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JA: Like a stump, yeah. It was something like the one I have in the front.

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JSL: What did the guys, what did people do back in that park behind your house?

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JA: They would drink. They would... most of the kids would hang back there. The guys, the oldest guys. Because we didn't let the kids go back there. It was kind of dangerous letting the kids go out there.

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JSL: Why was that?

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JA: Because there was always drinking. They were always, if it wasn't Carlos friends, it was somebody who passed by there and they would always be drinking.

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JSL: Who was back there sometimes? I mean who were the guys?

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JA: Uh, like I said I'm not too good at... with names. But they were friends of Carlos.

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JSL: Carlos?

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JA: Carlos Hernandez.

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JSL: Ok.

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JSL: Was it [Fidela Hernandez's house] kind of up on a hill?

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JA: Yeah.

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JSL: And did it have a balcony somewhere?

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JA: No, I don't remember. A porch, a big porch.

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JSL: Yeah, that's what I'm saying. I meant. Ok and how did you get up to that porch?

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JA: There were some stairs right here.

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JSL: Ok right there.

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JA: Right there. This is Fidela's door right there. I'm not sure if it was right there on the front or if it was on the side.

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JSL: And did Fidela have a washing machine?

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JA: Yes.

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JSL: Can you tell me your name?

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JA: Janie Adrian.

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JSL: What city and state do you live in?

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JA: Corpus Christi, Texas.

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JSL: Will you just tell us where you live and how long you've lived there?

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JA: I lived on Carrizo Street, let's see, I was probably there

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before '75. We lived there a long time. Maybe more than 6 years.

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JSL: Ok, and tell me again the name of that street you lived on?

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JA: Carrizo.

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JSL: Would you spell it, C-A-R-R-I-Z-O?

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JA: Yes.

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JSL: Ok. And how many children do you have?

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JA: I have five. Four girls, one boy and an adopted son.

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JSL: And how many grandchildren?

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JA: I have about ten, maybe more.

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JSL: Ms. Adrian, you said that you lived on Carrizo Street in Corpus Christi for quite awhile, in the late 70's into the 1980's. And when you lived on Carrizo Street, can you just name for me some of the neighbors who lived around, where they were? You drew

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a map for us before and that's really helpful. Let me just give you that map you drew. And if you'll just look at it and tell me who lived where.

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JA: Ok, right here on the front was the Zamora's. Ok, right here was a garage apartment, was an upstairs apartment, has a balcony in the back. Has my living room you could go both sides left or right. You go to the side of the garage apartment out through the stairs in the back of the house. There is a park. Right there under my apartment in the upstairs, downstairs there was a garage, there was a double garage. In the double garage, I had my washer, my tv and my phone. There was a window, a little small window in the back of the garage.

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JSL: And where did that window look out on?

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JA: To the park, to the back of the park, to the back of my house was to the park. It was a big old park, piece of park that was there. And in order to go to my house, you had to go to the side of the house to go into the stairways to go up my house, my apartment. My living room was in there, the middle of the porch was my door there, half of it was my living room. The other half was my bedroom. I turned into my bedroom straight down was the

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door, in the living room on my left hand side, there was a little kitchen. That kitchen had a door going out to the back of the balcony. The balcony was long, from one side to the other of the apartment garage.

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JSL: And you said there was a little park outside? From what parts of your house could you look into that park?

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JA: From the balcony. From the balcony.

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JSL: Where else?

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JA: From the side of the garage, if I was in the garage I could hear people, whatever, drinking, sitting down or whatever. A lot of people would go by there.

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JSL: Was there a window in the back of the garage?

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JA: Yes, there was a small little window.

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JSL: You said to get up to the garage from your where your washing machine was up to the apartment, you went up some stairs.

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JA: Yes, they were on the side of the apartment.

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JSL: And those stairs, they were actually outside?

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JA: They were outside.

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JSL: And when you were on those stairs, could you look out into, or hear over into the park over there?

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JA: Yes, sir. Sure could.

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JSL: And who else lived around there. Keep going through all the other people you remember.

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JA: Here was a lady, that had a very little heavy girl. To be sure, I'm not sure if it was the little girl or the retarded little boy who used to live there. And then it was Fidela's house, the Hernandez house. And then there was another apartment and then there was a big old apartment, garage apartments.

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JSL: Point out Carrizo Street, itself for us.

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JA: It's right here, and this is a dead end. Carrizo going into Laredo.

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JSL: Now when you lived over on Carrizo Street, did you know a man named Carlos Hernandez?

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JA: Yes.

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JSL: Ok where did he live?

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JA: He lived, I'm not going to say right in front of us but to the side of us across the street where we used to live.

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JSL: Who was his mother?

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JA: Fidela Hernandez.

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JSL: How well did you know Fidela?

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JA: Very very good. We used to go out together. We used to hang around together.

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JSL: And who else used to live in that house with them?

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JA: Frankie, Carlos, another boy that had an afro, Fidela, Pricilla, and Pricilla's mom.

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JSL: So Pricilla was she a sister of Carlos and Frankie?

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JA: No, she was a niece. She was about 10 or 11 years old at the time.

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JSL: Did Carlos Hernandez.... How did you.... How did you come to know Carlos Hernandez?

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JA: I got to know Carlos Hernandez when we first moved there. My daughter Margie started going out with him, she was already pregnant from [with] Eric. By the time I knew, she was sleeping with Carlos Hernandez. They were going out together. I mean I didn't know much because Margie would go out through the back. And she would go out the back of the balcony and call the Zamora's to put the ladder so she could get down. So she could go out. And at that time, I think it's when she started hanging around with Carlos Hernandez.

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JSL: Was that a good relationship for your daughter?

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JA: No.

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JSL: Tell me what that relationship was like and what you thought of it.

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JA: I knew it wasn't going to last because Carlos was very abusive. When he used to get drunk, he would really really remember stuff that people would do to him and he would go back.

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JSL: Let me, I'm going to ask that again and if you wouldn't mind using your daughter's name so we know who we're talking about because that would be very helpful for the record that we're making. So would you tell me a little bit about the relationship that Carlos had with your daughter and what you thought about that relationship?

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JA: Ok I didn't really like the, that relationship because I knew the way Carlos was. And I would tell Margie that, you know, Carlos wasn't right for her. But us mothers will always say the wrong things, and she kept on going out with Carlos till finally she moved in with Carlos. But she was already pregnant from Eric.

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JSL: When you say pregnant from Eric? Eric was her son?

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JA: Eric was my grandson.

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JSL: She was pregnant from another man who was the father of Eric?

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JA: Yes.

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JSL: And how did Carlos treat your daughter after you warned her not to go over there?

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JA: Bad, bad, she was just allowed to come to my house and stay there and not go no where else.

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JSL: And what else?

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JA: And she would say, "I need to go home because Carlos is going to get mad if he comes and finds me out here."

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JSL: And what happened if Carlos did get mad?

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JA: Well, I didn't really find out too much of it because Margie didn't want me to know what was going on. But at the time, when

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we really found out that Carlos was beating her up, is because my oldest daughter Mary Jane had to get her out of the relationship.

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JSL: Where did Mary Jane live?

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JA: Um, I couldn't really, I don't remember. But it was uh I'm not sure if I was living with Mary Jane at the time or if she was living by herself.

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JSL: Tell me the names of your children.

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JA: My oldest is Mary Jane, my second one is Mary Margaret, my third one is Beatrice, my fourth one is Cindy, and my fifth one is Ralph.

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JSL: Any of those kids have nicknames that they go by?

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JA: Ok, uh Margie. Uh Mary Jane goes by Mellie Jane, Mary Margaret goes by Margie. Beatrice goes by Pinky. And Cindy goes by Nina. And Ralph goes by baby Ralph.

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JSL: Now did Carlos Hernandez drink?

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JA: Yes, a lot. He dranked a lot. And he was kind of like very. When he was drunk, the world was his. The world was his. It was like everything in the neighborhood belonged to Carlos. We couldn't say nothing. He was always very abusive.

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JSL: And what kinds of things would he do when he drank?

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JA: Get mad with Fidela or his brothers. Beat up on his brothers, on his nieces, on his mom.

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JSL: And how about when he was drunk. Would it change how he spoke about things?

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JA: Yes it sure did. He said things he shouldn't have said. Things that weren't, that I felt we didn't have to know. But he had already said it.

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JSL: And what was his tone why was he saying these things?

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JA: Like he was very, like he was somebody big, somebody that people wouldn't say nothing to him. That he could do things and people wouldn't say nothing.

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JSL: Did he ever have a weapon?

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JA: Yes he did. He carried a knife. And he would carve stuff in the back of the street, in the back of the park where they used to sit and talk and drink.

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JSL: How big was that knife?

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JA: It was pretty big. It was real big. It was one that you could just hit it like that and it would open right away. You have no problems with [opening it].

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JSL: And did he try and hide the fact that he carried a knife?

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JA: No, he was very open about his knife. He was very open about him carrying a knife. It's like him a knife was something everybody's supposed to carry, something everybody's supposed to have.

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JSL: Your daughter Margie told us that she left Carlos Hernandez for the reasons that you described about 6 or 7 months after her

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son Eric was born. So that would have been about July, of 1979.

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JA: Yes, because Eric was born on the January the third.

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JSL: Who took care of Eric?

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JA: I took over Eric.

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JSL: So who took care of Eric?

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JA: I did. Eric had stayed with me since the day he was born January the 3rd. Margie would only take him for a couple of hours and bring him back. And there was time where she would take him for a day or two and then just bring him back. Fidela had bought a crib for Eric, so he could stay there in the house with them.

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JSL: When she moved out, did that crib come over to your house?

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JA: Yes.

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JSL: How long did Eric stay with you?

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JA: He's still with me. I adopted Eric.

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JSL: At the time that Margie and Carlos split up and Eric came over to your house with the crib: Did Carlos Hernandez take any interest in Eric?

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JA: Yes, he sure did. He would go by the house when he wasn't drinking, say in the mornings, you know if I was either coming from here to my husband or leaving the kids at school. And he would tell me, "How's Eric doing?" or [ask] if Eric needed anything. And I would tell him no.

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JSL: Why would you tell him no?

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JA: Because we knew that Carlos wasn't his dad. So I didn't think he would have any obligations towards Eric.

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JSL: Did you want him around Eric?

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JA: No, not really.

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JSL: Why didn't you want him around Eric?

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JA: Because Hernandez was very abusive. And I didn't want him telling me stuff later that he had [can't understand] some stuff. And I just didn't want to hear that.

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JSL: Miss Adrian, did there come a time when you heard a news report about a women named Wanda Lopez?

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JA: Yes, I sure did. The following day, I was sitting down in the, no matter of fact I was going up and down the stairs I was washing. When I came upstairs then I heard something on the news. But I never thought nothing of it. I didn't put too much attention to.

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JSL: And what did you hear had happened to Wanda Lopez over there?

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JA: That they had stabbed her or killed her or something like that. I wasn't really sure what. Like I said I really didn't put too much attention to it.

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JSL: I want to ask you a question, before you saw that news report about Wanda Lopez, when was the last time before that you had seen

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Carlos Hernandez?

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JA: Ok it was the day before that or after that, I'm not really sure when it was. He came looking for Margie. And he looked like very anxious, very like he really had to talk to somebody. And he parked his car, on the opposite side, say he was going in through here, he came on the other side. And the driver side was towards the street. And he just kind of like, got out, half of his body was out and half of his body was in. And he said he wanted to talk to Margie. He was wearing blue jeans and a white t-shirt. And it was between 6:30-7:30; between there; it was barely getting dark.

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JSL: Do you really remember the time that well?

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JA: On a way yes, because like I said it was already in the afternoon.

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JSL: It was already dark?

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JA: It wasn't dark, dark, dark. But it was already...but then again you know now when they change the time like that time do change. It could have been early.

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JSL: Describe what Carlos was like that night.

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JA: Carlos was like...

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JSL: I'm sorry, excuse me again, let's just start this over. I just want to ask that question again. Describe to me what Carlos was like at that time on that occasion?

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JA: He was like very nervous, like if he was either waiting for somebody after him or waiting for somebody. He wanted to talk to somebody. He wanted to talk to Margie real bad. I told him Margie wasn't at home at the time.

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JSL: Was he looking around?

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JA: Yes, he was looking around like if he thought somebody was after him.

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JSL: Let's start all of that over again, and I just want to ask you the question, put it all in your words. You said that you heard on the news this report.

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JA: I heard on the news about this girl that had been stabbed or killed.

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JSL: And the question I want to ask you is when was the very last time before you heard that news report about Wanda Lopez that you had seen Carlos Hernandez?

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JA: I saw Carlos Hernandez about the day that happened, the day before it happened to Wanda. I had seen Carlos, that's the day he was there asking for Margie.

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JSL: Ok when you say the day before, you mean the day before you heard the news report?

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JA: Yes, No, like say Wanda was killed today, right, I saw Carlos in the afternoon, when he went looking for Margie.

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JSL: Ok what... and tell me about what Carlos said at that point.

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JA: He just said "Is Margie there?" and I said no, I said "Margie's not here." But I really didn't want him to ... Margie to hang around with him. And well I really didn't know

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where Margie was at the time. When he came by the house and asked me that, I was wondering, why is he so like nervous? You know, cause you know with Hernandez, we always had to have was something going on, something had to have happen, something was going on because Carlos had been drinking that afternoon.

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JSL: Ok, and what was he like on that occasion?

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JA: Nervous, very nervous.

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JSL: What do you mean by nervous? Describe what made you think that he was nervous.

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JA: When Carlos Hernandez was nervous or he was doing something, either getting mad, or getting after somebody or doing something, he was very different. He was very different. He was very different. When he was drunk he was a different person. He was very abusive.

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JSL: Now you described your house for us and you described that there was a park, kind of a park area with grass and trees behind your house.

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JA: Behind my apartment.

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JSL: And, what was that park used for?

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JA: Just, it didn't have no swings or anything, so it was just probably just for people to hang out there, to talk, to drink. A lot of people that was doing drugs would go back there. That's why we didn't let the kids go back there.

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JSL: And who did you know who did go back there?

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JA: Carlos Hernandez, his friends, the Zamora's, the Zamora's weren't, well they were big already but not 20, 30 years old. They were young.

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JSL: Anyone else?

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JA: Garcia's and...well all the kids that used to hang out right there in the...on Carrizo Street.

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JSL: And describe again the places in your house where if you happen to be walking or working or doing whatever, you could look

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out into that place or hear...

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JA: If I was coming up the stairs, underneath my apartment, my apartment was on the top, downstairs was a garage apartment, I mean a double garage, double garage had the washer, the phone and the TV. So, on the side of the house the stairs were there. So we had to like go around and then come up the stairs, go to side and then come up the stairs and then there was a big old porch right here where my front door was right there. Half of my living room was a living room and the half I had made into a bedroom.

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JSL: From which rooms or structures from around that house could you hear or see into that park?

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JA: Well right here like I said on my front door, right here to my right was a bedroom, to my left was the living room and then there was a kitchen. The kitchen had a back door into the balcony that was there. And on this other side on this right here, over here where the balcony was there was another bedroom

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JSL: And which of those places if you were standing or working or doing whatever...?

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JA: You could see it [the park] from either the kitchen, the back of the kitchen, the door, right, you could see to the park. Or the bedroom you could see to the park.

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JSL: And the balcony?

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JA: From the balcony, you could see to the park. Like I said my garage apartment, the, the, say like right here that part right here, was a living room, that's my front door right there. It's half of it, so that side is my living room, this other side is my bedroom. To my left hand side, to my right hand side is my bedroom. From there you could go into the kitchen like that, it was a little old kitchen. The sinks on the other side, on the left, my refrigerator, my refrigerator and my stove were on my right side. On the back of that was a little room that had a door going out to the balcony.

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JSL: And...

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JA: Ok, this, let's say, the door, the back of the other bedroom were windows that you could see out to the park.

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JSL: And the balcony itself was over the park?

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JA: Yes, yes, it was over the park. It was not a big balcony it was just something to where only about two or three people could go. I mean it was long, but it wasn't as wide.

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JSL: And how about on the stairs did you see or hear into the...?

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JA: Why yes, we could go, while you were coming up my stairs you could hear people in the back talking?

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JSL: Ok, now you described hearing news reports about Wanda Lopez being stabbed at the Diamond Shamrock. Did there come a time after that, when you heard something else about how Wanda Lopez died?

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JA: Well I heard Carlos Hernandez, once talking about a stabbing or a killing that had happened but I wasn't really sure who it was or he was talking about because he didn't say, he wouldn't say names. But when Carlos Hernandez was drunk he would say things he's not supposed to have said. That I thought that it was none of our business; that we didn't have to know.

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JSL: And what did he say?

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JA: Well, it depends, if it was concerning his family or concerning somebody else.

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JSL: What did he say about Wanda Lopez?

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JA: That he had stabbed her. But I wasn't really sure. I didn't want to say nothing. I was afraid if I knew something he would come, if he knew that we knew more than what we supposed to have heard. When he was drunk he wouldn't really care. But when he wasn't really drinking, he would say sometimes, oh how did you hear that, or I didn't say it, or I was drunk.

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JSL: How many times did you hear that?

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JA: About three times.

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JSL: Do you remember where you were in your house those times?

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JA: I was in the back of the balcony once, I was in the little old kitchen; it was not big; it's not there anymore but it wasn't big. And they were sitting out there, they were drinking. And he

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said that his like the other guy that he was with, was his friend, his "cuate" [friend, twin]. Or like a "cuate" [friend, twin]. That's not the word, they were both names alike. I can't remember that name, that thing that he said, its not "cuate" [friend, twin] but it's not friend.

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JSL: Ok but we need to know that word, was it a Spanish or English word?

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JA: Spanish. Spanish word.

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JSL: And what did he say about this other person?

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JA: Taking the blame for it. That his, his a camarada, not camarada, I need to know that word.

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Rick Perez: Tocayo [means namesake)?

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JA: Tocayo. That his tocayo had taken the blame for it. But I wasn't really sure what they were talking about, because like I said you know, I didn't like to be nosy, I didn't like to talk about anything.

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JSL: Now that you said you were in the balcony...

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JA: I was in the balcony

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JSL: Where else were you in the house when you heard this?

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JA: Going down the stairs, going up the stairs. Going up the stairs. And in the washroom

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JSL: What did Carlos Hernandez say?

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JA: He said that a, he stabbed this girl. But at the time, like I said, I didn't know who it was. I didn't know what he was talking about. Until I heard on the news, something came up, why would he be, you know, says after that, why would he be saying that. You know.

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JSL: Did he use a name?

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JA: Yes. Wanda Lopez.

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JSL: When he was saying those things, what was his emotions? Was he sad?

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JA: Like he was proud of it. Like if he hadn't said nothing he could have killed a dog or something. Like he was proud of it.

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JSL: Just a few more questions, Carlos Hernandez you said had a brother named Frankie.

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JA: Frankie, he was very abusive to Frankie, verbally and I think, a ...what's that other word, abusive by, with Frankie.

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JSL: Abusive in what way?

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JA: Like he would do things to Frankie that he's not supposed to, Frankie didn't want to be there.

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JSL: How did you know?

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JA: Because Frankie would come by the house and tell me he didn't want to be there with Carlos. Carlos would beat him up.

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JSL: Was it just beatings?

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JA: No, verbally abusive.

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JSL: Was it sexual abuse?

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JA: Yes.

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JSL: Carlos had a little niece you said, Pricilla, was Pricilla friends with any of your daughters?

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JA: Yes, I'm not sure if it was, I think it was Margie and Pinkie if I'm not mistaken.

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JSL: And how did Carlos treat Pricilla?

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JA: Bad, when Carlos wasn't drinking Carlos was a different person, but when Carlos was drinking, Carlos used to like he was the owner of the house, he would take over Fidela and Frankie and Pricilla and all of them.

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JSL: What did Pricilla do when she was around Carlos?

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JA: She wouldn't want to be there. She would come by the house

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and say she didn't want to be there. But I never did ask her why. But she kind of wanted to let somebody know what was going on at the time.

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JSL: Tell me what, tell me what that was about.

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JA: Like sex. That's it, you know. He was doing something to her that she didn't want to go through

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JSL: How old was she at that time?

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JA: She was about 10, 11 between there, maybe younger than that I'm not sure.

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JSL: How did Carlos treat his mother, Fidela?

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JA: Bad, when he was drinking, that was on Friday afternoon or maybe Thursday, when he was drinking he was very abusive to Fidela.

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JSL: What do you mean by abusive, he yelled?

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JA: He would yell at her and call her names. And you know Fidela just didn't want to put up with him no more.

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JSL: Did he ever get physically abusive?

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JA: I'm pretty sure he did. But of course Fidela would only say certain things.

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JSL: How did Carlos get along with his other brothers, you mentioned Frankie, but there was a brother named Javier.

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JA: Javier, they were all of them were very abusive at each other. But the one that started everything would be Carlos.

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JSL: And how did you know?

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JA: And of course they would have to defend themselves because. They would fight, they would fight. He would cuss them out and he would tell them a lot of stuff. And sometimes they would just leave him talking there by himself. But he got it to a point where if you were ever going to walk out the door. He would try to get them back to listen to him, what he was saying. It had to be his way or the highway.

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JSL: Miss Adrian, before, well after you heard these things that

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Carlos was saying in the park out behind your backyard, about

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JA: About Wanda?

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JSL: After he said that, did you tell anybody about that?

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JA: No, I sure didn't.

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JSL: Who was the first person you told about that?

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JA: I asked Margie. I asked Margie if she knew anything about it.

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JSL: And when was that?

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JA: I don't really remember, if it was. Well Margie would go out for days. I wouldn't remember if it was the following day, 3 days before, or whenever Margie wanted to come home, I would be, I could talk to Margie.

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JSL: And did you go to the police?

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JA: No, no, we didn't want, we weren't.... I mean I'm the type of person that you hear something, that you just shut up and

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that's it. You don't know nothing, you didn't hear nothing.

Cause we were afraid that we knew more than what we were supposed to have known.

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JSL: Who were you afraid of?

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JA: Carlos.

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JSL: Why were you afraid of Carlos

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JA: Cause he was very abusive to his mom and his family. And then when my daughter was with him, I knew Margie was seeing him. You know not often, but I knew Margie would see him, and I was afraid he was going to tell Margie something or do something to Margie. Maybe I should have said something at the time but we're not like that. We're not.

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Rick Perez (RP): Ms. Adrian, did Fidela tell you how Carlos Hernandez abuse her?

[Discussion about who asks question, about abuse of Fidela]

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JSL: How did you know about how Carlos treated or mistreated his mother?

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JA: Ok well, on occasion, we used to go out, we used to go out a lot. And Fidela would tell me, "I don't what's going on at the house, I don't know what's going to happen, I don't know, I'm always in a little strain because Carlos is very very abusive towards everybody in the house." And Fidela was really afraid of Carlos. When we went out Fidela didn't want to go home. The way I see it Fidela didn't want to go home. She knew she was going to go home to hell.

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Someone says: We're done?

Yup

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Someone asking question: Miss Adrian, overall tell me what you think happened, I mean, with this murder, in a very simple way. (Tape skips) Who do you think is responsible for Wanda's death?

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JA: Carlos Hernandez. If it hadn't come out of his mouth, but when he used to get drunk he used to say a lot of things he not supposed to have said. And that time that he was out there that he said that Wanda, that there was a stabbing and her name was Wanda Lopez. It came into my head that how could this be, I mean he shouldn't be saying nothing like that.

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JSL: Mrs. Adrian, who do you think killed Wanda Lopez?

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JA: Carlos Hernandez.

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JSL: Why do you think that?

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JA: Because Carlos Hernandez had said it -- the fact that he killed Wanda Lopez. If this thing ... if this ... if they would have waited a little bit longer or tried to look for people that really lived there, this thing wouldn't have gone this far. But they didn't never try to look for. This is the first time we have ever heard about this.

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JSL: Anybody ever come out and say...

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JA: Nobody did ever come out looking for us, asking nothing or nothing. We didn't know. For us this claim, this case was just over and done with and that was it.

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JSL: How, I mean if people came around the neighborhood and said, ever heard of a person named Carlos Hernandez, what would people have said?

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JA: Everybody knew Carlos Hernandez around there.

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JSL: And what did they know about him?

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JA: Being mean. Being like he didn't have no remorse what so ever. He was just mean. From Monday through Wednesday it was a different person. But maybe Thursday, maybe Thursday if he started drinking on Thursday that's it, the weekend was just going to be bad.

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JSL: And he was pretty well known in the neighborhood?

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JA: Oh yes. Everybody knew Carlos Hernandez around there, everybody. If you asked the dogs, the dogs would probably tell you.

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JSL: But the police, did they ask?

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JA: Nope, they never did. This is the first time I ever, well until your guys came around this the time, that I heard about it. But nobody did come out and tell us or ask us anything or let us know nothing. Its like they just did this case, throw it in the

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trash can and that was it.

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JSL: Ms. Adrian, you just told me and Rick the cameraman here some things you haven't told anybody else outside your family? Do you feel good about that?

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JA: Yes, in a way I do, in a way, maybe if I would have, nothing would have happened, maybe could have been my daughters. But I mean I should have said something at first. Maybe then, it shouldn't have gone this far.

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RP: Could it have changed things?

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JA: Yes, it would have changed a lot of things.

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RP: Like what?

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JA: Well I mean if we would have said something about Carlos Hernandez maybe at the time that we knew what was going on, they would probably be able to stop him. Because he was, like I said before, very very abusive.

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RP: And do you think it would have changed things for the "tocayo"

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JA: Yes, Yes. By what I heard it's like they killed the wrong person.