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MEMORANDUM

To:	DeLuna Team
From:	Sita Sovin, Lauren Eskenazi Capital Case Project
Date:	October 25, 2004
Re:	Beatriz Castro Interview October 23, 2004 <i>Carlos DeLuna</i>

We spoke with Beatriz from 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm on Saturday, October
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Beatriz Castro and Fidela Hernandez were neighbors in the mid 1970s through 1980-1981. Their back doors faced each other. Beatriz lived on Laredo Street and Fidela lived on Carizo Street. Beatriz knew Fidela and her family well. Fidela's children used to sleep over at Beatriz's home.

Dahlia Salceda Murder

Beatriz remembers living next to Fidela when Dahlia Salceda was killed. Freddy was going with Dahlia and Paula used to complain to Beatriz about how upset she was. Paula was very in love with Freddy. Paula even considered living with Dahlia and Freddy in Houston so she could remain with him.

Beatriz recalls that Carlos Hernandez and Dahlia were at her house the day before she was killed. After she was killed, Beatriz heard that Dahlia's body was found because someone could hear the little girl crying in the van.

Fidela told Beatriz that "they were accusing Carlos and they wanted to try him."

Ronnie, Beatriz's son, later told Beatriz that CH admitted killing Dahlia to him.

Fidela's Children and Lifestyle

Frank used to sleep over at Beatriz's house when Fidela kicked him out. Beatriz remembers living on Laredo when Frank was killed.

Beatriz later learned that Javier was killed and that CH died in prison. CH did not keep in touch with Fidela because Fidela's ways were terrible.

Javier told one of Beatriz's sons that he watched his mother having sex with a man.

As Fidela's sons grew older they started to rebel. They used to call her a whore to her face. On one occasion, the boys poured gasoline on the floor and set down rags in order to torch the house down. Beatriz only remembers one man who stayed with Fidela - perhaps an x brother-in-law.

Beatriz only remembers meeting Jerry once. She heard that Margarit lives in San Antonio.

Fidela was not protective of her boys. That's why Paula got married so young. Paula gave a child away -"sold it." It was Paula and Freddy's girl.

Frank: Sexual Abuse and Murder

CH and Javier, together, used to sexually abuse Frank when Frank was young. Carlos and Javier were together a lot - either working or whoring around.

Fidela kicked Frank out of the house the day before he was killed because he did not pay her money. Frank tried to explain that he did not get paid - but Fidela did not care. The next night (or a few nights after) Frank was found dead in a park with a bottle stuck in his throat. He had been drinking with people he knew and became angry with a woman. Supposedly the woman killed him and was sent to prison. Frank bled to death. He could have been saved if he was not left to die. Apparently, some school boys found him in the park the next morning.

When Fidela told her sister that Frank was killed, the sister told Fidela, "those things happen." Within a few hours, Fidela's sister's son was killed.

Frank was around 26 years old when he died.

Frank used to complain to Fidela about CH and Javier sexually abusing him and Fidela told Frank to "fight like a man." When Beatriz asked Frank about it - he told her that it happened all the time. Fidela did not have a heart for her children.

Carlos Hernandez

Carlos talked about the fights he had and used to boast about taking his knife out. Beatriz never saw his knife.

Carlos pretended to be a "player." He talked about women.

Margie

Margie used to spend the night at Beatriz's house too. She had a baby very young. Her mother threw her out because she had a child so young. Therefore, Beatriz took her in temporarily. **[Material removed]** Eric was raised by Margie's mom, Janie. Janie may have pumped Eric with pills (b/c hyper active??)

Margie had a sister named Cindy. Julie Garcia, Beatriz's daughter, hung out with Cindy and Margie. [Julie will probably remember Sylvia and/or Paula, Javier's wife, and their daughter, Kathy.]

Carlos Hernandez

Beatriz never saw Carlos after he fell off the truck while on Padre Island. She heard that he lost a lot of weight. She heard that there was water on CH's brain as a result of the accident. CH was in the hospital for months.

Freddy Schilling

Freddy was very controlling. He did not let Paula out of the house. One time, Beatriz saw dirt piled up by the front door after Paula swept the floor. Beatriz asked Paula why she didn't sweep the dirt outside. Paula told her that Freddy would not let her. Beatriz told her that Freddy was just trying to keep her from seeing him with other women.

Carlos - sexual preference

Beatriz remembers talking to CH about some gay men that lived across the street. In response, CH told Beatriz that he slept with men and women because as far as he was concerned, "a Ho is a Ho."

Casino Club

Beatriz went to the Casino Club when she was younger. However she was not the same generation as CH. We showed her photographs from the CC - but she did not recognize anyone. She thought the photo of Wanda looked familiar.

Fidela's Alleged Testimony * Fidela & CH

Fidela told Beatriz that she testified for CH at the Dahlia Salceda murder trial. Fidela stated that when the prosecution told her that CH's fingerprints were found on Dahlia's butt - Fidela told the prosecution "how else is he supposed to fuck her."

Fidela told Beatriz that while she believed CH killed Dahlia Salceda, she would never tell anyone even if she did know for sure.

CH never loved anyone. He just fucked women. With respect to Dahlia, CH told Beatriz, "we both fuck her, she's not my chick" - referring to he and Freddy.

Fidela - lifestyle

Fidela told Beatriz all about her life. Beatriz knew that, when Fidela was younger, she used to bring men home to make money. Fidela was only interested in making money. She made a man lunch to make money. She had sex with men to make money.

Theo was a big fat man. He was the uncle. He came to the house. Priscilla knew him. He was related to one of her ex-boyfriends.

Fidela never talked about goals for her children. She only complained that she had "miserable kids" who "never helped."

Fidela took out insurance policies on her children as if she knew they would die before herself given their high risk lifestyles. When Paula died she collected insurance money and refused to pay for any funeral expenses. When Javier died, she used the money to buy her house.

Fidela's sons told Beatriz that they saw her doing sexual things with lots of different men.

Beatriz's son Ronnie knew CH the best. Bob, Beatriz's other son, knew CH but not as well.

Margarite

Fidela talked about living with a man who she had a daughter with. Fidela told Beatriz that when she found out that he had sex with his daughter, she kicked them both out. Beatriz was not sure if the daughter left with the man.

Fidela told Beatriz she was only with men for money. Fidela said that when she went to dances she always knew which men had the money.

Priscilla

Priscilla liked Zack, Beatriz's youngest son. Priscilla also got involved with a Vela boy - the oldest one. They lived together for a while.

Beatriz grew up with the older generation Velas. She remembers that

the Velas used to shoot other kids with BB guns. The Velas were a big family and you did not mess with them.

Paula Hernandez

Beatriz did not know Mencho or Beto. Beatriz only knew Paula after she was with Freddy.

Javier Hernandez

Beatriz thinks that Javier's wife went to San Antonio or Houston (not sure if Sylvia or Paula?)

Sylvia left Javier. She went to the "Valley." Maybe Hebronville? Near Brownsville. Javier went up there to make up with her. Sylvia set him on fire - but told Fidela that she set himself on fire.

Fidela's Sisters

Fidela's sisters are against her. Fidela has never gotten along with her family. They always thought she was a whore. Fidela said she had to make money.

Fidela's children called her a whore all the time and she would kick them out of the house.

Priscilla was scared to stay at Fidela's alone. Therefore, she would spend the night at Beatriz's house. Priscilla lived with Beatriz when Fidela was in the hospital.

The Martinez Family

Mary/Maria Martinez had 14 children. Her older children were taken

away from her by CPS. Beatriz could remember the following children: Bertha who died of cancer; Elano; Juanita (Janie); Sylvia; Rose (blond hair); Reba; Linda; Roberto; Mario (married); James (in a nursing home now).

Mary/Maria Martinez, now around 62 years old, lives at a government owned nursing home on 19th and ??????. It is called the Navaro home.

When Bertha became pregnant at 12 years old and wanted an abortion, Mary/Maria told her to earn money for the abortion by sleeping with men.

Bertha did not want to prostitute herself, but did not think she had any other options. One Saturday she was supposed to meet a man behind the old Sears building. The man told Bertha to take her panties off. Bertha told him to give her the money first. He gave her money and pulled his pants down. Bertha ran as fast as she could to Beatriz's house.

Later Bertha had a miscarriage. She lost the pregnancy playing basketball. Bertha was taken to the hospital and called Beatriz to pick her up. When Beatriz took Bertha home - her mother scolded Beatriz stating, "you have no business picking her up."

Mary/Maria Martinez was like another Fidela. [Mary/Maria knows a lot about Hernandez family and will hopefully want to "gossip" with us]

We concluded our interview with Beatriz and asked if we could speak to her son Ronnie. We wanted to show him the new photos we had of Wanda and the Casino Club patrons. He did not recognize any of the photographs and stated, "these were not people that were in my circle."

Ronnie said that Dahlia was dark skinned; that Manuel DeLuna looked familiar; the name DeLuna is a familiar name.