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JSL interview of **Manuel DeLuna** 8-17-04
Notes, not summary.

Who is Carlos Hernandez and does Manuel know him? Carlos DeLuna said that he knew CH lived "over by the bakery." That he "went to school with me [Manuel]." That isn't true.

Maybe, maybe, maybe --- do I know CH? We all went to the Club Casino.

I asked Jesse Garza did I know him.

I would like to go to the Club. I used to go to the club in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Carlos (DeLuna) wasn't allowed in that club because he was too young.

They let me in (though I was under-age) because I knew the owner's daughter. That club was weird and wild.

CDL: maybe they let him in 3 or 4 times, that's all.

I was close to CDL in a certain way. I knew when CDL was lying. I know how Carlos got in this bad circle; it was because of Ida Sosa. I know when Carlos was lying. On the night he was executed, I asked him straight out: Did he do it. He said, "I didn't do it. It was Carlos Hernandez. You know him." How do I know him, I asked? "You went to school with him."

Tells me about **(Carlos?) Ortiz** relating incident in Armada Park in CC. Guy came up and told me. He went on to be a trustee. How I met this guy: At first he says it was *before* my brother got executed (which would suggest that it was in '87, '88, '89). He (Ortiz, Carlos?) was coming through the classification line. I knew everyone I was in the educational unit. I asked his name. Had a high school diploma. 120-something IQ -- high compared to others. I saw his file. He joined the plumbing trade to be with me. Short time in with me. S4 to S2 to trustee camp at Clemmons unit. Once in a while after he went to trustee camp, he came back to plumbing classes, then he disappeared. Saw him picking up papers, and I was there with 2 teachers and he was telling me about a 2-tier game he was going to invent. After that one time, he never talked about my brother. I think it was Carlos Ortiz but don't remember first name. Taller than me, 5'9" or 6'. Big old head; water melon head. Convicted out of Corpus. His TDCJ number should be higher than mine --- higher than 492323, maybe beginning with 5 or 6. 160 to 170 pounds. 22/23 years old; born '64-67. At the time, Carlos DeLuna had already been convicted; he was already in the system. (Carlos) Ortiz came up and said CH did it; bragged; other guys there; bragging; I killed this chick, this chick, this chick. Ortiz thinks he's a woman killer. CH says, "That CDL took my rap; he hasn't said anything; he

took my rap. Everyone knows that your brother was not guilty.”

MDL knew **Pete Olivarez** from Club Casino; since he was 15, MDL was going there. (That would be ca. 1975 or 1976.) Pete Olivarez and me partied a lot at that Casiono Club. We were tight. Pete’s parents were scared shitless (about CH, when MDL and Bruce Whitman went to visit them). MDL also knew **Jess Garza** from Casino club. The group was Henry Vela, Pete Olivarez and MDL; they hung out together at the Casino Club. Later, MDL hung out with Jesse Garza there.

My brother was not a leader; he was a follower. He could be brainwashed to do anything. He was a good kid.

Ida Sota (Sosa) was to blame for his down fall. MDL saw Ida Sosa in a bar recently. She asks, aren’t you Carlos’s brother. Recently saw her. Carlos told me in his last years that Ida Sosa had his baby. (But I think she denied it when he saw her.)

Ida Sosa lives in “Port Side” or Ayers – Ports St. area. White complected. Chubby

My mother died because of this shit (CDL’s arrest and conviction). I was in Dalls working [jsl note: and hiding from having jumped parole in CC...] I had not funds. I was married to Yolanda and we had a kid or two. I told mom, that he’ll be out again very soon giving you hell. Don’t worry about it. I felt bad (not going back to CC as mom asked), but I had responsibility and I was barely hanging on by my fingernails in Dallas, so I never went back to CC. Now is the first time in my life I can breathe. No worries about money, and some left over.

Carlos DeLuna (CDL) didn’t know **Linda or Mary Ann Perales**. MDL went to Tom Brown Jr. High with them. Mary Ann was in MDL’s class. Linda is 1 year older than me. Linda had a crush on me. She was in 9th grade, I was in 8th. Then, I lost track of her. Met her later. I was dating Linda, and Mary Ann is dating **Henry Vela**, Manuel’s friend. This is in maybe 1976; whenever it was that Elvis died. Then I lost track of her. She (Linda) married Henry Vela’s cousin, **Herberto Vela**.

Manueal married **Yolanda Hernandez** around same time, around 1989 [This may be where CDL picks up name Yolanda that he suses at trial.] I lost track of Linda Perales tile ’96 or ’97. Met Mary Ann. Linda still married. Linda then divorces Herbert Vela to be with me. Mary Ann in that period told me ‘my brother said he was with me, but I wasn’t with him that night. I was pregnant.’ Linda never said anything to me about Carlos DeLuna, Pricilla Hernandez, nothing. Never mentioned nothing. He never told her she thought CDL was innocent.

Linda and Mary Ann used to go to the Casino Club, and I sused to go with them. They had a yellow pinto but that was back in 1975-1977. Got rid of it for her old Ford.

Linda Perales got pregnant with Johnny Gonzales’s baby. Then after having a baby, she got involved with Herbert Beto who she married in about 1970.

Mary Ann never met Carlos. Linda met Carlos at my mother's house a few times in junior high. The two girls and me were tight. May Ann would've said the truth if it was the truth that she was with CDL that night. She has nothing to hide.

Linda would NOT have said the truth. Beto Vela is related to Carlos Hernandez [suggesting that would've been a reason for Linda to lie and say she wasn't with CDL].

Beto Vela is **Paula Hernandez's** first husband. Their daughter is **Pricilla Hernandez**. So Beto Vela wouldn't let Linda talk because he's jealous and because he was related to Carlos. Beto Vela is still alive. Very macho guy. [Suggesting he wouldn't want to talk to us.]

Beto Vela: [Material removed] He was married to Paula Hernandez in the 70s. Married Linda in 1979 or 1980.

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He remembers sitting with Linda and Mary Ann on patio at their family home and discussing the past (before he married Linda), and Mary Ann says about not being involved.

Ronnie DeLuna my son by **Yolanda DeLuna** my ex-wife. [This may be where CDL gets the names Yolanda and Ronald that he uses at trial.]

Is there a Ronnie Gonzalez (the name CDL used at trial)? Only one I can think of is Ronnie Jaramillo, who lived in this area. Bruce and MDL tried to find him, to no avail.

Carlos DeLuna as kid: good kid, until met Ida Sosa. Then life changed. Before that he played. Scared of dogs (his sisters mention this too). I thought he would be something. He could read. He could spell real good. Then the srpay appoint; stupid things in the

street. My mother didn't want him hanging around with that girl (Sosa), so she kicked him out. Then she begged him to come home, and then took him AND the girl into her home, so he wouldn't live on the street. He would go for 2 to 3 weeks and she couldn't find CDL. Manuel would let Carlos in thru the back window.

Manuel says to Linda Perales on the phone --- he calls her in the middle of our interview --- "CH is a very bad person who killed a lot of people."

In 1991, after CDL's execution, a reporter came around to his half sister Toni Pena. Woman, Channel 3 or channel 6. He told his sister not to talk to her.

MDL says that in 1991 he saw Carlos Hernandez on TV being picked up. Around the same time ...???

Reporter came around to talk to MDL and went over the case with him. She was after me to talk to her. [NEED TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS]

Carlos in prison got GED and took college course.

Manuel left school young, then went into 11th grade in Corpus. Carlos dropped out in 9th.