

JSL notes on phone summary by Bruce Whitman on interview of Manuel DeLuna on 8/11/04

Very Helpful

He was incarcerated in old Clemons unit near Houston between '87 and '91. He was rec (??) and Carlos Ortiz comes up: "You're from Corpus Christi? CDL's brother?" (great detail). CO also from Corpus Christi. He was at park in Corpus Christi (park near what used to be military housing), and C. Hernandez told him about killing 3 women. Others heard it. C. Hernandez referred to killing in van, at gas station, other (woman under bridge). CO was very direct about how C. Hernandez bragged about how Manuel's brother, CDL, took the fall.

Night of Execution:

MDL has 1 hour conversation with CDL; discussed a lot of things; CDL told him "don't blame God, if I am killed and I am innocent."

Manuel says to CDL "Tell me the truth." (MDL says to us: "I can tell when my brother is lying.") "Did you kill the lady at the gas station?"

CDL said "I did not. You know him. You know the man that did kill her"

Manuel says back to CDL "I don't know him."

Manuel is very presentable.

MDL said: "How can I help?"

He knows Jesse Garza and Pete Olivarez from the Casino Club