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#### **JSL Notes on Lauren/Sita description of Mary Ellis interview, 10/22/04**

Lauren and Sita interviewed Mary Ellis in Tallahassee federal womens' prison and she gave them another name of a Hernandez associate we're trying to track down: The new witness' name is Rosa "Smiley" Esparza. Don't know much about her, but maybe enough: Born or grew up in McAllen, Texas. Moved to Corpus Christi sometime in the 1980s or early 1990s. Then moved to California, perhaps San Bernadino. When in Corpus, she lived with Mary Louise Ellis (Maria Louisa Ellis). At the time, she was a lesbian, so there may be other women living with her. Don't know birthday or even age, but probably 35 to 48, something like that. She hung out with Mary Ellis and thus knew Carlos Hernandez.

Otherwise, Mary Ellis was not hugely helpful. She did know Carlos from the 70s to the 90s, but he didn't confide in her, or so she said. Sita and Lauren spent 3 hours with her and she was very nice, but claimed not to have heard any admissions. She actually was busted eventually as part of a big federal drug investigation, and the arrest with Carlos wasn't really part of that. Indeed, she sort of feels like she sucked him into the arrest when he didn't really do anything. So she had no hard feelings against him. She confirmed that he carried a knife all the time like those in the pictures but she couldn't i.d. that knife; she believed he would be capable of killing someone; she said he was charged with another murder but got off when he proved that he was in the hospital at the time (this may be a garbling of the Saucedo arrest and dismissal, I'm not sure); she gave us a few other new names, but only the one below (Esparza) with a last name; she confirmed that Minerva Garcia knew Carlos and was Mary Ellis' lover; M. E. was around Cindy a lot but never understood the relationship; she claimed to know Fidela as a strict disciplinarian but not a prostitute; she thought the picture of "Dahlia" at the Casino Club was a different Dahlia and the woman with her was that other Dahlia's sister, but I didn't really understand that part; she said she knew Jon Kelly and that he was the one who bailed Carlos out of jail in 1994, which is what some new records we recently rec'd suggest **[material removed]**. She claims Rosa Anzaldúa scalded or burned Carlos one time --- or so Carlos told her, explaining a scar he had. She looked long and hard at the (unidentified) picture of Wanda Lopez, saying she looked familiar but claiming not to be able to identify her (Lauren and Sita thought she might be holding back something there, given how clear she was with all the other pictures.) She looked at a picture of Carlos DeLuna and said that at first glance she thought it was Carlos Hernandez, although on close inspection she could see that it wasn't. I think that is most of the report I got.