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RBW'S NOTES**

**Interview of
08/12/2004**

Jessie Garza

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Dob: 11/05/1960

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Manuel DeLuna and I located and visited with Jessie Garza at his residence on this date. Manuel DeLuna and Jessie Garza talked about, and shared, memories of their youthful times in Corpus Christi including the times spent at the Casino Club.

Manuel DeLuna explained I was doing research on behalf of his brother Carlos DeLuna, the DeLuna and the victim's family. Manuel talked about Carlos Hernandez admissions to people regarding the murders of Dahlia Saucedo and Wanda Lopez. I asked Jessie if he would be willing to share what he knew of the Dahlia Saucedo murder, Carlos Hernandez and any other information he might identify as important or helpful? Jessie Garza made it very clear he did not want to get involved in anything to do with our project but talked about the following:

Jessie Garza explained how his arrest and eventual acquittal on the Saucedo murder had changed his life forever. After standing trial for the murder and his release from jail Jessie joined the army for a 6 year enlistment. **[Material Removed]** Jessie enjoyed his time in the Army and planned on staying in for 20-yrs. After his discharge from the Army Jessie became frustrated with what his life had become. Jessie applied for many jobs and was accepted and qualified for the jobs but turned down when his felony arrest for the murder of Dahlia Saucedo was disclosed. The arrest for Dahlia's murder made it difficult if not impossible for Jessie to get any long term employment. **[Material**

Removed] Jessie describes himself as a good worker, has always worked, and is now working full time and the navy air station for a construction company.

Jessie talked about the night and morning he met Dahlia Saucedo at the Casino Club. Jessie hung out at the Casino Club most nights it was opened. Jessie liked the ladies, he liked to dance and hang out with his friends including Pedro Olivarez. On this particular night an attractive lady who Jessie learned was Dahlia Saucedo bought Jessie drinks until closing time. She seemed to have lots of money and was willing to spend it on drinks for Jessie. After the club closed Jessie and Pedro walked outside, it was raining. As they walked away from the club a van pulled up. Dahlia was driving as asked Jessie and Pedro if they wanted to drive around with her? There was a man sitting in the front passenger seat when Dahlia drove up, (later to be identified as Carlos Hernandez). Dahlia told Carlos to get out of the front seat to make room for Jessie. She told Carlos to get in the back of the van. Jessie got in the front passenger seat and Pedro and Carlos got in the back. Jessie soon discovered there was another man in the back besides Pedro and Carlos (Jessie never ID this man but thought he might have been related to Carlos Hernandez) The men in the back were drinking and using drugs, smoking marijuana and snorting something. They drove around visiting with each other and at some point they had a flat tire and at another point they stopped somewhere and picked up Dahlia's infant daughter. Jessie kept the daughter in the front of the van with he and Dahlia as the men in the back were drinking and doing drugs. They drove and drove for hours on end. Jessie called his employer and said he wouldn't be at work that day. Carlos, who was drinking the whole time eventually, started talking "shit" to Jessie, making threatening remarks towards him and wanting to fight with Jessie. Jessie and Pedro decide they had enough driving around and asked Dahlia to drop them off near the down town area of Corpus Christi. Jessie got out of the front and Pedro got out of the back of the van. Within a day or two Jessie learned that Dahlia had been murdered and he was the prime suspect and eventually was arrested for the murder.

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