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MEMORANDUM

To:	DeLuna Team
From:	Sita Sovin, Lauren Eskenazi Capital Case Project
Date:	September 15, 2004
Re:	Fidela Hernandez Interview September 14, 2004 Carlos DeLuna

We spoke with Fidela from 12:45 pm - 2:30 pm on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at her home

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Fidela was not always easy to comprehend. She rambled a bit and we let her. She is an insulin diabetic who has slowly been losing her eyesight over the last five years. We are cautious and observant about how she presents herself as she may be exaggerating the extent of her disabilities.

Frankie's death

Son Frankie fighting / in a dispute with Irene Lopez from Robstown. He was trying to make friends with a girl and Irene got mad at him , took him out of town and her brother stabbed him.

Irene Lopez went to prison in connection with Frankie's death. Irene has a brother who is in prison for killing a woman by *slashing her in the back*.

Javier

Javier used to live with Carlos.

Fidela showed us a photo of Carlos and Javier. ***(We will get copies.)***

When burned and killed, the police said Javier wanted to burn the children as well. The police said he did it to himself.

Javier was visiting his children Sara Lee and Anthony when he was set on fire.

Javier always had long hair.

We saw several photos of Javier. ***(We will get copies.)***

Javier was always mean to women and beat them.

Carlos

"If I knew Carlos did something, I would say."

The time Fidela was taken to court regarding Carlos, she knew that a lady had picked him up in a van. The lady was with Fernando Schilling (Pauline/Paula's husband), Ronnie and other men. That woman liked men, liked to party. She was with about seven men.

Ronnie who?

Seven men that night?

There was another guy in the picture too who said he did not do it. (Reference to Garza)

The judge wanted to put Fidela in a room with Carlos. Fidela states

she thinks the court was hoping they would talk. ***(Seems to be an obvious contortion of the conversation Fidela actually had with Carlos and advising him to say he was with Dahlia and then left.)***

Carlos's girlfriends

- An older woman when he was out of prison. Very nice.
- Cindy - Fidela thinks Cindy is a good woman, would like to be in touch with her. Cindy was hurt on the job and not working. Carlos loved Cindy.

There was also a woman that Carlos or Javier (***clarify***) fought with at Fidela's house. She was a tall woman who came to Fidela's once. Javier or Carlos said that if she came again, he would kill her.

Javier and Carlos used to fight.

Fidela's Children

From oldest to youngest:

Areliam Ramos - born when Fidela 16 or 17 y.o., father Jimmy Sangero
Marguerite
Pauline
Carlos
Geraldo - "Jerry"
Javier
Efrain - "Frankie"

Pauline and Carlos were close

Javier was very jealous. Javier and Carlos fought because Javier

complained that Carlos wanted his women.

When Carlos went with Cindy, he "was old enough to go." Since Carlos and Javier fought so much, Fidela put Carlos out of the house.

There was a family friend who loved Pauline but Pauline wanted nothing to do with him. His name is Thomas Markus. Thomas lives with his wife now. At the time he tried to show affection to Pauline, he was separated from her. Thomas and his wife just live together, they are not in love. Thomas still talks about Pauline.

Pauline was dumb. She like to be hurt. Thomas would do anything for Pauline. When Pauline had cancer, Thomas wanted to help Pauline. Pauline stayed with Fernando who was mean and a could not provide a home for Pauline. It was so bad that Pauline had to give her children away.

One child given away by Pauline was a girl who went to live in California with mean people. ***(Rita's version is that the girl went to live in Florida.)***

Pauline's children

Eddy

Michael

Julie - given away and living in CA

Priscilla

Alex - given up for adoption. His name was changed.

Carlos was friends with Fernando.

Pauline never lived with Beto Vela but had her first child, Priscilla, with him. At this time, Beto was married to someone else. ***(Linda??)***

Pauline was then with Mencho Alaniz with whom she had son Alex who

was given up for adoption.

Need follow up - Mencho - guy that had grandson from sister????

Mencho was dark skinned. Fidela does not know why Pauline was with him. He used to beat her. One time, put her up on the table in Fidela's house, going to beat her. Fidela said do not do this in my house. Mencho used to kick Pauline.

Pauline was 18 y.o. when she became pregnant with Priscilla. Pauline left and went to Houston and Fidela raised Priscilla.

Daughter Julie was given away in the park like a dog.

Pauline went to work. Lived in a van.

Fernando and Pauline lived with Fidela at one point until Fidela put them out because Fernando did not work. Fidela came home to find Fernando eating steaks with his friends.

Priscilla stayed with Fidela until she was 11 years old when Fidela put her out. Found Priscilla in her room, naked with two boys. Fidela bought her shoes and boots and clothes, two suitcases full and took her to her mother's house in Alameda.

When Priscilla was 11 years old, she was with a man who was 21 y.o. The 21 y. o. (**Who?**) Asked Fidela if he could spent time with Priscilla. Fidela said wait until she is 15 or 16 y.o. then Priscilla can make her own decisions.

Priscilla, at 11 y.o. framed her crotch with her hands as in offering and stated "I have enough for everybody."

Fidela heard that Carlos was married with Rosa, a woman in Alameda.
Carlos had a son with her that looks like him.

Fidela worked as a shirt presser in a laundry. It was a good job for her since she had no formal education. She worked for Mr. Skinner. When there were problems with Skinner, Fidela went to work at Eureka. She went back and forth between Skinner and Eureka.

Fidela used to call the police on Javier. Javier has a daughter Paula last name is possibly Contreres. Also was with Kathy Hernandez.

Fidela's oldest sister, Beatrice Gomez died two months ago. Fidela went to her service.

Follow Up on these notes:

Ramos

Tanguma

Margarita Gonzales.

Lived with Hernandez 9 years, 9 months.

Fidela worked in Cantinas, worked in hotels. She would refill beer bottles with water, made extra money that way.

Fidela started drinking beer when she was 53 years old.

Fidela's step-mother was an angel. Mother was not helpful at all.

Frankie was killed by Irene Lopez who was in a lesbian relationship. Irene had a brother who was involved in the killing. Irene went to prison. One of Frankie's eyes was carved out in the killing.

At some time in the past, Fidela thought she was losing her mind.

Follow Up.