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Records search

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To William Belford,  
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Subject CH arrests(?) in Oct. 1981 and Apr. 1983

William:

In going over that 10-26-81 fingerprint card you got us from the CCPD with the indication that Infante looked at CH's prints on 4-4-83, I have the following notes for 10/26/81 and then for 4/4/83 in my log:

**10/26/81:** "Marsha in ID and Kathy Lancaster in records at CCPD have informed William Belford orally that on 10/26/81 prints Hernandez's major case prints were taken after he was picked up for **making threats and resisting arrest**. There is no information on who the complainant was, as the offense reports have been destroyed. But there should be handwritten notations in some log book."

**4/4/83:** Marsha in ID and Kathy Lancaster in records at CCPD have informed William Belford orally that on 10/26/81 Carlos Hernandez's major case prints were taken after he was picked up for making threats and resisting arrest. There is no information on who the complainant was, as the offense reports have been destroyed. There was also a second date of 04/04/83 written on this print card. Marsha thinks that, knowing the way the printing officer works, when Hernandez was being booked the officer didn't bother to take an additional set of prints and simply wrote another date (04/04/83) beside the original and only fingerprinting date of 10/26/81. The 04/04/83 booking date relates to an outstanding warrant - maybe from municipal court Kathy Lancaster thought. *From 7/17/04 email from William Belford:* "Regarding officers involved in handling Carlos Hernandez around 10/26/81 and 04/04/83 I was told the following by Marsha in CCPD ID section: **10/26/81** Hernandez had his prints taken by Officer Hoffer from the ID section ( Marsha believed he was a sergeant and now deceased). **04/04/83** - the ID officer who just wrote the date on the print card, rather than re-print, was Officer Infante. Officer J. Infante #239 from ID was the person who processed the De Luna capital murder scene.

The record you sent me has no indication of the crime for which CH was picked up on Oct. 26, 1981, nor of course of any indication that he was arrested on 4-4-83 and, if so, for what.

Can you obtain any further information about the Oct. 1981 arrest --- we have nothing on that from any source. How did Marsha or Kathy know that the arrest was for threats and resisting arrest?

I suspect that CH was NOT picked up in April 1983, but that Infante simply went over the print card from '81 to compare the prints to the scene prints in the Lopez case. But of course, proving that negative is hard.

Would you make an effort, if you could, to find out everything your contacts can tell you about the 10-26-81 and 4-4-83 events and where you could go to find other records of them? You might also gently inquire whether, if "INF" (Joel Infante), simply wanted to compare a set of prints already in CCPD files to prints found at a particular crime scene ---- without actually arresting anew the person from whom the fingerprints on the print card were previously taken ---- the officer might at that time simply write his initials on the earlier print card and the date. In other words, could the "INF 4-4-83" indication simply mean that Infante used this print card on that date in connection with an investigation but without having to rearrest CH or have him in custody.

Please, that is, exhaust all possible avenues of research on this.

AND THANKS FOR THE STUFF ON THE IRENE LOPEZ(ES) AND MARSHALL LESTER MARSHALL.....  
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