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MEMORANDUM

To:	DeLuna Team
From:	Sita Sovin, Lauren Eskenazi Capital Case Project
Date:	September 15, 2004
Re:	Linda Perales Ayala Interview September 14, 2004 <i>Carlos DeLuna</i>

We spoke with Linda at her home

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We spoke to Linda at her home for an hour and a half. Carlos DeLuna told the police that he was at the skating rink with Linda Perales and her sister Mary Ann. Mary Ann testified at DeLuna's trial and stated that she was not at the roller rink. Linda never testified at trial.

Skating Rink and Murder

Before we asked any specific questions, Linda volunteered that Carlos DeLuna claimed he saw her and her sister (Mary Ann) at the skating rink on the night of the crime. Linda said that was impossible because she had stopped going to the skating rink once she "grew up."

Linda went to skating rink regularly when she was young. She does

not recall whether Carlos DeLuna was there. There were adults and kids at the rink.

At the time of the crime, Linda was pregnant with her second child. [Later in interview she states that by 1983 she had all four of her children]

Linda thought that one reason Carlos DeLuna may have told the police that he saw her and her sister and the skating rink was because, without an attorney, the police can make you say anything.

Later, Linda learned that both Carloses were at the scene of the crime.

Linda did not know about the trial against Carlos DeLuna until after her sister testified. Her sister told about the trial after she testified.

When Linda was married to Manuel, he told her that Carlos DeLuna was innocent. She does not recall whether Manuel told her that CDL knew CH.

Priscilla told Linda that Carlos Hernandez committed murders long after they happened. At first, she thought Priscilla told her two years ago then she thought it may have been when she was married to Manuel.

Carlos DeLuna

Linda saw Carlos DeLuna only once in her life. She saw him at the Casino Club once. She went to the Casino Club at 16 or 17 years old. She went with her cousins and got in although she was under age. The night she saw Carlos, he was with a woman and he almost got into a fight. She described Carlos as someone who could not sit still. He was hyper.

Manuel DeLuna

Linda knew Manuel from school. (Tom Brown?) She remembers that he was very sweet when they were in school together. Linda was in Manuel's grade although she should have been in a higher grade. Linda had been left back a year.

Linda also said that she met Manuel at her church which she started attending at age 10.

When they were younger, Manuel told Linda that his brother Carlos was in a place for juveniles. Linda never met Carlos DeLuna when they were in school together. When she asked Manuel why she hadn't met Carlos - Manuel would explain that he was always locked up.

Manuel and Carlos' mother was very strict. Her last three children, Manuel, Rose and Carlos, were from one man. She had another child that now lives by MayAnn on Ray street. Linda does not know his name.

Linda married Manuel in 1998 or 1999. They were married for about one year. After they married she felt like she got to know the "real" Manuel. He was always in prison. She saw his picture on a paper where he was listed as "Most Wanted." Manuel was wanted for parole. He had stolen money from a man's house where he may have worked. He lied a lot and lost his jobs. Once Linda received a letter from Manuel's employers accusing Manuel of stealing from the company.

Manuel is a compulsive liar.

Manuel's wife Yolanda (Wanda?) divorced him once he was in jail.

Manuel and Henry Vela worked at "Chico's" restaurant together.

Manuel came to see Linda when she pregnant with her first child.

Manuel is now working for his girlfriend. She owns her own business - an Antique store (located at Kostoryz and McArdle). **[Material removed]**

Linda has no pictures of Manuel because she ripped them all up in 1998. He is 5'5 or 5'6, has thick eye brows, black hair, skinny arms and legs. He now has a belly. She most recently saw him at the local Sunday flea market. She can't recall if he has tattoos.

Henry Vela

Linda met Henry Vela at the Casino Club. It was a Spanish club with dancing. Sometimes they played English songs.

Henry Vela passed away. He used to like Linda's sister Mary Ann.

Henry Vela was a DJ. He DJ'd at the Casino Club and later, at a topless bar. He died one evening while leaving the topless bar drunk. He merged on to Airline into traffic and got into an accident and died.

Dora Vela

Dora was brought up with Rose DeLuna. Dora slept over at the DeLuna house. Dora was living at the DeLuna house for a while.

Rose never went to the Casino Club - her mother was too strict.

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Linda believes that Paul and Priscilla are about the same age. She thinks that Priscilla is 32 or 33.

Paul drank when he was young because his parents drank in front of him.

When Priscilla came to Linda and Beto's house, she had sex with her half brother Paul. Priscilla became pregnant by Paul and had the baby.

After Linda found out about Priscilla and Paul she kicked both of them out of the house. Paul lived with his mother and Priscilla lived with her mother.

Linda is raising Priscilla and Paul's child, Lindsay. Lindsay was born when Priscilla was around 15 years old. Lindsay is now 17 years old. ***(Rita reports that Priscilla had her first child when she was only 12 or 13 y.o.)***

Beto is still around. Linda does not talk to him. He talks to their children. Beto has been married at least twice since Linda and he divorced. He is currently working.

Priscilla Hernandez

Priscilla does not talk to her family. Her mother died. She does not speak to her grandmother (Fidela). Her grandmother raised her, but Priscilla left when she was 14 years old and went to live her mother. Priscilla's grandmother was mean Priscilla's mother Paula. Priscilla witnessed Fidela engage in prostitution

Priscilla told Linda that there was "sexual stuff with the family." Linda states that "she [Priscilla] was doing that stuff with someone in the family." There was a, "family incest thing..... brothers and sisters."

Linda could not or would not be more clear about this and suggested we talk to Rita Hull about it. It is unclear whether by brother/sister she was referring to Priscilla and Paul or whether she meant between Fidela's children. [JSL: MAYBE SHE MEANT CARLOS H AND PRICILLA – THAT'S MY GUESS]

"Priscilla may have been sexually abused. Her grandmother was with people - in and out of the house. Family... they were sick. They

would be with each other. Then she [Priscilla] ended up doing it.”

Linda does not speak with Priscilla. Lindsay ignores Priscilla when they run into each other on the bus.

Priscilla has 8 children all from different men. Some of the fathers are brothers. Three children are from 2 brothers.

Priscilla dates young guys around 19 years old - juveniles who are in trouble with the law.

Last Sunday, Linda saw Priscilla at the flea market. Priscilla had a huge burn on her hand. It looked like a 3rd degree burn. Linda said she could see her bone. Priscilla did not seek medical attention for her injury. Priscilla told Linda that she believes she is going to die anyway. Priscilla claims to have cancer.

Paul Vela

After Priscilla became pregnant, Paul left Priscilla. Paul has been married a few times and has several children. He is currently married and had two children with this wife.

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Carlos Hernandez

Linda did not know Carlos Hernandez. She later learned that Carlos that he was “bad” by which she meant that he raped Priscilla.

The Casino Club

The owners of the club were related to Beto Vela. The owners were the Ortiz brothers (one may have been Johnny Ortiz) and one of the wives of the Ortiz brothers. The wife's name was Yolanda. The Casino Club was predominantly Spanish with dancing and alcohol. No food.

Linda went to the Casino Club with her cousins. Her sister, Mary Ann, went to the White Rabbit. The last time Linda went to the Casino Club was after her first daughter was born in 1979. She went one time after her daughter was born.

Henry Vela DJ'd at the club.

Fidela Hernandez
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Fidela told Pauline, "You're not my daughter - I wish you were dead."

Fidela and Pauline worked together at the Cleaners even though they did not get along.

Fidela did not even have a funeral for her daughter, Pauline. Pauline's friend, Rita Hull made all the arrangements. Rita's sister is Norma.