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**Interview of
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Mary Margaret Tapia
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Mary Margaret (Margie) Tapia 41 yoa, is the second child born to Janie Adrian. Other siblings include: Mary Jane Tapia 41 yoa, Cindy Garcia 34 yoa, Beatrice Tapia 36 yoa, and Ralph 29 yoa. Margie has never been married and has four children:

Eric Tapia, [material removed], whose father is Ramiro Lazo

Andrea Tapia, [material removed], whose father is David Ruth

John Tapia, [material removed], whose father is David Ruth

Monica Tapia, [material removed] whose father is Joe Franco

In the late 70's and early 80's Margie lived with her family on east side of Carrizo Street just north of Laredo Street in Corpus Christi. Fidela Hernandez, her son Carlos and grand daughter Pricilla lived in a house on west side Carrizo as did the Duran's, Johnny, Roger, and Richard Garcia and the Zamora's, Robert, Ronnie and their mother Bea.

Margie became and is a lesbian and does not get along with her mother who does not approve of that life style.

It was in July of 1978 when Margie was 6-months pregnant with her first child Eric and living with her mother and siblings on Carrizo that she first noticed, and was attracted to, Carlos Hernandez. Margie watched Carlos Hernandez as he came home from work every day. Carlos Hernandez worked for a pipeline company. "There was

just something about him”. Carlos Hernandez wore a hardhat and seemed friendly. In November of 1978 Carlos Hernandez and Margie starting visiting everyday. Carlos Hernandez was friendly and nice to Margie. They started going out to the movies and sometimes dinner and in December of 1978 Margie moved in with Carlos Hernandez and his mother Fidela and Pricilla. Fidela soon taught Margie how to cook and made sure Margie was up at 5:00 a.m. to prepared breakfast and a lunch for Carlos. Fidela told Margie, “The only way to keep a man is to keep him happy in bed and to do everything he tells you to do”. At first Margie was allowed to spend the day time at her mother’s house but she had to be back at Hernandez’s by 4:00 p.m., before Carlos came home from work in plenty of time to fix Carlos’s dinner.

Evenings were spent watching television. The living room was made into a bedroom where Margie and Carlos slept. Fidela had her own bedroom. Things started to change with Carlos after Margie moved in. “He (Carlos) was just fine and then every once in a while he would just change. He would get angry at me over nothing like the television was on the wrong channel, the fan wasn’t pointed in the right direction. Anything to be mad about. This just built up and Carlos started slapping me around”. The next day Carlos was fine, loving and caring. He would call Margie “Babe” and take her out, rub her stomach and ask how his son was doing. Carlos was fine for 2-3 weeks and then physical abuse started all over again. “He could be the sweetest guy and than just turned in an instant to a mean person”. After the physical abuse started Margie was not allowed out of the house without Carlos. Carlos went out alone and he always came home drunk and abusive.

Fidela was not working at a job. She went out nightly to bar/lounges, including one called Marie’s. Fidela frequently was accompanied by Margie’s mother Janie. Fidela was a prostitute and sometimes brought her john’s home with her. One she called Sugar daddy. Carlos knew what his mother was doing but never talked about it to Margie. Fidela paid the bills with the money she made as a prostitute.

Margie gave birth to Eric on 01/03/1979. Carlos wanted to be at the hospital when Eric was born but wasn’t able to leave his job at the pipeline company. Carlos knew Eric was not his son. Carlos didn’t care and referred to Eric as his son. “Eric’s birth seemed to calm Carlos at first”. Both Carlos and Fidela became attached to Eric

truly love and care about him. “Fidela even took out a life insurance policy on Eric.”

Things with Carlos were good until March of 1979. In March Margie got her figure back and was feeling good about herself. One day she fixed her hair, put on a pair of shorts, put Eric in the basinet and sat on the front porch and waited for Carlos to come home from work so she could greet him on the porch. Carlos arrived on Carrizo Street. As he was walking down the sidewalk and as he got to his house he noticed Margie sitting on the porch and from the street he yelled at Margie, “What the fuck are you doing outside the house?” Margie told him she was waiting for him to come home from work. Carlos climbed the stairs and started kicking Margie. He was wearing his heavy work boots. He kicked Margie through the front door into the house. Margie told Carlos she hadn’t done anything she was just sitting outside waiting for him. Once inside the house Margie said she wanted to go to her mother’s. Carlos said no, locked the front door, picked up a hammer, threw Margie on the bed in the living room, held the hammer over her head and threatened to hit her with it while he raped her. Margie told Carlos she wanted to leave him. Carlos told her if she ever left him he would kill her and she wasn’t taking his son, (Eric). From this event on Carlos didn’t allow Margie out of the house unless he was with her.

Approximately 2 months later, Carlos began beating Margie again but this time Margie was able to get to the telephone in Fidela’s room. She called her sister Mary Jane Garcia and told her what was happening. She was in fear of her life and wanted to get out of the house. Mary Jane told her there was only one way to get Margie out and that was with the help of the police. Margie told her not to call the police because Carlos was on parole and he would be sent back to prison. Mary Jane sent her husband Richard and his brother Johnny over. Carlos answered the door. Richard told Carlos he was there to get Margie and Eric. Carlos said no. A couple hours latter there was another knock on the door and this time it was the police. The police asked how things were going. Carlos said things were fine. The police asked Margie the same question and she told them she wanted to leave. Carlos said no, the police said yes. Margie took Eric, left with the police and never returned.

Carlos Hernandez always carried a folding knife, just like the one in the picture, marked SX 30. He carried it either in a holster on his belt on his right side or in his right

back pocket. Carlos Hernandez talked to his knife and told it when it was time for it to go to bed. Carlos put the knife to bed on his side of the bed and under the mattress.

While Margie was living with Carlos, at least 2-3 times a week, Carlos woke up with nightmares and in a sweat, sometimes swinging his arms and fighting at nothing. His was afraid; his eyes were wide like someone was going to hurt him. Margie tried to comfort him and asked what he was seeing? Carlos didn't want to talk about it but onetime told her he was fighting with one man in his sleep.

After leaving Carlos, Margie lived with her mother until the fall of 1970 when she moved to Kings Street to live with some friends.

After the break-up, Carlos would stop by to see Eric and talk to Margie. He talked about the things they had done together, how he missed Eric and how things might have been if they had stayed together. One time he even said he was sorry for the things he had done to Margie. Margie talked to Carlos off and on through mid 1980's.

Margie started going to the Casino Club when she was 14-1/2 years old in January of 1978-September of 1978 and started going again late in 1979 to January of 1980. She knew the doorman Rick Vargas who let her in underage. While at the Casino Club Margie saw Carlos De Luna often and Carlos Hernandez once in awhile, and a few times she saw Carlos Hernandez and Carlos De Luna together at the Casino Club. Carlos Hernandez preferred the cantina's to the Casino Club. Others she remembers at the Casino Club in addition to Carlos Hernandez and Carlos De Luna were: sisters Mary Ann, Diana, and Linda Perales, Juan(unk), Beto Vela, and Henry Vela. In 1980 Margie started going to the "The Corner Pocket", a billiards bar on Ayers and Baldwin. Margie saw Carlos De Luna hanging out on Carrizo Street and at parties at the Zamora's attended by Carlos Hernandez .

Maggie met "Tinker" (Timoteo Clark), at a pool hall in 1981 and dated him for approximately 1-1/2 years. Margie knew Tinker had been to prison for armed robbery. They got along well. Tinker had a daughter Crystal. He liked to go fishing. Tinker's sister Diana lived, and still does, on David Street just south of Baldwin three houses south of the "Money Box" in a green and white house with a pretty front door". **[JSL NOTE: Maybe the sister knows who the "Carlos Hernandez" was who lived on David St..]**

Sister Bea is 3 years younger than Margie and lived on Carrizo Street at her mother's house until at least 1984. Bea was friends with Pricilla (Fidela's grand daughter, daughter to Paula Hernandez and Beto Vela). Bea and Pricilla played games like baseball with the Zamoras and Durans in the neighborhood.

Janie Adrian, Margie's mother, told Margie that Fidela Hernandez said Carlos Hernandez confessed that he had murdered Dahlia Saucedo in 1979. **Jane also told Margie she knew that Carlos Hernandez was a friend of Wanda Lopez and that on the night of the Lopez murder Carlos Hernandez was at Janie's house looking for Margie (who he had not been dating for years as of that point).** Carlos was driving a gold 4-door Chevrolet Impala and was wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans and there might have been someone else in the car? Janie wasn't sure.

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