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#### Interview of 09/28/2004

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Beatriz Tapia  
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I spoke Beatriz, (Bea), (Pinky) Tapia at her residence in the afternoon of 09/28/2004. This was a follow up interview to an interview of 09/19/2004 and a telephone conversation I had with Bea on 09/23/2004.

Bea resided with her mother Janie Adrian and siblings on Carrizo Street in Corpus Christi in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Janie and the family's house was directly across the street from Fidela Hernandez, her sons Carlos and grand daughter Pricilla and at times Fidela's daughter Paula and son Javier visited Fidela at her Carrizo residence.

Bea who's DOB: is [material removed] and Pricilla became close friends and played together in the neighborhood. Pricilla was outgoing and talkative. Pricilla always asked Fidela, Carlos or Javier where they were going whenever they the left there house. Many times within "a few months" before the Wanda Lopez killing, Pricilla asked Carlos Hernandez where he was going in Bea's presence. Carlos said he was going to the Diamond Shamrock station next to Wolfy's to hang out. Many times Carlos said he was going to the Diamond Shamrock to visit with Wanda and a couple of times Carlos said he was going to the Diamond Shamrock station to hang out and to visit Wanda *Lopez*.

Shortly after Wanda's death, in the afternoon, Beatriz and Pricilla, and Beatriz's younger sister Cindy were sitting on the front porch steps of the Hernandez residence. The girls were sitting 2-3 steps from the top of the porch. Carlos Hernandez and

his brother Javier were on the porch talking just above the girls. Beatriz overheard Carlos Hernandez tell Javier he, “hurt someone”. Javier asked Carlos who? Carlos said “Wanda”. Carlos Hernandez cautioned Javier not to say anything more in front of the kids. A few days later Bea heard about the Wanda Lopez killing and she knew who Carlos Hernandez was referring to in his conversation with Javier.

Carlos Hernandez always carried a knife in a sheath on his right side. Carlos Hernandez “walked like Mr. Tough guy, Mr. big shot”. Carlos always played with the flap that held the knife in the sheath.

On 09/23/2004 Beatriz’s mother Janie called her and told her Carlos Hernandez had confessed to her that he murdered Wanda Lopez. Janie told Bea she wanted to talk to the investigator about what she heard and knew about Carlos Hernandez and the killing. Janie asked Bea to call and have the investigator call Janie back to make arrangements to meet with her. Bea made the call and passed the information on.

Bea looked at pictures I received from Sita and Lauren. Interestingly she mis-identified the mug shots of Carlos Hernandez and Carlos De Luna pointing to Carlos Hernandez’s picture and identifying him as Carlos De Luna and vice versa with Carlos De Luna’s photo. She identified Abby Cicneros as Dora Vella who she remembered seeing in the Carrizo neighborhood. Bea identified Cindy Maxwell as “the black lady” who she saw with Carlos Hernandez at his house on Carrizo Street. Bea studied the court photo of Wanda Lopez. After careful thought she asked me if the photo was of Wanda Lopez? I told her I didn’t know? Bea said she thought the photo was Wanda Lopez. Bea wasn’t positive but “pretty sure” she remembered seeing the girl in the photo, (Wanda Lopez) visiting with Carlos Hernandez on Carrizo Street a couple of times. Bea identified Freddy Shilling, Paula, Eddie and unknown name child on left as Carlos Hernandez’s relatives who visited the Hernandez’s on Carrizo Street. Bea identified Paula and Pricilla in the photo of Paula in a hospital gown.

Carlos De Luna hung out on Carrizo Street and drank beer with Carlos Hernandez, the Zamora’s and others in the neighborhood.

[Material removed] Bea had a doctor’s appointment so my interview was stopped. As I was leaving Bea told me to say hello to Sita. I thanked her for all the help. She gave me a hug as she said goodbye.

R. Bruce Whitman  
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