

MEMORANDUM

To:	DeLuna Team
From:	Sita Sovin, Lauren Eskenazi Capital Case Project
Date:	November 7, 2004
Re:	Carmen Taylor Interview October 24, 2004 <i>Carlos DeLuna</i>

Carmen Taylor

When we knocked on the door and identified ourselves, Carmen stated that she was in the middle of diner and asked us to come back after dinner. When we returned, Carmen invited us in and was extremely friendly and forthcoming. While Carmen had once worked at the Shamrock Station on SPID, she quit working at the station before Wanda Lopez started working at the station. Carmen quit because she felt unsafe.

Wolfy's Traffic

People from Wolfy's came into the station store to buy beer. Carmen had a couple of incidents where a couple of guys stole beer.

The manager of Wolfy's back then had something to do with a motorcycle gang. He frequently came into the station store to eat. He was a really nice guy. Sometimes the girls from Wolfy's came into the station store.

Carmen only recalls one time when it got really rowdy outside.

Employees At Shamrock

Carmen never knew Wanda.

Carmen remembers "Joe" from the Shamrock. She does not recall his last name, but would know him if she saw him. He worked at the station on and off. He knew everyone.

Robert Stange was not the manager. Carmen's manager was another man whose last name was "Taylor."

Art Lopez's wife was Carmen's manager: Abigail Lopez.

Carmen did not know: Rojelo Alcoser; Erasmo Garza; Dee Vasquez; Mary Alice Villanueva; Jay Pirzadeh; Irma Garcia; Diane Torres; Mario L. Arapacio; Pauline Olive.

Carmen does not recall if there was a surveillance camera in the store.

Activity At The Station

People gathered in front of the gas station. These people were Wolfy's patrons. Carmen knew they were from Wolfy's because they were bikers. She did not see people in the back or near the cooler.

Joe (fellow employee - probably Hinajosa) knew those guys were "Banditos."

Cash Register and Gas Pumps

Patrons of the gas station had to come into the store to pay for gas. However, Carmen had a lot of "run offs" - where people did not pay.

Carmen had no control to shut off gas pumps from inside the store. She does not recall how she knew how much gas was pumped.

Items in the store had price tags or the price was labeled on the shelf. There was also a list of prices kept at the cash register.

Carmen's shift started at 3pm. She worked alone. Her training consisted of learning how to use the cash register and gas pump. This was the only training she received.

The manager with the last name Taylor only came to the store once or twice a month.

The employee named Joe knew a lot of people.

Wanda Lopez Murder

Carmen saw newspaper articles on Wanda's murder. She recalls that, according to the article, Wanda did not want to give the perpetrator money. Carmen was glad to be gone from Shamrock.