

**CCPD Sgt. Robert Vegara or Veregara. 11/2/05**

CCPD officer since the 1970s; now in his 70s. DA's file folder from Lopez/DeLuna case says "Veregara heard I'll help you if you help me", suggesting Veregara was around when CH was arrested or at least when he was at the police station being booked.

Bruce and I interviewed him in Circle K parking lot on Ayers & Tarlton; he in patrol car, we outside. Bruce's friend Officer Robert Mayorga set up this interview for us.

Said he had heard of the Wanda Lopez case but doesn't remember having any part in the investigation. He thinks he was on duty that night but maybe in another neighborhood.

He said he remembered that "the man went in the Shamrock and came out, and she called the police; then he went back in and started stabbing her." [Provides some evidence of two calls.]

**He said he knew both CH and CDL. I showed him my collection of 3-way mirror pics of CH and he shuffled thru them. When he got to the April 1983 3-way mirror pic of CH, he said "oh, that's DeLuna."** As for the other pix, he said he recognized CH but doesn't remember ever arresting him.

"That DeLuna always claimed someone else did it."

I showed him the spelling that was on the note in the DA's folder we saw – "Veregara" – and he said it was him.

Very reserved and bottled up. Clear he was not going to impart any real information. Repeatedly urged us to go talk to Paul Rivera, mentioning that PR's brother arrested CDL (making us wonder if he had some inside info and was diverting us to PR). Said his brother Ruben was dead but that he had heard that several years ago.