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 County of San Bernardino
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CASE NO.
 DR# 1331036-07
 REPORT AREA

CODE SECTION PC 187	CRIME murder	CLASSIFICATION
VICTIM'S NAME - LAST NAME cobb, RITA	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)
ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	PHONE ()

INTERVIEW NASH, BRUCE KENNETH WMA 36 yrs, DOB 3-7-49, 9560 Palomar Trail, Lucerne Valley, home telephone 619/248-6745, Mr. Nash is self-employed:

At approx. 1715 hrs., Monday 9-23-85 Mr. Nash was interviewed on the roadway of highway 18 in the exterior side of the boundry protecting the crime scene.

Mr. Nash stated that he'd known the victim for approx. 3 to 4 years and he met her through John Sullivan a mutual friend. Nash also stated that he and his wife Cynthia had visited with the victim possibly 20 to 30 times over the last 3 year period. And he had last seen the victim while he and Cynthia were at John's Sullivians house on last Friday 9-20-85.

He went on to add it was approx. 1930 to 1945 hrs., when he and Cynthia were at Johns residence where they saw Rita Cobb consuming Jim Beam Bourbon. Bruce and Cynthia Nash left the Sullivan residence at approx. 2145 hrs., leaving Rita Cobb there consuming Jim Beam. Mr. Nash stated that Rita appeared to be a little "buzzed" and infact he and his wife had offered her a ride home because they did n't think she should be driving.

Asked if Rita appeared to be belligerent he stated no, she's just a very lonely woman that is looking for a man, she could share her life with. I then questioned Mr. Nash as to what he had last seen Rita wearing, he responded by saying she was wearing designer blue jeans and thats all he could remember. He also stated that she had a new boyfriend by the name of Bruce Lee and she'd mentioned that she was excited about him. Mr. Nash stated that Rita also visited local travens in the area some of which were the Moose Lodge, VFW, and Zodiac Lodge. Mr. Nash could offer nothing further of investigative value and this parliminary interivew was then concluded.

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Interview Continued: Bruce Nash

Bruce said he made some repairs to Rita's house once in awhile. One time he replaced the thermostat in her house. Bruce made the repair before Rita and her son Daryl had stopped communicating with each other.

I asked Bruce if he saw or spoke to Rita from the time he saw her leave the Ranch that Friday evening until the time Daryl told him Rita had been killed. Bruce said no. Bruce also indicated he had not received any messages from Rita over the weekend.

Bruce did not have any further information to provide and his interview was concluded at 1400 hours.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DEFENDANT/MINOR: John Yablonsky

CASE No: FVI900518

CHARGE(s): PC 187

REPORT TYPE: Interview / Contact

DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION: 12/09/2009

INVESTIGATOR: Mapula

DATE REPORT PREPARED: 12/10/2009

ASSIGNED DPD: Sanders

SUP. INVESTIGATOR: Mapula

W - Witness | RP - Reporting Person | V - Victim | C - Complainant | S - Suspect | NP - Named Person | INF - Informant | OTH - Other

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NARRATIVE

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Nash told me Fran Sullivan is his sister. He said he did not know of anyone that came to mind that might have any information regarding this incident.

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1 night, and there were people that could testify
2 that -- that what she said was not what happened.

3 MR. SANDERS: There were a couple of people
4 that said they thought they remembered her in the bar.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. SANDERS: Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 (Whereupon the following proceedings were held in open
9 court in the presence of the jury:)

10 THE COURT: I'm sustaining the objection. Go
11 ahead. Ask another question.

12 BY MR. SANDERS:

13 Q So did you -- you offered her -- to take her
14 home.

15 Was she in the process of getting ready to go
16 home?

17 A I don't remember. I believe so.

18 Q Okay. And she declined your offer to drive her
19 home?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you watch her as she left to go to her
22 house?

23 A I don't remember that.

24 Q Was there some discussion between she and
25 your -- it was your girlfriend?

26 A Correct.

27 Q Was there some discussion between the two of
28 you that you should follow her home to make sure she got

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