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REPORT AREA

SECTION 187	CRIME MURDER	CLASSIFICATION
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*HE LATER SAYS SHE SHOWED UP IN 2002 NPS*

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*FRED BEDARD*

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BEFORE TRIAL F3 #10

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
CALIFORNIA  
CA 03600**

CASE NO.  
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**WITNESS INTERVIEW: JOHN SULLIVAN (continued)**

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OTHER ACTION: <b>NO</b>	COPIES TO: Other Detective Dist. Atty.	SD/PD Other Patrol	REMARKS <i>(14-4)</i> <i>(6/12)</i> <i>(L12)</i>		

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 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
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OTHER ACTION: NO	COPIES TO: Other Detective Dist. Atty.	SD/PD Other Patrol	REMARKS <i>(14-8)</i>		

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER  
 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 Desert Division

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

DEFENDANT/MINOR: John Yablonsky CASE NO: FVI900518

CHARGE(S): PC 187

REPORT TYPE: Interview / Contact

DATE(S) OF INVESTIGATION: <u>01/14/2010</u>	INVESTIGATOR: <u>Mapula</u>
DATE REPORT PREPARED: <u>01/15/2010</u>	ASSIGNED DPD: <u>Sanders</u>
	SUP. INVESTIGATOR: <u>Hernandez</u>

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

W	NAME: <u>John Sullivan</u> AKA: DOB: DL: PHYS:	ADD 1: <u>33403 Carnelian Road</u> <u>Lucerne Valley, Calif.</u> ADD 2: PHN 1: <u>760-248-6902</u> PHN 2:
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**NARRATIVE**

I talked with John Sullivan at his residence on 1-14-10. I had previously spoken with him on the telephone and agreed to come to his residence for interview regarding this case. I identified myself to him and gave him a business card.

I asked Sullivan about the death of Rita Cobb. He told me he last saw Cobb the Friday before she was found dead in her home. He said she had come to his residence for a gathering of friends. He remembers that she did like to drink and brought a bottle of liquor of some kind. He seemed to remember she came alone. I asked him if he knew who, if anyone, she had been dating just before her death. He knew that she had been dating Fred Bedard for a period of time but then had split up. He didn't know of anybody else Cobb may have been dating. He did not know the name Bruce Lee. He said he knew Cobb was known to like the company of men and that was her reputation as far as he knew and added that she was a single and fairly attractive lady. He also said he never saw Cobb as a "mean drunk".

I asked Sullivan if he remembered seeing anyone or anything around Cobb's residence that was unusual or suspicious-looking. He said that as a matter of fact he had driven past her home that weekend of her death but he did not see anything unusual, out of place, or suspicious-looking.

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REPORT: Yes  No

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**NARRATIVE**

After completing the previous report of the interview with John Sullivan I realized I left out some information that he had provided. Sullivan told me during the interview that Rita Cobb and her son, Darryl Kraemer, had been estranged and had not spoken to each other for about two months or more at the time of her death. He said Cobb had invited her son to go with her on a trip to Canada and he refused to go with her. This apparently angered Cobb and they stopped talking to each other.

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