



## Guide to the Jose Leonardo Martinez oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents Note

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- Recruiting, enlistment, etc.
- Gangs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Family histories
- Employment