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Donor 3664 Interview Notes

Donor 3664 has a full head of thick, shiny, curly dark hair that frames his kind, attractive face. He comes across as a thoughtful young man who answered all of my questions very thoroughly and cheerfully. His skin is a warm, tanned-caramel color and his eyes are a dark chocolate brown. He has a deep dimple the right side of his face that shows when he smiles. He has a compact, proportioned body with beautiful artist's hands.

We talked at length about his family members both here in the California, El Salvador and Bolivia. There seems to be strong family interests as almost all of his family has a love for travel, art and literature. Donor 3664 began drawing and sketching at a young age and over the years has focused more and more on painting. He talked at length about his love for art and is developing a style of painting that he described as "modern, slightly Fauvist, alternative art, with images and characters that have very different color combinations." He strongly believes that eventually a name will be defined for this art movement and has shown his painting at local art galleries. I was very impressed with the eloquence and intelligence he expressed and I could clearly see how important his work is to him.

Donor 3664 is truly a Californian and has lived in both Southern and Northern California. His parents are divorced and he split his life between them. He lived in a Southern California beach town during what he called his formative teenage years and developed his love for surfing, skateboarding, and bike riding there. I asked him if he had enjoyed living in Southern California and he replied that in retrospect he was glad that he had not driven much during his teenage years and that staying close to home had been good for him rather than becoming enmeshed in the very different social scene. He prefers the Northern Californian lifestyle and thinks he will stay here with the other part of his family.

He described himself as a "friendly, outgoing, welcoming person who prefers intellectual conversation rather than small talk." He enjoys different types of food, cooking, meeting people, socializing and bike riding. Donor 3664 recently went to Spain to study contemporary Spanish art and literature. He has also traveled extensively throughout Europe, parts of North Africa, and throughout Central and South America.

Donor 3664 is incredibly good natured and kind. I feel that he was honest and genuine in his responses; he was also very sweet and helpful.

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