

First Manson recording in 15 years offered

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NEW YORK -- U.S. convicted killer Charles Manson says in his first released recording in 15 years that a true human being feels compassion for incarcerated animals.

Manson, who was convicted for his part in the deaths of actress Sharon Tate and six others, speaks about his love for nature and animals in a recording set to be broadcast next Monday by "Inside Edition," the TV series said in a press release Friday.

"It's all about the air and the Earth and the water and the trees," Manson said in the recording.

"What kind of human being are you if you don't have compassion for the animals in the zoo?"

Manson, 70, has spent nearly 40 years in prison for orchestrating the deaths of Tate and four others at the pregnant actress' home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Manson did not take part in the 1969 murderous acts, leaving the actual acts to be committed by followers of his Manson Family cult.

CNN said another Manson follower, Leslie Van Houten, was convicted of killing of killing grocery store owner Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, that same year.

Manson, whose death sentence for the crimes was overturned, is eligible for parole in 2010.

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