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On Friday, October 3, 2003, at approximately 9:30 a.m., S/A Debra K. Strauss and S/A Amy A. Lehmann, interviewed:	
NAME:	LARRY N. CONRAD
ADDRESS:	5401 Selle Road, Manitowoc, WI
DATE OF BIRTH:	05/04/1949
HOME TELEPHONE:	920-758-2650
CELL TELEPHONE:	920-912-2646
The purpose of this interview was to obtain information CONRAD may have regarding the PENNY BEERNTSEN sexual assault, on July 29, 1985 and the subsequent arrest and conviction of STEVEN AVERY.	
CONRAD provided the following information:	
CONRAD stated he retired from the Manitowoc Sheriff's Department in June 2000. In July 1985, at the time of the BEERNTSEN assault, CONRAD was working as a detective.	
CONRAD was asked what his primary responsibility was in the BEERNTSEN assault investigation. CONRAD responded his primary duty at the time was conducting drug investigations. CONRAD said he did not normally get involved in these types of assault cases. However, CONRAD stated he was asked to verify a receipt. To do this, CONRAD had to go to the Shopko, in Green Bay and try to determine if AVERY had been there on the day of the assault.	

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CONRAD said he believed he also interviewed GARY MANTHE. MANTHE lived across the street from the sheriff's department and had a history of sex related crimes. CONRAD stated that if he would have been the person to interview MANTHE, he would have prepared a report on this interview.

CONRAD was asked why MANTHE was interviewed and considered a suspect in this case. CONRAD responded that after the composite drawing had been completed, CONRAD may have commented to either DON BELZ or Sheriff Kocourek that the drawing looked like MANTHE.

how did he come to see it?

CONRAD was asked if he knew of any other suspects besides AVERY and MANTHE. CONRAD responded he could not think of any. CONRAD continued to state that he was not very involved in this investigation. CONRAD said he knew who the victim was but he did not know her personally. Because CONRAD was not very familiar with this investigation, he may not have known if there were other suspects or not.

CONRAD was asked if he was involved in the timed drive, which was conducted by detectives of the sheriff's department from the crime scene to the Shopko, in Green Bay. The purpose of this timed drive was to determine if AVERY had enough time to commit the crime and then get to the Shopko in Green Bay. CONRAD responded he was not. CONRAD said he did go to the Shopko, in Green Bay to verify the receipt but this was not a timed drive to see if AVERY could have committed the crime. CONRAD thinks this timed drive may have been done by possibly FRED NICHOLSON and another detective.

CONRAD was then asked if he knew who GREG ALLEN was in 1985. CONRAD responded that he probably knew about ALLEN at the time but CONRAD did not think he ever associated ALLEN as a suspect for this case. CONRAD said that he could never remember ALLEN's name being mentioned as a possible suspect at this time.

CONRAD had no additional information and the interview concluded at approximately 9:50 a.m.

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