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STEVEN AVERY PROSECUTION

4. Activity

Interview: JADOWSKI

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On September 23, 2003, S/A Debra K. Strauss and S/A Amy A. Lehmann interviewed LEO P. JADOWSKI. This interview was conducted at JADOWSKI's business, LB Resale and Pawn, 1022 S. 10th Street, Manitowoc, WI, 920-682-7777. The purpose of this interview was to obtain information JADOWSKI may have regarding the PENNY BEERNTSEN assault and the subsequent arrest and conviction of STEVEN AVERY.

JADOWSKI provided the following information:

JADOWSKI stated he worked for the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department for approximately 26 years. JADOWSKI retired 11 years ago. During July, 1985, JADOWSKI was working as a detective. JADOWSKI stated he did not have anything to do with the investigation of the BEERNTSEN assault or the AVERY arrest.

JADOWSKI told the Special Agents that a good friend of his, JIM GOSPODAREK, was one of the lead investigators on the case (GOSPODAREK has since passed away).

JADOWSKI said that after AVERY was convicted, he and GOSPODAREK were talking about the case. GOSPODAREK told JADOWSKI that GOSPODAREK thought they were sending an innocent man to prison and that GOSPODAREK did not think AVERY was the man who committed the assault. GOSPODAREK told JADOWSKI there was another man in the Sheboygan area who looked a lot like AVERY. GOSPODAREK told JADOWSKI that he thought the guy in Sheboygan was the person who committed this crime. The man in Sheboygan had been investigated and it was determined this person had a criminal history of rape and he also looked a lot like AVERY. GOSPODAREK also had concerns because

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AVERY had alibi witnesses as to where AVERY was at the time the crime was committed.

dADOWSKI described GOSPODAREK as a person who had just made the rank of detective and GOSPODAREK was not going to do anything to "buck the system."

JADOWSKI had no additional information and the contact was at that time terminated.

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