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2. Date

10/09/2003

3. Case Title

STEVEN AVERY PROSECUTION

4. Activity

Interview/Beilke

5. Date of Activity

10/07/2003

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On Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at approximately 9:30 a.m., S/A Debra K. Strauss interviewed LEROY BEILKE, telephone number 920-684-4230. This interview was conducted at BEILKE's residence, 1733 Lilac Drive, Manitowoc, WI. The purpose of this interview was to obtain information BEILKE may have regarding the events that occurred between the PENNY BEERNTSEN assault on July 29, 1985 through the arrest and conviction of STEVEN AVERY.

BEILKE provided the following information:

BEILKE stated he retired from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department in January 1990. At the time of the assault, in July 1985, BEILKE was working as a Lieutenant in the Traffic Department for the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

BEILKE told S/A Strauss that after the assault, BEILKE was told by one of the Manitowoc County sheriff's deputies that a man was seen in the area of where the sexual assault took place at the time the assault took place. This man observed was known for committing these types of sexual crimes and he matched the physical description provided by the victim. BEILKE said he believed this individual was from the Sheboygan, WI area. BEILKE said after receiving this information, BEILKE immediately went and told the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department Captain of Detectives, DON BELZ. BEILKE provided BELZ with the same information he had received from the sheriff's deputy. BELZ told BEILKE the sheriff's department was not going to bring this individual in for questioning. BELZ said he could not do it because the sheriff wanted STEVEN AVERY convicted of this crime because the description provided by the victim matched AVERY's. When asked, BEILKE said he could not recall who the sheriff's deputy was that provided him with this information.

The canvas issue?



consistent with what Sheriff told Penny when she reported. Name of deputy call? he had his name!!
consistent with Strauss not pursuing 005529
Allen with Allen suggested to him by Berger?

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S/A Strauss asked BEILKE if he knew who GREGORY ALLEN was and BEILKE responded he did not.

S/A Strauss then asked BEILKE if he had anything to do with the investigation of the assault and BEILKE again responded negatively.

BEILKE was asked if he discussed knowing about this man with anyone else. BEILKE said he did not. BEILKE said he did not discuss this information with GENE KUSCHE or Sheriff Tom Kocourek. In hindsight, BEILKE does not know why he did not go to the sheriff. BEILKE believed it could have been that after BELZ ignored BEILKE's information, BEILKE may have felt it was not worth the effort to contact the sheriff.

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BEILKE told S/A Strauss that when he discussed this issue with BELZ, BELZ told BEILKE the sheriff had already contacted the Manitowoc County District Attorney, DENIS VOGEL. BELZ told BEILKE the sheriff told the D. A. not to screw this case up because the sheriff wanted AVERY convicted of this crime.

BEILKE stated he also contacted ARLAND AVERY, STEVEN AVERY's uncle and a member of the sheriff's department. BEILKE tried to encourage AVERY to contact the sheriff to tell the sheriff there may be another suspect. BEILKE said AVERY refused to get involved in the investigation. *interviewed him re Tadeuski + go back to Tadeuski?*

Did you
BEILKE suggested S/A Strauss contact VERN KLIMENT at 920-682-7448. BEILKE stated KLIMENT was the Chief Deputy at the sheriff's department during this time and he may have additional information.

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

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