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3. Case Title

STEVEN AVERY PROSECUTION

4. Activity

Interview/Meihsner

5. Date of Activity

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On Tuesday, October 7, 2003, S/A Debra K. Strauss interviewed ROGER C. MEIHSNER, telephone number 920-684-8961. This interview was conducted at MEIHSNER's residence, 1309 S. 15th Street, No. A, Manitowoc, WI. The purpose of this interview was to obtain information MEIHSNER may have regarding the events that occurred after the PENNY BEERNSTSEN assault on July 29, 1985 through the arrest and conviction of STEVEN AVERY, DOB: 07/09/1962.

MEIHSNER provided the following information:

MEIHSNER stated he retired from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department in MARCH 1991. During July 1985, MEIHSNER was working as a detective for the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

MEIHSNER told S/A Strauss he did not have much to do with the investigation regarding BEERNSTSEN's assault. S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER if he went to the hospital the night of the assault to provide any assistance. MEIHSNER stated he was not. MEIHSNER said he did not think he was even in the city of Manitowoc when the assault occurred.

MEIHSNER told S/A Strauss he thought LEO JADOWSKI and Sheriff Kocourek had the most to do with the investigation.

S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER what his involvement was in the investigation and MEIHSNER said he could not recall. MEIHSNER said he was not involved in taking the evidence to the Crime Lab, he was not involved in any of the timed trial runs to Green Bay and he can't remember if he took any statements. S/A Strauss then asked MEIHSNER if he ever went to the scene of the crime to help look for evidence and MEIHSNER again stated he could not

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S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER if he thought AVERY was the person who committed this crime and MEIHSNER responded there was always a doubt in his mind as to whether or not AVERY was the assailant. S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER why he had this doubt and MEIHSNER responded, "AVERY had a history". S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER about AVERY's history and MEIHSNER said he did not know much about AVERY's background. MEIHSNER again stated he did not think AVERY committed this crime and said it was just "a gut feeling". S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER if there were other suspects for this crime and MEIHSNER said he could not recall.

S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER if he knew who GREG ALLEN was and MEIHSNER said he did not. S/A Strauss asked MEIHSNER if he knew who ALLEN was at the time of the interview and MEIHSNER again said he did not.

MEIHSNER said most of this case was handled through Sheriff Kocourek and LEO JADOWSKI. MEIHSNER concluded by stating Sheriff Kocourek took this case under his wing because Sheriff Kocourek and the victim went to the same church.

MEIHSNER had no additional information and the interview concluded at 10:40 a.m.

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