

K9 - Loof Handler - Officer Sarah Fauske



EXHIBIT

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STATE0010

SEARCH REPORT

Teresa Halbach
Last seen 10-31-05
Reported missing 11-03-05
Search began 11-05-05

11-07-05 (one week post being seen)

Reporting Officer Fauske and Bloodhound "Loof' arrived at the Calumet County Command Post to be briefed on the situation and to see what we as a canine team could assist them with. I had previously requested scent items of Teresa Halbach's, preferably shoes.

Sheriff Pagel did have two pairs of shoes that belong to Teresa Halbach. Both were bagged separately in plastic bags. I placed sterile gauze in the toes of all the shoes and removed the insole from a black pair of healed shoes. The toe area was cut off and placed in a plastic bag with sterile gauze. The shoes were then secured in my personal vehicle.

After being spoken too by Sheriff Pagel, Deputy Sippel, Deputy Bowe and DCI agents I explained my planned areas of running tracks. My two areas of interest were where the vehicle was located on the south end of the property and the other being from the area that Teresa was last seen taking photographs of the van by the trailer of Steven Avery. Deputy Rick Riemer of the Calumet County Sheriffs Department was assigned to assist me on the tracks.

TRACK THREE: (1:30 pm/ 57 degrees, wind 0-5 from the NW) TRACK FROM VAN FOR SALE BY AVERY PROPERTY

We walked down the driveway to the Avery property to the area where the van was sitting and for sale. I pre-scented K9 Loof and did a perimeter scent inventory. K9 Loof was harnessed, given the scent article of the insole and given the command of "Find".

Having started approximately 50 feet east of the van, K9 Loof immediately went to the front portion of the van for sale. K9 Loof continued west going to a black F350 parked in the driveway in front of a garage. K9 Loof went to both doors of the truck.. K9 Loof then went directly to the service door of the garage and worked her nose along the bottom of the actual overhead garage door, showing much interest.

K9 Loof worked west around the side of the garage but was unable to continue due to a large aggressive appearing German Shepard. K9 Loof wanted to continue around the garage.

K9 Loof went up to the south door of the trailer home. The door having a small porch entrance and the door was white in color. K9 Loof wanted to enter the home. K9 Loof continued north along the trailer and went between some pine trees and a burning barrel. K9 Loof smelled a charred area showing some interest then continued west.

K9 Loof went west in a picked cornfield. Directly to the south was a gravel pit and in between the two was an area of brush and trees. K9 Loof worked this area with indications of very strong scent. K9 Loof worked west coming out to a cal-da-sac that was taped off with crime scene tape and two deputies were not allowing access. K9 Loof crossed the tape on one occasion and then was told to not go any further. The deputies phoned Sheriff Pagel to see if I could continue but were told to not allow anyone access at this time.

K9 Loof was un-harnessed and we waited for further instructions.

K9 Loof worked consistently as she does while working "strong scent".

Witnessed by Deputy Rick Riemer.

Handler: Officer Sarah Fauske

K9: "Loof"

Narrative - Overview Individual Handler Reports - Available upon request

GLSAR members arrived on scene at the roadblock at CTH Q/Hwy 147 in Manitowoc County at 2:45pm on November 5 responding to a page from Manitowoc County Sheriff's Dept.

At approximately 3:30pm, one cadaver dog team was requested to proceed to the Command post on the Avery Salvage yard Property. The dog selected was K9 Brutus, a 9 year old Belgian Malinois with extensive search experience and handler Julie Cramer with back up handler Bob Cramer.

Upon arrival at the Command post, it was requested that K9 Brutus proceed into the salvage yard and check the area of a car crusher and vehicles located on the southeast corner of the property. Brutus checked the car crusher and numerous vehicles as he worked in a southernly direction. He turned to proceed west and gave a headcheck and rushed to a green vehicle, partially covered by a blue tarp. He began to bark, which is his trained alert behavior, indicating the presence of human decomposition. (ALERT #1) After investigators noted his response and identified the vehicle as the one belonging to the victim, we continued to work vehicles in the area. Brutus showed interest along the berm south of the vehicle. We proceeded into the gravel pit immediately south of the victim's SUV and while he seemed agitated, no second alert was given in that area. At the southern edge of that gravel pit, in the western corner along a road that ran along a gravel conveyor, K9 Brutus again began to bark. Several spent shell casings were noted in the area, but no scent source was located at that time. (ALERT #2) We continued around the gravel pit, returning to the area of the salvage yard, checked the pond area directly north of the victim's vehicle rechecked the car crusher and returned to command post.

At this time 4 teams: K9 Lucy, K9 Trace, K9 Rieseling and K9 Cody were sent to begin checking vehicles in the salvage yard. During this search the four dog teams used the existing roads through the salvage yard to create grid patterns and did a specific vehicle checks of each vehicle in their areas. 2 teams reported an alert in the same area. Both K9 Lucy and K9 Trace alerted in an area of the salvage yard along the gravel conveyor in the south western section of the yard (ALERT #3). This area was north of the area of Alert #2. While both dogs alerted, no scent source was located at this time.

K9 Brutus was now re-assigned to check various specific areas/buildings with investigators. We first moved to the red mobile home, identified as Steven Avery's. We checked the interior of the residence. Brutus checked the bedroom area with increased interest, but no alert. He alerted in the bathroom/laundry room with his trained bark alert (ALERT #4). No scent source was visible at

the time. No other interest inside the residence. Moving outside, we checked an area with 4 burn barrels. K9 Brutus alerted on 2 of the barrels with extreme animation and excitement (ALERT #5). We then moved east to numerous outbuildings and machine sheds, checking ATVs, diggers, front end loaders and trailers, as well as building interiors. K9 Brutus alerted on some car parts in the maintenance building (ALERT #6) and on a golf cart parked in a small garage behind the main residence on the property (ALERT #7). K9 Brutus then returned to the command post.

All GLSAR canine cleared the scene after completing these assignments.

It should be noted that on November 5 during the hours that the dog teams worked, the weather worsened. Heavy rains and darkness hampered attempts to locate the scent sources the dogs alerted on. All indications were reported to the command post, and law enforcement officers accompanied each GLSAR dog team.

On November 6 GLSAR members arrived at the search scene at the Avery Salvage yard at 7:30am, responding to a page from the Manitowoc Sheriff's Dept. Initially 2 cadaver (HRD) dogs were given assignments. K9 Lucy was sent to check perimeters of buildings and structures in the compound. K9 Lucy showed increased interest in the area of a breezeway between a light green residence and garage, however, no alert was given.

K9 Brutus was sent to recheck the area of the car crusher and vehicles in the southeast corner of the salvage yard. Brutus alerted on 2 vehicles (ALERT #8) that were parked on the west side of the pond, north of where the victim's vehicle had been the previous evening. It appeared that blood in these 2 vehicles may have resulted from the event damaging the vehicles, however both vehicles were flagged by law enforcement and rechecked by K9 Lucy. Both Brutus and Lucy checked the pond in that area with no alerts. As we exited the salvage yard, K9 Brutus alerted on the entrance to a mobile home along the gravel drive, identified as the home of Charles Avery (Alert #9).

K9 Simon and K9 Cody were dispatched to check vehicles parked in fenced area west of the main salvage yard, along a gravel road that ran west to Steven Avery's residence. Both dogs cleared their area with specific vehicle checks, neither reporting any alerts.

K9 Trace checked the exterior of Steven Avery's residence and red van in driveway without alert.

At this time 4 dog teams were sent to check the gravel pit immediately south of the salvage yard. K9 Lucy, K9 Trace, K9 Rieseling, K9 Simon set up a grid pattern to clear this area. K9 Lucy reported an alert in the same area that the dogs had alerted the previous evening, labeled Alerts #2 & 3 (ALERT #10).

K9 Simon and K9 Lucy returned to command post after completing the area of the gravel pit south of the salvage yard. K9 Trace and K9 Rieseling proceeded to an area of 2 ponds west of the salvage yard, being searched by the Winnebago Dive team. These dogs cleared the quarry south of the ponds and then returned to base, no alerts reported in this area.

The next area searched by GLSAR K9 was the gravel pit, east of Avery Road, north of the salvage yard. K9 Cody, K9 Simon, K9 Harley and K9 Kovu gridded that quarry working from south to north. An alert was reported in the center of the pit along a sand pile and marked with a flag (ALERT #11). This area was marked by K9 Kovu and rechecked by K9 Simon and K9 Cody, both of whom showed interest....with K9 Cody alerting just north of that location.

Upon completion of these assignments, GLSAR handlers and teams from Midwest K9 cleared the scene after meeting with Lt. Brett Bowe at the Command Post. Other canine with civilian handlers were on scene at this time.

On November 6, weather was again a factor working against the dogs. There was rain and sleet early in the day, with high winds. Dog handlers set up varied grid patterns to account for wind conditions. Alerts were reported to back up personnel and command post.

On Monday, November 7, Julie and Bob Cramer responded to the scene with K9 Brutus and K9 Trace at the request of Investigator Dedering of the Calumet County Sheriff's Dept. We arrived on scene at 11:30am and were asked to recheck the gravel piles east of Avery road, where dogs had alerted the day before. K9 Brutus went over the area carefully but did not alert at the flagged location, or in the area of that gravel pit.

We then proceeded to a location we were requested to check on Kuss Road, where a potential burial site had been located. Upon arrival there K9 Brutus checked the area and after passing the area upon entry in the wooded area, he gave a head check returning to the location and gave his bark alert (ALERT #12) and seemed to be particularly interested in a shovel lying next to the disturbed earth. We were cleared from that location, but returned a short time later to recheck the area. The shovel had been removed and was to be checked separately. Neither dog showed any interest on the shovel. K9 Trace checked the wooded area first, and did not alert, but did show interest, increased animation and high head checks. Upon returning to the area a second time, K9 Brutus again barked and alerted near the area of disturbed earth.

We then returned to the Command Post and were asked to re-check the trailer belonging to Charles Avery where there had been an alert the day prior (alert #9). At the exterior of the home, Brutus again barked at the door and scratched to enter the residence. K9 Trace also barked at the front door. Once inside the trailer, K9 Brutus proceeded to check the interior, alerting inside a bedroom at

the bed and pile of clothing. He was very agitated, but no scent source was noticed.

On this date, we were able to orient our alerts and summarize the work of the last 2 days on a large map in the Command Post. This provided a better overview for our team leadership on areas that needed additional coverage. We were also better able to provide appropriate resources for assignment.

On November 8, Julie Cramer with K9 Brutus and K9 Trace and Grace Salm with K9 Cody responded to the scene arriving at noon. We were dispatched to the Malle property on CTH Q just outside the village of Larrabee to check some ponds and a hunting club location. The 2 canine teams divided the area and worked a grid pattern, checking ponds, buildings and wooded areas with no alerts reported.

Ko Brutus was then sent to check the berm just west of Steven Avery's property. There was report of a suspicious looking pile of disturbed earth. Brutus showed no interest in that pile, but did alert on a pile of brush and trash just west of the Avery residence (ALERT #13) and was very excited along the edge of berm. This excitement continued as we proceeded south along this ridge and he carefully checked brushy areas west of the Avery yard and along the edge of the salvage yard. His behavior was noted by law enforcement personnel in the area, who indicated that mantrailing bloodhounds had also been interested in the same area.

We continued through the salvage yard, checking several vehicles as requested by State Patrol personnel. At 2 different vehicles K9 Brutus alerted, but material within the vehicle seemed reasonable for the dog's reaction. These were not marked further by this dog handler.

Upon returning to the command post, we met with the Bloodhound handlers on scene and it was noted that both live scent dogs and the Human Remains detection dogs had shown excessive interest in the ridge of land beginning behind Steven Avery's residence and running south to the corner of the salvage yard, where the gravel conveyor is located. This area seems to be of particular interest to the dogs, although no scent source has been located in the area. After this meeting GLSAR handlers cleared the scene for the day.

It should be noted that the Bloodhound handlers on scene are not part of Great Lakes Search and Rescue Canine, Inc.....nor have we any copies of their credentials or certifications, however, we have worked with Jody Discher in the past and were familiar with her methods. We felt comfortable comparing notes and exchanging information with the hound handlers that was pertinent to the search.

On November 10, Bob and Julie Cramer returned to the Avery Salvage yard with K9 Trace and K9 Brutus in response to a request by Lt. Hermann of the Calumet County Sheriff's Dept. We were asked to check a fenceline that ran east-west, west of Steven Avery's home. K9 Trace alerted on the first of 3 piles of disturbed earth located along this fenceline. (ALERT #14). The rest of the fenceline was checked without alert. We were then sent to the County Gravel Pit, south of the Avery property. K9 Brutus was transported by ATV to that location where burn piles and fresh digs had been identified. We checked several areas in the gravel pit and fresh digs in the walls of the pit, without interest from the dog. Numerous shell casings and unspent bullets were observed.

In an area of large concrete slabs, several burn piles had been marked. K9 Brutus barked in two separate locations on this pile (ALERT#15). These locations were double flagged for identification, once the locations were logged/mapped for evidence. In both locations, Brutus barked and dug at the burned area in the concrete. We were transported back to Command post after this assignment was complete. We were dismissed from the scene at 4:30pm.

At this time the Command Post did not have any further assignments for GLSAR canine and we cleared the scene, advising Calumet County officials that we would be available on our pager **920-576-0790** should any further assignments arise.

Conclusion:

The conclusion drawn by the Cadaver Recovery/HRD dogs of Great Lakes Search and Rescue Canine, Inc on the Avery property, was that there were several locations on that property that were alerted to by dogs and marked by handlers. It is our hope that these alerts will be useful in the final conclusions of this missing person case.

At no time did any GLSAR handler attempt to collect or disturb evidence, but simply presented the alerts and indications of our dogs to the agencies in charge of this case.

A map is attached labeled with the 15 Areas alerted by GLSAR dogs. Additional information or individual handler reports are available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

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