

Notes from Police Reports

**1. Calumet Count Documents**

Bobby Dassey Bate stamp 1294, interview 11/5/05:

Said he normally works third shift and gets home about 6:30 a.m. Woke up between 1400 and 1430 hours (2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Looked out the window and saw a little SUV. Saw the vehicle stop and a female exist it and photograph a maroon van which his mom is trying to sell.

Then saw the woman walking towards the residence of Steven.

He left to go hunting about 1445-1500. (No mention of a shower). SUV was still there when he left.

Got home at 1645 hours. SUV was gone.

In his written statement, he said he got up about 2:15 to 2:30, took a shower, got dressed and noticed someone coming down the driveway. Saw her take pictures of the van. Saw her walk towards Steven's house.

11/9/05 interview with Bobby Dassey, Bate stamp 1399

Said he left the house at 1500 hours; he had observed a teal SUV. Was home until 2330 hours and then went to work at Hamilton Manufacturing.

He hunts approximately two and one-half miles away from his house. First year bow hunting.

During medical examination, cop noticed scratches on Bobby's back, which he said were from his puppy. Dr. said scratches looked recent.

2/27/06 Interview with Bobby Dassey, Bate stamp 4589

Says he got home from work about 6:30 a.m. Got up between 1400 and 1430, took a shower and went hunting. Got home about 1730 hours. Already dark out. Went straight to bed and did not eat. Got up at 2100 hours and again did not eat. When he left for work at about 2130, noticed Steven was having a bonfire. Flames about 5-6 feet high. Couldn't tell if SA was tending the fire.

Said that saw TH van pull in while he was getting ready to go hunting; saw her take one or two photos. When he got out of shower, saw TH car but not her. (no mention this time that he saw her walking up to SA residence).



Bate Stamp 1327: Deputy Tenor. Cadaver dog alerted on a pile of dirt north of the quarry scale in the quarry immediately to the east of Avery Road. Red in color, surrounded by pink material.

Disturbing contact with Charles Avery:

Bate stamp 1363: Zina Lavor and Judith Knutsen. Contact with Knutsen was right around Halloween 2005.

Interview with Lisa Novachek re Tadych, 3/2/06; Bate stamp 4758.

She's payroll coordinator for place where Tadych works. On date of homicide, Scott didn't show up for work. Around time of arrest, another girl got a phone call from a hysterical teenage kid asking for Tadych. Tadych was paged, took phone call and left shortly after that. Was a nervous wreck when he left. Rumor that blood on boy's clothes and had gotten mixed up with his laundry.

Interviews with Tadych co-workers, Bate stamp 5664

Scott had been telling people he saw the fire on Halloween. Scott had noticed stains on pants and shirts of one of Barbara's kids. One employee described Scott as edgy lately, a short-tempered angry person. Chronic liar and does not get along with people. One guy described him as a psycho. Keith felt Scott capable of murder.

First Scott said that Steven was set up. Then changed to thinking he was guilty. Told all three guys about seeing Steven by a fire. Said something about an underground room by the trailer.

Earl hid from investigators on 11/9/05: Bate Stamp 1398.

Robert Fabian, with his wife, 11/10/05 Bate stamp 1412

10/31/05 arrived at salvage yard at 4:30 p.m. Looking for Earl to do some rabbit hunting. Talked to Chuck in main shop. Could hear Earl on end loader. Saw Steven wearing a cream colored shirt and pair of blue jeans. Heard Chuck ask Steven if the photographer had come yet. Steven said she hadn't shown yet. Fabian left to meet Earl and they took Delores' golf car into junkyard. Rode right by where car was found. Earl would have noticed it because he knows every car in the yard.

After hunting, sees Steven again. Says he's cleaned up and changed and seems quiet. Sees smoke burning from a burn barrel. Fabian says Earl also seemed different that day. Said he was home by 6:00; he lives 10-15 minutes from the yard.

Cindy and Robert both think Steven is capable of killing TH. They say that Earl also has violent tendencies.

Fabian interview of 11/30/05, Bate stamp 1663

Thinks he got home from rabbit hunting at about 5:30. Did not see a fire in burn pit area located next to Steven's residence. But had noticed smoke coming from burn barrel. Smelled like plastic.

On 11/3/05, noticed a green jeep on STH 147 by river.

Barb Janda interview on 11/14/05. Bate stamp 1468

Would have gotten home from work about 4:50 or 5:00 p.m. Blaine, Bobby and Brendan were all at home. Tadych picked her up at about 5:15, and they went to hospital to visit Tadych's mom. Returned home about 7:45 or 8:00 and told Blaine and Brendan she was going to Scott's. When she got home at about 8:00, did see a rather large fire in pit at Steven's garage. About 3 ft high.

Said she returned home around midnight. Didn't recall seeing a fire then.

Phone interview with Gordon Schneider (don't know who he is); bate stamp 2933

Said Chuck lived in Appleton near Laura Depies. Thinks Chuck planted blood evidence. Money that Steven was going to get would cause friction between Steven and his brothers, as it would be enough for a down payment on the junkyard. Supposedly got information from a friend who got it from Allen Avery. Allen has a brother who was a Deputy in Manitowoc county who was demoted by Kocourek.

Earl Interview, 11/15/05, Bate stamp 1278

Thinks that on Monday, October 31 he was cutting motors and transmissions out of cars; Fabian had come and they took mother's cart and took a ride. Thinks about 3:30. Would have driven past TH car. Not positive of the day.

Said that last week someone had called and asked for Steven, and that Charles had talked to the person. Thought the person was from Auto Trader.

Consent search of Earl's house. Page 80

This was 11/5/05. Earl and Steven had been in the pit the previous evening sighting some firearms. They were just north of where TH's car was found. He did not notice the vehicle but was not really looking for it either.

**DCI Documents**

State 0213. Interview with Barb Janda 11/9/05.

Said she got home from work on that Monday at about 5:00 p.m. and all four boys were home. Tadych picked her up at about 5:15 to 5:30 and they went to the hospital. She returned at about 8:00. Not sure which boys were home then.

Did not recall seeing a bonfire at 8:00. She would know if he was burning tires because you can smell it.

She has three or four burn barrels. She burns her trash every week and a half to two weeks herself.

Says she did not talk to Steven at all on 10/31/05.

Said she felt Steven was being framed.

State 0231; 11/7/05 interview with Gary Lisowski and Daniel Lisowski

Gary had heard Chuck was molesting his own daughters. Common knowledge that the yard is Chucky's. Lots of rumors of gunshots in the Avery compound, and Chuck protects the yard vigorously.

If Chuck caught someone in the yard, he wouldn't let him leave. Would have gone himself into the yard if he had seen taillights. Described as a "mean old prick."

His son is dating Trista, whose mother is a single woman. Chuck has been calling this woman to ask her out, says he's driven by the house and has seen her in her swimsuit. Slashed the tires on his ex-wife's car. Gary felt that Chuck would be capable of harming TH. He does not know Steven.

State 0235: interview of Bryan Dassey; 11/6/05

Usually not at the Salvage yard. Works at Woodland Face Veneers; leaves for work about 6:00 and then goes to his girlfriend's after work until late.

Halloween. Got home sometime after supper, but not sure when. Friday night, 11/4/05, Bobby picked up a road kill deer and it was hanging in the garage.

He had heard that TH was at their property for only about 5 minutes, and that Bobby had seen her leave the property.

Anyone could drive a car from the Radant Sand and Gravel pit into the back of the salvage yard.

Heard that Earl and Fabian had been hunting rabbits in the salvage yard on 11/2/05 and they did not see TH's car in the yard.

State 0370 interview with Chuck, 11/6/05

Interview conducted in Crivitz. Steven got to work on 10/31 about 8:00. Didn't know if Steven was there all day. Thought Steven and Earl were there all day.

Night of 10/31 he was home by himself. Lives alone. Later recalled that Steve may have left to go meet with a girl to take some pictures. Did not remember what time. Pretty sure Earl worked all day, but possible he was in and out of the salvage yard picking up cars.

On Tuesdays, Steven goes to the Manitowoc County jail to pick up Jodi and take her to her probation officer. Usually home by noon.

The night of 11/3/05 is the night Steve told Chuck that Steve saw taillights by his house. Chuck said he did not seek taillights.

After a while, Chuck said it was coming back to him that Steve left work at about 11:00 on 10/31. Pretty sure he talked to Steve before 5:00, so he must have come back to work.

Steve told Chuck she had come down, taken a picture and left.

State 0308; interview of 11/9/05 with Chuck

Investigators told Chuck that they had found the car key, and that Steven had planned to move the car to the garage to strip it to prepare it for the crusher. That Steven had concealed the car so that Chuck and Earl would not notice it. Told Chuck they had found human remains in burn pit, blood found in Steven's house, Steven's garage, TH car. No response by Chuck.

Checked Chuck for bite marks, scratches, etc.

State 0353, interview with Chuck 11/11/05

Did not eat supper at his mothers on 10/31. Did get a call from Steven that day asking him if he was going to eat at moms.

Chuck denies making the comment that Fabian said he made, which was to ask Steven if the photographer had shown up, and that Steven had said she never showed up. Does not recall Steven making that comment either.

Delores had told him that Steven had taken off work to meet with TH to photograph the van. Chuck said that Steven never told him that. Does not remember asking SA about the photography woman. Can't remember if SA ever came back to the

shop after he left work that day. Last time he saw SA that day was 11:00 a.m. Last contact with SA was the phone call around 5 p.m.

Cops told him their theory, which was that SA killed TH; hid her car from his brothers, planned to crush it later, which is why he kept her key. Told him they had found his DNA on her key and his blood in her car. They also told him that they believed that Steven had opened up the road between Radant yard and salvage yard; Chuck said that he thought Earl opened up the road.

Skorlinski told Chuck Steven killed TH, and that he was trying to make things easier for Chuck.

Told Chuck that SA had taken plates off of TH's car

State 0328; Interview with Earl 11/8/05.

Cops asked about car crusher. Last crushing was 2 or so weeks previous.

He and Steven were working on 10/31.

Thought he had helped move tv into Steven's house on either 10/31 or 11/1.

TH vehicle was not on the property the night he and Fabian went rabbit hunting. Would have noticed it. (doesn't say in the report which night this was).

Earl repeatedly stated he was unaware of a burn pit behind Steven's trailer.

Said he had no contact with Auto Trader.

State 0360; interview with Blaine Dassey 11/7/05

Gets up at 6:30. Bus picks him up at 7:08-7:13. At end of the driveway. Get dropped off sometime between 3:30 and 4:00. Asked him if he had seen anyone when he was dropped off on 10/31. Said "not really." Then said no. Did not recall seeing a vehicle not usually there. Did not see Steve. Bobby was sleeping. He and Brendan coming home woke Bobby up. At about 5:00, Blaine got a call from friend Jason Kresco.

At about 5:20, picked up by Jason's mom. Returned about 9:30 that night. Did not see anyone outside. Brendan, Barb and Bobby were inside (Barb should have still been with Tadych).

4 burn barrels behind the house that the Dassey's use.

Denies any bonfires the week of TH's disappearance.

State 0668; interview with Blaine Dassey 11/15/05.

Now he said that when he got home on 10/31 from being out with his friend Jason Kresco, he saw a bonfire going behind Steven's garage. Saw only Steven standing there. Flames were at least 3 ft high.

State759: Jodi says that Chuck capable of setting up Steven.

Scott Tadych's statement, . State 0575. Not dated. Says he didn't go to work that day because he went to visit mother in hospital in Green Bay. Left hospital at 2:15 and got home about 3:15. Got his hunting stuff together. As he was driving west, he saw Bobby; they waved to each other. Would have been about 3:10. Got to tree stand at about 3:30 and hunted till about 5.

Went to Barb's to pick her up to take her to hospital. Barb was supposedly standing outside with Steve and one of the boys. Went to hospital, stayed about one hour, drove back and got there about 7:30 to 7:45. He got home around 8. Around 9, Barb drove to his house and stayed till 11 or 12.

State 1112; interview of Scott Tadych, 11/29/05.

Said he got home about 3:15, quickly changed clothes to go hunting, left. Saw Bobby Dassey. Was in his deer stand by 3:30, and hunted till about 5:00. Drove to Barb's, and got there between 5:15 and 5:30. Saw SA and one of Barb's sons standing outside Steven's garage. They were standing around a fire that was burning in the area behind Steven's garage. Barb came out and they went to hospital.

Were back at Barb's between 7:30 and 7:45. Either dropped her off or got out of car and went into her house. Only stayed a few minutes because he was home by 8:00. When he dropped off Barb, he saw two people, thought they were the same two, standing by fire. Flames were at least 3 ft high. Did not talk to Steven.

Barb came over about 8:30 and stayed till 11 or 12.

State 5481: Kelly Erickson. Her daughter lives with Chuck's son. Chuck called her to ask her out. Sent her flowers even though they had not met. Also afraid of Steven.

Carla Avery (chuck's daughter), State 0657. Chuck puts up with Steven working at the Avery salvage yard but she does not believe that Chuck really wants Steven working there. She remembers a comment of Steven that he was part owner and so could work there too.

State 0676; interview with Tammy Weber, a friend of SA, 11/14/05

Said that if anyone did it, Chuck would have. Chuck has beat, raped and tried to kill his ex-wife.

State 0684: interview with Heather Cherney, cousin to Steven, Earl, Barb and Chuck 11/16/05. Also said that if anyone would have done this, it would be Chuck. Used to be friends with Chuck's daughter, Shannon, who said that Chuck raped her. Another example, when a girlfriend had a car fixed at the salvage yard, she paid by check, and Chuck took the phone number off the check and called this person. Another episode where Heather's mother was staying at Chuck's house and woke to find Chuck standing above her.

She was in jail with Jodi. Jodi was freaked out by Chuckie. Shotgun incident. Once came home and Chuck was in the house.

State 0893: 11/15/05 interview with James Kennedy. On 10/31 he called Chuck and asked about a part. Chuck said he'd have it for him this afternoon. Kennedy got there about 3:00. No one there. Yelled to get attention. Within 5 minutes, Chuck appeared from the back side of the building. Unusual for no one to be in office.

Also noticed grayish smoke coming from center of junk yard (pit area). Did not see source of smoke.

State 0927; interview 11/14/05 with Judith Knutsen. Her van had burned up on 10/17 and was towed to Salvage yard. On Friday, 11/4/05, Chuck showed up with a shoe box with her personal belongings. Has had some unsolicited contact with Chuck, asking her out, showing up at her residence unannounced, which made her uneasy. She contacted Two Rivers PD

State 5845; interview with Chuck 2/27/06. (after Brendan's statement). Said he had no knowledge of TH disappearance. Would swear on his son's ashes. Did not see her car go by the trailer to the pit, but not good visibility out the front of this trailer, hard of hearing, and always has tv on loud.

Said he'd be willing to take a lie detector test.

Volunteered that Dassey had come home with bleach stains on his pants, and that Dassey had said he got the stains from helping Steve clean the garage floor with bleach. Officer told Chuck you would use bleach to clean blood and destroy DNA.

State 5906 interview with Blaine 2/27/06.

He and Brendan got off the bus between 3:30 and 4. Did not recall see TH's car. Went inside to watch tv. Left about 5:00 to go trick or treating with Jason Kresco. Stayed at Kresco's to watch tv. Got home about 11:30.

Says at about 5:00 he saw a fire behind SA's garage. Fire was going "pretty good" at that time. Brendan was in house at the time and Barb might have been home or might have been sleeping.



Fire was still going at 11:30. Fire was not in process of dying down. Then he says that at 5:00 it was the biggest fire he had ever seen.