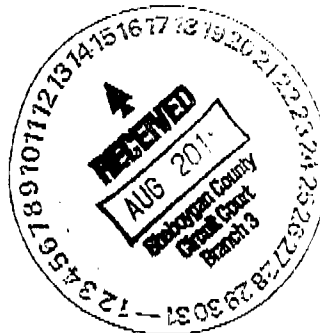


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Hon. Angela W. Sutkiewicz
Sheboygan County Circuit Court
615 N. 6th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081-4612

Re: *State of Wisconsin v. Steven A. Avery*
Manitowoc County Case No. 2005-CF-00381

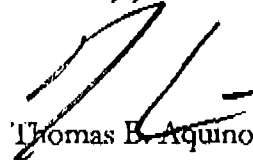
Dear Judge Sutkiewicz:

As you are aware, the court appointed me (as well as prior counsel) as Mr. Avery's attorney in light of the State's concession that Mr. Avery's "recorded conversations" claim in his *pro se* Wis. Stat. § 974.06 motion would "require additional factual development before the court can rule." (May 13, 2013 Fallon letter, p. 3.)

I write to report that after extensive communications with trial counsel, having an investigator interview jail officials, and reviewing transcripts of the 6-week trial, hundreds (if not thousands) of pages of investigative reports, and other discovery, I have not located any additional facts that would support the "recorded conversations" claim.

Accordingly, I request that the court withdraw my appearance as Mr. Avery's counsel. I also suggest that the court schedule a status conference with Attorney Fallon and Mr. Avery to determine the next steps with respect to Mr. Avery's § 974.06 motion.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas B. Aquino

cc:

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Steven Avery
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