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Related Addresses

Address	Relationship
1901 Washington St, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, United States of America	Interview Location
12930 Avery Rd, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241, United States of America	Suspect Location

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Bud Willman's Lunch	Business	—	—	—	Mentioned
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	—	—	—	Subject of Interest
Tadych, Scott Alan	Person	Male	White	7/14/1968	Interviewed
Dassey, Bobby A	Person	Male	White	10/18/1986	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/7/1964	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	7/9/1962	Person of Interest

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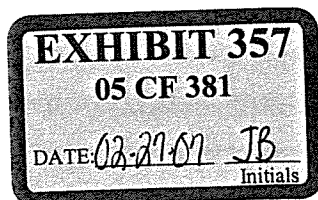
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On Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at approximately 12:30 p.m., S/A Kim J. Skorlinski and S/A Kevin L. Heimerl interviewed Scott A. Tadych, DOB 07/14/1968, at the Bud Willman's restaurant, 1901 Washington Street, Manitowoc, regarding this investigation. This was a follow-up interview with Tadych, who resides at 12764 STH 147, Mishicot, 920-973-2222.

S/A Skorlinski advised Tadych that he would like to go over Tadych's activities in the afternoon and evening of Monday, October 31, 2005, which was Halloween. Tadych said after work that day, he arrived home at approximately 3:15 p.m. He said he quickly changed clothes to go deer hunting, and left his residence. Tadych said as he was driving west on STH 147 just outside of Mishicot, he observed Bobby Dassey driving his Blazer east on STH 147. He believed he passed him near the Christmas tree farm. Tadych found out later that Bobby was also going deer hunting, and he hunts on land adjacent to Tadych's residence.

Tadych said he was in his deer stand by 3:30 p.m., and hunted until approximately 5:00 p.m. At that time, he drove over to Barb Janda's residence, which is on the Avery's Auto Salvage property. He said he arrived there between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. Tadych said he did not get out of his vehicle, but did observe Steven Avery and one of Barb's sons standing outside behind Steven's garage. He could not identify which son, but could tell that it was one of her boys. Tadych said these two were standing around a fire that was burning in the area behind Steven's garage. He said Barb then came out of the house and they drove to Green Bay to visit Tadych's mother in the hospital.

Tadych said afterwards, they drove back to Barb's residence and arrived between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. He said he either dropped Barb off or he got out of the car and went into her house. He said if he did go into her house, he stayed just a few minutes, because he was home by 8:00 p.m. Tadych said when he dropped Barb off, he again observed two people standing by the fire behind Steven's garage. Tadych said it looked like the same two people from before, but because it was dark outside, he could not determine for sure. He said they were similar in size and shape to the two persons he observed earlier.

Tadych was asked when he dropped Barb off, did he make some comment about the big flames that were coming out of the fire pit behind Steven's garage. He said he may have made that type of comment, but he does not remember it. Tadych said if Barb stated that he made a comment like that, then he did. Tadych was asked if Steven's fire could be called a bonfire, because of the size of the fire and flames. He said his definition of a bonfire may differ from others, because a big fire to him may not necessarily be a bonfire. Tadych was asked if the flames were at least 3' high and he said they were at least that high.

Tadych said at no time that day, did he have any conversation with Steven or even wave at him or acknowledge his presence.

Tadych was asked if he did go into Barb's house at 7:30 p.m., did he observe any of her sons,

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specifically Brendan or Blaine Dassey. He said he could not remember seeing any of her boys, other than the one outside by the fire with Steven.

Tadych said when he left Barb's residence and went to his residence at 8:00 p.m., Barb came to his residence at about 8:30 p.m. He said Barb stayed at his residence until sometime between 11:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., and then she went home.

Tadych was asked if he smelled a strange odor coming from the fire pit behind Steven's garage, and he said no. Tadych was asked if he saw any odd shapes in the fire pit, and he said no. He said he did not get that close to the fire pit to see anything. Tadych was asked if Steven's overhead garage door was open or closed, and he could not recall.

Tadych said when that day, October 31, 2005, became important to the investigation, he tried to remember everything he did or saw at the Avery property. He said if the investigators would have contacted him sooner, he would have remembered more.

Tadych was asked if he has seen Steven burn in that fire pit on previous occasions. He said yes, at least two times. Tadych said he thought nothing of it when he saw the fire on October 31, 2005, because it was not uncommon for Steven to have a fire going behind his garage. The interview was terminated at approximately 12:50 p.m.