## Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation

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**Primary Information** 

Description: TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Interview/Bryan J. Dassey

Occurrence From: 11/06/2005 12:20
Occurrence To: 11/06/2005 13:00

Dissemination Code: Agency

Reporting LEO: Skorlinski, Kim J (Appleton Special Assignments DCI / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)

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Addresses

Relationship Address

Suspect Location 12930 Avery Rd, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241 United States of America
Suspect Location 12930 Avery Rd #A, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241 United States of America

Suspect Location Crivitz, Wisconsin 54114 United States of America

| Subjects            |                                 |                           |            |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Relationship        | <u>Name</u>                     | <u>Bio</u>                | <u>DOB</u> |
| Mentioned           | (Business)                      |                           |            |
| Subject of Interest | Avery's Auto Salvage (Business) |                           |            |
| Interviewed         | Dassey, Bryan J (Person)        | 20 yr. old, White, Male   |            |
| Mentioned           | Avery, Allen K (Person)         | 68 yr. old, White, Male   |            |
| Mentioned           | Avery, Delores A (Person)       | 68 yr. old, White, Female |            |
| Mentioned - EXEMPT  | Dassey, Blaine A (Person)       | 16 yr. old, White, Male   |            |
| Mentioned           | Dassey, Bobby A (Person)        | 19 yr. old, White, Male   |            |
| Mentioned - EXEMPT  | Dassey, Brendan R (Person)      | 16 yr. old, Unknown, Male |            |
| Mentioned           | Janda, Barbara Ellen (Person)   | 41 yr. old, White, Female |            |
| Mentioned           | Tadych, Scott A (Person)        | 37 yr. old, White, Male   |            |
| Person of Interest  | Avery, Charles Earl (Person)    | 51 yr. old, White, Male   |            |
| Person of Interest  | Avery, Steven Allen Sr (Person) | 43 yr. old, White, Male   |            |

| Vehicles        |              |              |  |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Relationship    | <u>Tag #</u> | <u>VIN #</u> | <u>VehicleDescription</u>                    |
| Suspect Vehicle | 187JJF       |              | 1993 Pontiac Grand Am GT (Blue) - Automobile |
| Suspect Vehicle | AG5467       |              | 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty (Black) - Truck    |

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On Sunday, November 6, 2005, at approximately 12:20 p.m., S/A Kim J. Skorlinski and S/A Debra K. Strauss interviewed Bryan J. Dassey, DOB the nephew of Steven Avery, regarding this investigation. Bryan lives with his mother, Barbara Janda, and three brothers on the Avery Auto Salvage property. His house is adjacent to Steven's house. Prior to the interview, Bryan was driving Steven's blue 1993 Pontiac Grand Am and was stopped by the Marinette County Sheriff's Department pursuant to a search warrant for that vehicle.

At first Bryan said he did not know anything about what was going on, but then agreed to talk to the special agents. During the interview, S/A Skorlinski and Bryan sat in the front seat of S/A Skorlinski's state vehicle and S/A Strauss sat in the backseat. S/A Skorlinski explained to Bryan the search warrant for the Pontiac Grand Am, and he stated he understood why the car had to be seized. He said he and his brother Brendan were on their way to a local store, Tall Oaks, to buy soda when they were stopped.

Bryan said he rode up to the Avery residence at (Crivitz), on Saturday morning, November 5, 2005, with Steven and his grandmother, Delores Avery. He said when they got to the residence, his grandfather, Allan Avery; and his uncle, Charles "Chuck" Avery; and his brother, Brendan were already there. Bryan said his grandfather came to the residence on Thursday night, November 3, 2005, and Chuck and Brendan came on Friday night, November 4, 2005. Bryan said the plan was for all family members to stay at the residence until today and then travel back to their residences at Avery's Auto Salvage in Two Rivers, Manitowoc County.

S/A Skorlinski asked how he could contact Bryan's mother, Barb, and he said S/A Skorlinski said he could call her on her cell phone, or else her boyfriend, Scott's cell phone (b/t/b Scott Tadych). Bryan said his mom and step-dad are getting a divorced. He said his biological dad is not around much.

Bryan lives at Avery's Auto Salvage property with his mom, and brothers Brendan (15½ years old), Blaine (16 years old) and Bobby (19 years old). Bryan said he is not around the residence or the auto salvage yard much because he works at he leaves for work at 6:00 a.m. and then after work he is usually at his girlfriend's house until late in the evening.

Bryan was asked about the other vehicles at the Avery residence on Chuck's flatbed tow truck and Allan's Chevrolet pick up truck are still there. Byran was asked about a black Ford pick up truck at Steven's residence at the auto salvage yard. He said that pick up truck is owned by Steven and should be at the residence because Steven drove his Pontiac Grand Am.

Bryan was asked about the events of Monday, October 31, 2005, which was Halloween. He said he was not home at all during that day, except for waking up and going to work. Bryan said he got home sometime after supper, but could not recall when that was. He was asked why the Avery family members chose to come to their residence on this weekend, and he said they were going to butcher chickens and cut firewood. Bryan was asked about a deer they

had hanging at their residence at the auto salvage yard. He said Bobby picked up that deer from a car/deer accident and it is hanging in the garage at his mom's house. Bryan believed this accident occurred on Friday night, November 4, 2005. Brayn said he is not certain, because he stayed with his girlfriend Friday night and did not get home until about 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2005.

Bryan said he heard from his mom and Steven that Halbach was only at their residence about 5 minutes. He heard she just took the photo of the van and left. Bryan said the investigators should also talk to his brother Bobby, because he saw her leave their property.

Bryan was asked about access into the back of the salvage yard, and he said anyone can drive a car back there. He said a car can be driven through Radant Sand and Gravel pit to the back of the salvage yard. He recalled a time when 4 kids were caught driving back there.

Bryan said he also heard that his uncle, Earl Avery and his brother-in-law, Bob, were hunting rabbits in the salvage yard on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, and they did not see Halbach's vehicle in the back of the salvage yard.

The interview was terminated at approximately 1:00 p.m., however, Bryan remained in S/A Skorlinski's vehicle until Investigators Tony O'Neill and Todd Baldwin, of the Marinette County Sheriff's Department, had completed their interview of Brendan. When that was completed, both Bryan and Brendan were transported back to the Avery residence at approximately 1:45 p.m.