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**SEARCH WARRANT**

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF SAID COUNTY:

WHEREAS, Detective Mark Wiegert of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department, being duly sworn, has this day complained, in writing, to the said Court, and states on information and belief, that on November 7, 2005, in and upon certain premises in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, specifically:

The Avery Auto Salvage Office Building located at 12930 Avery Road, Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin, within the Avery Auto Salvage compound described as a blue pole building, the words "Avery Auto" appear in large white letters on the northwest corner of the building, the words "Chuck and Earl" appear in smaller red letters. There is an entry door on the northwest side of the building which contains a glass window with the word "Office" printed on the window in red/orange letters. Approximately 12 feet to the south of the office door is a second door to the shop which also contains a glass window, the words "Private Keep Out" are printed on the window in the same red/orange color. There are two other overhead doors and one other solid pedestrian door to the shop area, all on the west side of the building. There is also a solid cement slab which extends ten feet from the building along the west side.

There are now located and concealed certain things, to-wit:

Business records kept in the normal course of business, including but not limited to, computers, electronic processing and storage devices, central processing units, internal and peripheral storage devices such as fixed disks, external hard disks, floppy disk drives and diskettes, tape drives and tapes, optical storage devices or other memory devices; peripheral input/output devices such as keyboards, mouse, printers, video display monitors, optical readers, digital/photograph scanners and related communication devices such as modems together with system documentation, operating logs and documentation, software and instruction manuals and password documentation, CD roms and all records, whether stored on paper, on magnetic media such as tape, cassette, disk, diskette or on memory storage devices such as optical disks, or any other storage media together with indicia of use, ownership, possession or control of such records. Also included would be paper documentation, logs, record books, receipts, transactions, including but not limited to, any documentation regarding transactions involving Teresa Halbach and/or Auto Trader, which may be stored in safes, strong boxes, filing cabinets, or other filing instrumentalities;

which things may constitute evidence of crimes committed, including but not limited to: violations of sec. 940.01, 940.225, 940.30, 940.31 Wis. Stats., and prays that a Search Warrant be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the name of the State of Wisconsin, you are commanded forthwith to search the evidence for said things, and if the same or any portion thereof are found, to safely keep said material so long as necessary for the purpose of being produced as evidence on any trial or until further order of the Court.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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JUDGE  
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ENDORSEMENT

Received by me, \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
  ) ss.  
MANITOWOC COUNTY    )

WHEREAS, Detective Mark Wiegert of the County Sheriff's Department, being first duly sworn on oath, states on information and belief:

1. Your affiant is an investigator with the Calumet County Sheriff's Department. Your affiant has duties that include missing person investigations in and around Calumet County, Wisconsin. On November 5, 2005, the Calumet County Sheriff's Department was requested by the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department to lead the investigation into the disappearance of Teresa Halbach (DOB: 03/22/1980 ) on behalf of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department, under the doctrine of mutual aid.
2. Your affiant states that based on his training and experience as a law enforcement officer, as well as his common experience, and in the execution of search warrants in the past, it is common for individuals and businesses to store electronic communications on a hard drive of a personal computer. Your affiant states that it is common for business records to be stored in electronic formats and also as hard copies in safes, strong boxes, filing cabinets and similar filing instrumentalities. The business and personal records of transactions conducted at Avery Auto Salvage would be kept in the normal course of business. Your affiant is aware that computer hardware and magnetic media capable of storing data may be utilized to store records which include but are not limited to those relating to business and personal activities, criminal activities, associate names and addresses and the identity and location of assets for the business, as well as electronic and e-mail communications.
3. Your affiant is informed that on November 3, 2005, at 5 p.m., Karen Halbach contacted the Calumet County Sheriff's Department. Halbach stated that her daughter, Teresa Marie Halbach, DOB: 03/22/1980, had not been seen or heard from since Monday, October 31, 2005. Halbach said it was unusual for Teresa not to have had personal or telephone contact with her family or friends for this length of time. Halbach stated that her daughter was driving a 1999 Toyota Rav 4, dark blue in color.
4. Your affiant is informed that on November 4, 2005, Investigator Dave Remiker of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department interviewed Steven A. Avery (DOB: 07/09/1962) on November 4, 2005. Upon speaking with Steven Avery, Avery stated that he resides at 12932 Avery Road in the Town of Gibson, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, and works with the family-owned business d/b/a Avery Auto Salvage, located at 12928 Avery Road, Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Avery also did provide Investigator Remiker with verbal consent to search his residence, and Investigator Remiker was allowed into Avery's residence on November 4, 2005. Avery informed Investigator Remiker that Teresa Halbach was

on his property on Monday, October 31, 2005, to take photographs of a vehicle he was selling. Avery also stated that his sister, Barbara Janda, lives at 12930A Avery Road in the Town of Gibson, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Janda's residence is very close in proximity to the location where Teresa Halbach conducted her business on the Avery property on October 31, 2005.

5. Your affiant is informed that on November 5, 2005, officers received information from volunteer searchers that they had located a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle owned by Teresa Halbach at Avery Auto Salvage located 12932 Avery Road, in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Your affiant is informed that Investigator Remiker was provided with the VIN number of the Rav 4 located at Avery Auto Salvage; the searchers provided the VIN #JT3HP10V5X7113044 taken from the vehicle which they located. Investigator Remiker was able to confirm that VIN #JT3HP10V5X7113044 is the correct number for Teresa Halbach's Toyota Rav 4. During a visual observation of the vehicle, Investigator Remiker noted that there were tree branches covering the vehicle and also vehicle parts placed alongside of the vehicle which looked as though someone had attempted to conceal the vehicle from detection.
6. Your affiant received information that when Teresa Halbach was last seen, she was wearing blue jeans, a white button-down shirt, and a spring jacket. Your affiant believes that based upon Teresa's lack of contact with her employer and family members and her vehicle being abandoned at the Avery Auto Salvage yard, that Teresa Halbach is the victim of a crime including, but not limited to, homicide, sexual assault, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and theft.
7. Your affiant states that on November 7, 2005, Lt. Kelly Sippel of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department observed the Avery Auto Salvage Office Building located at 12930 Avery Road, Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin, within the Avery Auto Salvage compound described as a blue pole building, the words "Avery Auto" appear in large white letters on the northwest corner of the building, the words "Chuck and Earl" appear in smaller red letters. There is an entry door on the northwest side of the building which contains a glass window with the word "Office" printed on the window in red/orange letters. Approximately 12 feet to the south of the office door is a second door to the shop which also contains a glass window, the words "Private Keep Out" are printed on the window in the same red/orange color. There are two other overhead doors and one other solid pedestrian door to the shop area, all on the west side of the building. There is also a solid cement slab which extends ten feet from the building along the west side.
8. On November 5, 2005, your affiant applied for and was granted search warrants for numerous buildings on the Avery Auto Salvage property. On November 5, 2005, your affiant observed additional buildings on the property of Avery Auto Salvage on Avery Road in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and describes them as follows: (1) a trailer with a detached two-stall garage located on the east side near the northeast corner of the Avery Auto Salvage property. The trailer is unsided on the east side of the trailer and has beige-colored siding on the south side of the trailer. There is a white door located on the east side of the trailer. There is also a two-stall garage with red and blue siding and with two beige garage doors located on the east side of the garage; and (2) a single story trailer located on the northeast corner

of the Avery Auto Salvage property with green siding and a metal steel or tin-type roof. There is an attached purple or lavender-colored deck on the trailer. The trailer has a detached one-car garage with green siding and a beige garage door.

9. During the execution of search warrants of November 5, 2005, officers located a burn barrel containing burnt clothing and a partially burned shovel. Officers also utilized trained cadaver dogs and handlers. On two occasions, the cadaver dogs “hit” on Teresa Halbach’s Toyota Rav 4 which had been concealed on the Avery Auto Salvage property. Teresa Halbach’s body was not located within the vehicle; however, a “hit” from the cadaver dogs indicates that at one time there may have been a corpse or blood in the vehicle. On November 6, 2005, officers located blood in the interior of two junked vehicles on the Avery Auto Salvage property.
10. On November 5, 2005, your affiant applied for and was granted search warrants for numerous buildings on the Avery Auto Salvage property, including the residence of Steven Avery located at 12932 Avery Road in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin. During the execution of the search warrant for Steven Avery’s residence, officers located several items of restraints within Steven Avery’s residence, including handcuffs and leg irons. Your affiant believes these items are capable and intended for use in holding person against their will for activities including sexual assault or other assaultive non-consensual behavior.
11. Your affiant states that Steven Avery informed Investigator Remiker on November 4, 2005 that Teresa Halbach came to Avery Auto Salvage sometime in the afternoon on October 31, 2005 on behalf of her employer, Auto Trader, in order to photograph a vehicle which Avery was selling. Steven Avery informed Investigator Remiker that he had carried out the business transaction with Teresa Halbach on October 31, 2005. Your affiant states that it is common for receipts or other paperwork to be generated during such a transaction. Your affiant is aware that Steven Avery is the last confirmed person to see Teresa Halbach on October 31, 2005.
12. Your affiant believes, based upon the information provided in this affidavit, and based upon your affiant’s training and experience, the items listed on the fact sheet of the search warrant are likely to be found upon a search of the Avery Auto Salvage Office. Your affiant further believes that information retrieved from the Avery Auto Salvage Office will confirm that Steven Avery had personal contact with Teresa Halbach at the business of Avery Auto Salvage located at 12930 Avery Road, Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin on October 31, 2005. In addition, your affiant is aware that Teresa Halbach had photographed vehicles located at the Avery Auto Salvage on at least two occasions in the past.

Respectfully submitted this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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Detective Mark Wiegert  
Calumet County Sheriff's Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2005.

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Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
My Commission: \_\_\_\_\_