
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, evidence located during a search on November 7, 2005, at N44 degrees 15.263, W87 degrees 42.031 located on the property of Todd and Kari Vanderwarf in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin, evidence more particularly described as follows:

The property is located directly to the east of the Todd and Kari Vanderwarf residence located at 4183 Kuss Road, Two Rivers, Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin, and more particularly described as a marshy area containing cedar and other trees. The coordinates pertaining to an area of disturbed earth are N44 degrees 15.263, W87 degrees 42.031.

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

- (1) Women's clothing including, but not limited to, blue jeans, a white button-down shirt, and a spring jacket.
- (2) The body of Teresa Marie Halbach, DOB: 03/22/1980, described as a white female, sandy blonde hair, 5'6", approximately 135 pounds.
- (3) Property belonging to Teresa Halbach including, but not limited to, cameras, film and photography equipment, electronic storage devices, and a cellular telephone.
- (4) Forensic evidence including, but not limited to, fiber evidence, blood, hair, saliva, semen, palm prints, and fingerprints.
- (5) Instrumentalities capable of taking a human life including, but not limited to, weapons, firearms, ammunition, knives, cutting instruments, ropes, and ligatures.
- (6) Blunt objects and other tools, including but not limited to, crowbars, tire irons, and shovels.
- (7) Objects utilized to wrap or encase a body or object, including but not limited to, plastic bags, tarps, boxes.
- (8) Any other items which officers identify as being related to the investigation of the disappearance or homicide of Teresa M. Halbach (DOB: 03/22/1980).

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 7th day of November, 2005.

JUDGE
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ENDORSEMENT

Received by me, _____, 2005.

at _____ o'clock ____M.

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 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. During the execution of search warrants of November 5, 2005, officers located a burn barrel containing burned 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.
8. 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.
9. Your affiant states that on November 4, 2005, Investigator Dave Remiker of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department spoke with Steven Avery at his property located at 12932 Avery Road, in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin. Steven Avery gave permission for officers to search his residence.

10. Your affiant states that Steven Avery informed officers 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. Your affiant is aware that Steven Avery is the last confirmed person to see Teresa Halbach on October 31, 2005.
11. Your affiant was also informed by Investigator Tom Fassbender from the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation that blood was found in the 1997 Toyota Rav 4 belonging to Teresa Halbach and located within the Avery Auto Salvage Compound. Steven Harrington of the State of Wisconsin Crime Laboratory in Madison stated that technicians had located presumptive blood in the rear cargo portion of the vehicle and also in the front of the vehicle in the ignition area. Steve Harrington further indicated that technicians also located visible palm prints on the rear hatch area of the Toyota Rav 4. There was also a blunt instrument, upon which blood was found, located in the rear of the vehicle.
12. Your affiant is informed that a grid search was performed by volunteers in an attempt to locate Teresa Halbach, and evidence pertaining to her disappearance. Volunteer Searcher Mike Bushman was assigned as leader of TEAM A, working north and northeast from a conveyor belt in a gravel pit area immediately southwest of Avery Auto Salvage compound. Searchers were spaced 20 feet apart and contained a group of twelve. A volunteer searcher in the group informed Bushman that he observed a disturbed area of earth. The disturbed area was located on the Todd and Kari Vanderwarf property located on Kuss Road in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin.
13. Your affiant is informed that Doghandler, Julie Cramer from Great Lakes Canine utilized a cadaver dog in the search. Cramer utilized a trained cadaver dog near the area of disturbed earth located by Bushman. The trained cadaver dog “hit” on the area of disturbed earth indicating that a body or blood had been present in that area.
14. Your affiant is informed that Inv. Dederling identified the area of disturbed earth as having the coordinates N44 degrees 15.263, W87 degrees 42.031, which is located on the property of Todd and Kari Vanderwarf in the Town of Gibson, County of Manitowoc, State of Wisconsin
15. Your affiant is informed that Sarah Fauske of the Kaukauna Police Department, accompanied by her canine unit, “Loof” assisted in the search. “Loof” is a scent-trailing Bloodhound who has proven to be reliable in the past. “Loof” was provided with the scent of Teresa Halbach near the residence of Steven Avery. “Loof” detected a scent near the residence of Steven Avery and followed it along a woodline that led in an east-west direction to Kuss Road. “Loof” led Sarah Fauske up to the crime scene tape, which was located in a perimeter around the area of disturbed earth. The crime scene tape was approximately 40 yards from the area of disturbed earth.
16. Your affiant is informed by Investigator John Dederling of the Calumet County Sheriff’s Department that the excavation site is approximately three feet by four feet in area. The area of disturbed earth is lightly covered by pine needles, while the surrounding area is densely covered with leaves and pine needles. Inv. Dederling observed Bushman insert a flag into the area of disturbed earth; the flag went in with

little resistance. Inv. Dederling then observed Bushman insert a flag in the area adjacent to the disturbed earth and noted that it went in with substantially greater resistance. Inv. Dederling also located a piece of nylon rope wedged between a log and a tree approximately 20 yards south of the disturbed earth. Inv. Dederling noted that there was a small section of white plastic sheet material protruding from ground at the area of disturbed earth. Inv. Dederling noted that there is a trail running in a north-south direction near the area of disturbed earth. On the trail, Inv. Dederling located a piece of blue tarp approximately three inches by three inches square. Your affiant believes that based upon his training and experience, the section of blue tarp and the piece of white plastic sheeting would be consistent with materials commonly associated with covering and concealing buried objects.

17. Your affiant believes, based upon the information provided in this Affidavit and based upon your affiant's training and experience, that the items listed on the face sheet of the search warrant are likely to be found in the area of disturbed earth. Your affiant states that there is probable cause to believe that Teresa Halbach has been the victim of a crime, including but not limited to, homicide, sexual assault, and false imprisonment.

Respectfully submitted this
7th day of November, 2005.

Detective Mark Wiegert
Calumet County Sheriff's Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 7th day of November, 2005.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: _____