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Related Addresses	
<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
12450 CTH Q, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, United States of America	Interview Location
12930 Avery Rd, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241, United States of America	Suspect Location

Related Subjects					
<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	---	---	---	Subject of Interest
Radandt, Josh R	Person	Male	White	11/10/1974	Interviewed
Groelle, Travis	Person	Male	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Phillips, Greg	Person	Male	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Radandt, Jason	Person	Male	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Radandt, Preston	Person	Male	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Sieler, Tom	Person	Male	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Avery, Charles Earl	Person	Male	White	07/13/1954	Person of Interest
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Person of Interest

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Narrative begins on the following page.

On Thursday, November 10, 2005, at approximately 2:05 p.m., SAIC Peter Thelen conducted an interview of Josh R. Radandt, DOB 11/10/1974, at Radandt's property located at 12450 Hwy Q, Two Rivers, which is adjacent to the property of Steven and Charles Avery and Avery's Auto Salvage, located at 12930 Avery Road. Radandt provided his home address as 3510 W. Twin Lane Road, Two Rivers, cellular telephone numbers 920-323-3156, 920-374-1158, and home telephone of 920-755-4503. Radandt was previously interviewed on Saturday, 11/05/2005, by Investigator Gary Steier, of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department, at which time Radandt gave a written statement indicating that he saw a fire at the Avery property on 10/31/2005 at approximately 4:30 p.m. The contents of that interview are contained in a separate report by Inv. Steier.

At the time SAIC Thelen interviewed Radandt regarding this information previously given to Inv. Steier, SAIC Thelen asked Radandt to draw a map of where he saw the fire. Radandt drew a square for a house, which he indicated was red, and then drew a rectangle for a two-wide b/t/b Steven Avery's sister's house (Barbara Janda), and then drew a square for a detached garage, and indicated the fire was to the back of that garage, where Radandt drew a circle.

The following is a summary of the information SAIC Thelen obtained from Radandt:

Radandt indicated that on Sunday, 10/30/2005, Radandt, along with his business associates, Preston Radandt and Jason Radandt, drove to Madison for an overnight stay for a Monday morning meeting at 10:30 a.m. Radandt indicated the meeting lasted approximately two hours, at which time they went to lunch with Tom Sieler, who is a Local 130 union representative. Radandt indicated that upon finishing lunch, Radandt, along with Preston and Jason, drove to the Radandt office located in Manitowoc, WI, arriving at approximately 3:35 or 3:45 p.m. Radandt indicated he went into the office in Manitowoc to drop stuff off and left and went to his residence, where he dropped off his overnight bag.

Radandt indicated that, upon leaving his residence, located approximately 2 to 2½ miles from the site of his gravel pit off of the Avery property, Radandt took County Q to Kuss Road, where a driveway leads off into the Radandt property, and Radandt drove to the location of his deer hunting cabin on this property. Radandt indicated he went into the hunting cabin and grabbed two cans of beer and took them into his truck, and then drove into the pit to see how things were going, as he was not there previously on this date. Radandt indicated the pit was still open and that Travis Groelle was coming in to run a front end loader. Radandt indicated Groelle was coming in to work overtime, and that he remembers Groelle arriving at 4:30 p.m., as Groelle was pulling in when Radandt drove over to the pit. Radandt said that he knows this was 4:30 p.m. because Groelle wasn't suppose to arrive at work until 5 p.m. and Radandt was wondering why he came in 1/2 hour early. Radandt indicated he drank one beer while in the pit conversing with his employees and then opened the other beer and drank it while driving through the pit back to his hunting cabin. Radandt indicated this was approximately 4:40 p.m.

Radandt indicated that, when he rounded the southeast corner of the pit by the conveyors to head towards the hunting cabin, he saw a fire, which he had previously drawn to show SAIC Thelen, located in the area behind Steve Avery's garage. Radandt indicated the flames from the fire were

approximately 2½' to 3' high, and that it seemed like they were not real wide. Radandt indicated the fire seemed to be different as the flame appeared to be bright orange in color, and Radandt didn't observe any smoke coming up from the fire. Radandt indicated that it was not yet dark when he observed this fire. Radandt stated that he did not observe anyone standing around by the fire when he looked at it.

Radandt indicated he could not recall seeing fires in that area in the past, and the only reason he remembered this fire is because of the investigation taking place at this time. Radandt indicated that, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Greg Phillips came to the hunting cabin and had a beer. Radandt stated he was home around 6:30 p.m. that night, and that he went through the pit but didn't pay attention whether the fire was still burning or not. (On 11/16/2005, S/A Joy re-interviewed Radandt, who clarified that on 10/31/2005 both he and Phillips left the cabin at approximately 6:00 pm.)

Radandt indicated to SAIC Thelen that he was not aware that his property was accessible through the Avery property, because he thought it was all blocked off with cars. Radandt indicated the conveyers that run onto the Avery property are actually his, but they have not been used for approximately 11 years.

Radandt also indicated that, approximately one year ago, the Averys moved some cars on the northeast corner of Radandt's property off the conveyer so that Radandt could haul some loads of gravel to a new blue shed the Averys built on their property. Radandt indicated that, after the gravel was hauled, the Averys placed the cars back so that access could not be gained. (On 11/16/2005, S/A Joy re-interviewed Radandt and clarified with Radandt that the vehicles which had been moved around the area of a conveyor approximately one year ago had not been physically placed on the conveyor, but were located in the vicinity of the conveyor.)

Radandt indicated the reason he believed that cars blocked the perimeter was that the Averys are afraid people would have access to their salvage yard and would steal auto parts. Radandt stated that he and some of his men at work joked that even if someone could walk onto the property and did try to steal a car antenna, they would see them stealing it because they have such tight control over their salvage yard.

This concludes the information SAIC Thelen received from Radandt on 11/10/2005. At the conclusion of the interview, Radandt provided a handwritten statement to SAIC Thelen. The interview was terminated at approximately 3:21 p.m.

A copy of the sketch by Radandt and Radandt's statement will be attached as related object files to this report and forwarded to DCIR.

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Nov. 10, 2005

On Sunday Oct. 30th at approximately 2:00 PM myself, my brother Preston and my cousin and Partner in the company left for Madison to prepare for a 10:30 AM meeting with Operating Engineers personell. (Local 139) The meeting lasted about 1 1/2 hrs. Afterwards Tom Sicker (Local 139 rep) took myself, Preston, and Jason to lunch. Lunch lasted 45 min to 1 hr. After lunch we headed back to Manitowoc. At about 3:30 - 3:45 PM we arrived at our office. I left and stopped at my home to drop off night bag. After leaving my home I drove to my hunting cabin taking Hwy 6 to Kuss Rd. I stopped at my cabin to grab 2 beers. Left my cabin and drove down into my pit to check up on my plant and men. I had one of my employees Travis Groelle scheduled to work a few hrs. of overtime. I was in the pit when he showed up. Approx. 4:30 PM. I talked to my men a few minutes, then left and headed back up to my hunting cabin for another beer. As I followed my conveyors (parallel) I made a left turn to follow the road up to my cabin. As soon as I rounded the curve I was looking straight ahead and noticed a bright orange fire. It appeared to me to be in a 55 gal. drum. The fire did not look much wider than at fire that would be in a drum. The flames didn't seem to be much higher than 2 1/2 - 3' High. I left my cabin about 6:20 PM and took one last drive through my pit to check on my plant and went home.

Nov. 15, 2005

note: I did not notice any black or white smoke from fire. It was very bright orange.

I was not aware of my SE corner of property could be accessible to Avery property. Thought it was all blocked off with cars. The conveyors on that area of property have not been in use for 11 yrs.

About 1 yr ago or so the Avery's moved some cars on NE corner of my conveyor so that we could haul some loads of gravel up to the avery's new blue shed on the property. After the gravel was hauled the cars were put back.

The reason I believe the cars are blocking their perimeter is that they are afraid people would have access around area to get car parts.

Myself and some men at work joked that even if you could walk onto the property to try to steal a car antenna they would see you stealing it.

I ~~was~~ observed the fire that ~~started~~ appeared to be between two houses behind a garage which I believe belongs to Steve.

This a true and accurate statement to the best of
John P. ~~R~~ knowledge and was given without any threats and promises

