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Related Addresses	
<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
N9493 Highline Ln, Crivitz, Wisconsin 54114 , 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>
Auto Trader	Business	---	---	---	Mentioned
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	---	---	---	Subject of Interest
Dassey, Brendan R	Person	Male	Unknown	10/19/1989	Interviewed
Avery, Allen K	Person	Male	White	05/03/1937	Mentioned
Avery, Delores A	Person	Female	White	08/20/1937	Mentioned
Dassey, Blaine A	Person	Male	White	12/03/1988	Mentioned
Dassey, Bobby A	Person	Male	White	10/18/1986	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/07/1964	Mentioned
Kresco, Jason	Person	Male	White	---	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Person of Interest
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

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On Thursday, November 10, 2005, at approximately 12:05 p.m., S/A Kim J. Skorlinski and Investigator Todd Baldwin, of the Marinette County Sheriff's Department, interviewed Brendan R. Dassey, DOB 10/19/1989, outside his grandfather's residence, at N9493 Highline Lane, Town of Stephenson (Crivitz), Marinette County, regarding this investigation. This was a follow-up interview with Dassey. While this interview was being conducted, S/A Kyra M. Schallhorn and Corrections Officer Mike Haupt, of the Marinette County Sheriff's Department were obtaining buccal swabs and fingerprints and palm prints from Dassey's grandfather, Allan K. Avery, DOB 05/03/1937, inside the residence, pursuant to a search warrant.

S/A Skorlinski asked Dassey if he remembered S/A Skorlinski and Inv. Baldwin from Sunday, November 6, 2005, and he said yes. S/A Skorlinski said he had a few more questions for Dassey regarding the disappearance of Teresa Halbach.

Dassey was asked when was the last time his family had a fire in the fire ring behind his mother Barb Janda's residence at Avery's Auto Salvage property in Manitowoc County. Dassey said it was probably at his brother, Bobby's graduation party. Dassey was asked if that was a high school graduation party in the spring of 2005, and he said yes.

Dassey was asked when was the last time his uncle, Steven Avery, had a fire in the pit behind his residence, or more specifically, behind his garage. Dassey said it was either last Tuesday night, November 1, 2005; or Wednesday night, November 2, 2005; but he thinks it was Wednesday night. Dassey said he was hoping to have a fire with Steven on Monday night, October 31, 2005, but his mom got in a fight with Steven on Saturday, October 29, 2005, and told him that he can not have a fire with Steven on Monday. Dassey said this fight was because his mom did not want Steven to waste \$40 by placing an ad in the Auto Trader magazine for her van.

Dassey was asked what type of materials he and Steven burned in the fire pit on Wednesday night, and he said branches and other wood they collected from the yard. He said they also burned garbage, a few old tires and an old car seat. Dassey said he and Steven drove his mom's golf cart around the yard picking up these branches, wood, tires and car seat. He estimated that they burned about 5 old tires in the fire.

Dassey said the car seat was maroon in color and had been sitting next to his mother's garage for about two weeks before Steven decided to burn it. He said he helped Steven put the car seat into the fire, after they had the fire going for awhile. Dassey thought they were going to use the car seat in the van that his mom was trying to sell, but for some reason they did not do that.

Dassey was asked how Steven contacted him to have a fire. He said Steven called him on his mom's home telephone sometime after supper. Dassey thought this may have been around 8:00 p.m. He said Steven said something like, why don't you come outside and help me with a fire. Dassey said when he went outside, which was about 5 - 10 minutes after Steven called him, Steven had already piled some branches and garbage on the fire and had just lit it. He observed two black plastic garbage bags already in the fire and starting to burn. Dassey was asked what was in the garbage bags and he said it looked like regular garbage.

Dassey was asked if Steven had a fire on Monday, October 31, 2005, and he said he did not see a fire on Monday. Dassey was asked if Steven had a fire on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, and he said that could have been the night he and Steven had a fire, but he thought it was on Wednesday, November 2, 2005. Dassey did go to school every day last week, and said if Steven had a fire during the day, he would not know about it.

Dassey was asked if he noticed any strange odor coming from the fire pit when he and Steven were burning, and he said no. He was asked if after the fire, Steven dug through the ashes or smashed any items that had not burned, and he said he did not see that. Dassey did say that Steven took some wire out of the fire and told Dassey to put it in a tan car over by the old garage near the shop. Dassey said the length of wire was long and he thought it was about 20'.

Dassey was asked how long he and Steven were outside burning at the fire on Wednesday night and he said probably 1½ to 2 hours. Dassey thought they both left the fire at the same time to go into their residences. He said that was the only fire he was aware of that Steven had last week.

Dassey was asked if he had ever gone back inside of Steven's garage since Monday night, October 31, 2005, when he helped push the gray Suzuki into Steven's garage, and he said no.

Dassey was asked to recall the events of Monday, October 31, 2005, when he and his brother Blaine got off the school bus and were walking towards their residence. He said as he and Blaine were walking up to their residence, which is right next door to Steven's residence, he observed Steven and Halbach talking outside Halbach's vehicle. He said as they got closer, he and Blaine commented to each other that must be the woman who was here from the Auto Trader magazine to take photos of their mom's van.

Dassey said as he and Blaine got closer to their residence, he observed Steven walk towards his residence and observed Halbach get into her vehicle. He did not see her drive away. Dassey knew about the Auto Trader photographer because a few days before this, his mom told him she was coming to take photos of the van.

Dassey said he and Blaine then walked into their house and their other brother, Bobby, was not home at the time. Dassey said Steven never came over to their residence the rest of that day, but Steven did call him on the telephone to ask him to help him push the gray Suzuki into his garage. Dassey was asked why his brother Blaine did not help him and Steven push the Suzuki, and he said right after Steven called him, Blaine called one of his friends, Jason Kresco, so he was on the phone with Kresco when he and Steven were pushing the Suzuki.

Dassey was asked who put the items on top of the hood of the Suzuki. He said he did not know, because he did not do that. Dassey said after he pushed the Suzuki into Steven's garage, he went back home. Dassey was asked what was located next to the Suzuki in the garage, and he said there were tools and a snowmobile. Dassey was asked if another vehicle was parked in the garage, and he said no.

Dassey was asked if the plan for this past weekend was for Steven to stay at the Avery residence at Highline Lane until Sunday, November 6, 2005, and he said yes. He was asked if there was any discussion about Steven going home earlier, perhaps on Saturday, and he said no.

Dassey was asked about the mound of rocks and dirt next to Steven's fire pit behind his garage, where the doghouse is located. He said that mound had been there from the previous occupant of Steven's house, long before Steven moved there. Dassey was asked if he knew what was underneath that mound, and he said no.

Dassey was asked about clothes that were found in his mother's fire ring behind their residence. He said those were old clothes that did not fit Dassey or his brothers anymore.

Dassey was asked if he saw Steven dig up any ashes or haul any ashes out of his fire pit at any time last week, and he said no. Dassey was asked if he saw Steven do any stomping or crushing in the fire pit at any time last week, and he said no. Dassey was asked if Steven had the John Deere skid steer over at the fire pit any day last week, and he said no. Dassey said he has never seen the John Deere skid steer in Steven's backyard, and the only time he saw Steven operate it was trying to smooth out the road to their residences. Dassey said the dirt road has a lot of potholes.

Dassey was asked when was the last time Steven burned in that fire pit behind his house, other than last week. He could not recall, but said it was probably several weeks before that. Dassey was asked when was the last time Steven burned in his burn barrel, and he said last week. He said Steven probably burns two times a week in his burn barrel.

Dassey was advised that there were several tools by the fire pit, such as a shovel, a rake and a trowel. He was asked if he used any of these tools during the night he and Steven had a fire. Dassey said he may have used the shovel to move the burning material around.

S/A Skorlinski and Inv. Baldwin left Dassey and went inside the residence to check on the status of the search warrant execution.

A couple minutes later, S/A Skorlinski returned to Dassey and told him that the investigators believed that on Monday, October 31, 2005, Steven killed Halbach and burned her body in his fire pit. S/A Skorlinski told Dassey that investigators found pieces of female bone and teeth. Dassey was asked if he helped Steven burn Halbach's body, and he said no. Dassey was asked if he saw anything in the fire pit that resembled a human body or human bone, and he said no. S/A Skorlinski told him that this is not the time to be lying to protect Steven. Dassey said he did not know anything about Steven burning Halbach. The interview was terminated at approximately 12:30 p.m.