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Related Addresses

<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
104 Lilac Ave, Francis Creek, Wisconsin, United States of America	Interview 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
Dassey, Blaine A	Person	Male	White	12/03/1988	Interviewed
Avery, Allen K	Person	Male	White	05/03/1937	Mentioned
Avery, Charles Earl	Person	Male	White	07/13/1954	Mentioned
Avery, Delores A	Person	Female	White	08/20/1937	Mentioned
Dassey, Bobby A	Person	Male	White	10/18/1986	Mentioned
Dassey, Brendan R	Person	Male	Unknown	10/19/1989	Mentioned
Dassey, Bryan J	Person	Male	White	07/15/1985	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/07/1964	Mentioned
Kornely, Michael J	Person	Male	White	10/27/1949	Mentioned
Kresco, Jason	Person	Male	White	---	Mentioned
Owens, Adrianna	Person	Female	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Wiensch, Carmen K	Person	Female	White	08/16/1961	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Person of Interest
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

Related Vehicles

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Tag #</u>	<u>Tag Year</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Pontiac	Grand Am GT	Blue	187JJF	1993	Suspect Vehicle
Eagle	Talon ES	Red	242JFV	1993	Suspect Vehicle
Chevrolet	Blazer	Black	365JNP	1985	Suspect Vehicle
Oldsmobile	Achieva S	White	399EUW	1995	Suspect Vehicle
GMC Trucks	---	---	651HXB	1993	Suspect Vehicle
Eagle	Talon ESI	Purple	965JGK	1998	Suspect Vehicle
Ford	F350 Super Duty	Black	AG5467	2002	Suspect Vehicle

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Narrative begins on the following page.

On Monday, November 7, 2005, at approximately 10:11 a.m., S/A Debra K. Strauss and S/A Lisa Wilson interviewed Blaine A. Dassey, DOB 12/03/1988. Dassey is currently in 11th grade at Mishicot High School. Dassey lives with his mother, Barbara Dassey (a/k/a Barbara Janda), 12930A Avery Road, Two Rivers, WI. This interview was conducted at the residence of Michael J. Kornely, DOB 10/27/1949, located at 104 Lilac Avenue, Francis Creek, WI, 920-684-7309. Dassey has been staying with Kornely since Friday, 11/04/2005. The purpose of this interview was to obtain information Dassey would have regarding his activities during the week of 10/31/2005.

For the purposes of this interview, the Averys and Dasseys will be referred to by their first names.

Blaine said on Monday, 10/31/2005, he got out of bed at 6:30 a.m. like he normally does. The bus picks him and his brother, Brendan Dassey (Brendan), up at the end of the gravel driveway sometime between 7:08 and 7:13 a.m. Blaine was asked if he was one of the first to be picked up by the bus driver or the last, and Blaine responded he was somewhere in the middle. Blaine was asked if he knew the name of his bus driver and he said he did not. Blaine described his bus driver as a young, nice female. Blaine thought he rode on Bus #3 but he was not sure. Blaine's school day starts at 8:00 and concludes at 3:05 p.m. Blaine described this day as a normal school day, with nothing out of the ordinary occurring. Blaine stated that, when school was over, he and Brendan rode the bus home and they were dropped off sometime between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. Blaine said he and Brendan were dropped off at the same spot where they are picked up. Blaine was asked to describe where the bus drops him off and picks him up, and Blaine responded it was where the red/black Blazer is currently located.

Kornely stated that on some occasions, when Blaine arrived home from school, Blaine will call him. Blaine normally calls Kornely sometime between 3:40 and 3:50 p.m.

Blaine was asked if he recalled seeing anyone on the Avery property when he got off the bus on the afternoon of Monday, 10/31/2005. Blaine responded "not really." When asked what he meant by "not really," Blaine said he did not see anybody.

On 10/31/2005, the red/ black Blazer and the Monte Carlo were for sale at the end of the driveway. Blaine said he can recall those vehicles being there.

Blaine indicated when he got off the bus, he and Brendan walked directly to their house. Blaine said he did not talk to anyone except for Brendan, he did not see anyone, he does not recall seeing a vehicle that does not normally belong in the driveway, and he did not see Steve Avery (Steve).

When Blaine and Brendan walked into their house, Bobby Dassey (Bobby) was sleeping in his bedroom. Blaine explained that he and Brendan coming home woke Bobby up.

At approximately 5:00 that evening, Blaine received a telephone call from his friend, Jason Kresco. Kresco lives in Two Rivers and can be contacted at 920-794-2268. Kresco was calling

Blaine to see if Blaine would like to go with Kresco and chaperone Kresco's two brothers while they went trick or treating in Two Rivers. Blaine said when he received this call from Kresco, Bobby, Brendan, Blaine, Bryan Dassey (Bryan) and Barb were all home. Blaine said he knows his mom was home when he received this telephone call because he had to ask her permission to go trick or treating.

Blaine was asked if anything happened between 3:30 and 5:00 that afternoon. Blaine said it did not. Blaine was asked if he saw Steve during that time period and Blaine again said he did not. Blaine responded Steve was usually in the yard around this time period. Blaine was asked if he recalled Steve coming to the house and asking for assistance in moving a Suzuki or a snowmobile into the garage. Blaine said he did not. Blaine said if Steve would have made such a request, Blaine would have remembered it.

Blaine was asked if he could describe where the gray Suzuki was normally kept. Blaine responded that for the last week or two, this Suzuki was parked on the side of Steve's garage closest to Blaine's house. Blaine said he thought Steve's plan was to fix the Suzuki so Blaine's grandpa, Allen Avery (Allen) could take it to the cabin in Crivitz. Blaine was asked where the Suzuki was currently located and Blaine said he thought it was still parked next to Steve's garage.

At approximately 5:20 p.m., on 10/31/2005, Blaine was picked up by Jason's mom, Carmen Wiensch. Wiensch picked Blaine up in a purplish colored minivan. After Wiensch picked up Blaine, Blaine went to Jason's house for supper and then they went trick or treating. Blaine estimated he returned from trick or treating at approximately 9:30 that evening.

Kornely stated at approximately 5:30 or 5:45 that evening, Kornely called the Dassey residence and spoke to Brendan. Brendan advised Kornely that Blaine had gone trick or treating.

When Blaine returned from trick or treating, he did not see anyone outside. Blaine stated when he got home, Brendan, Barb and Bobby were inside and everyone was still awake. Shortly after Blaine got home, sometime between 9:30 and 10:00, Blaine said he went to bed. Blaine was asked if he recalled anything unusual happening after he went to bed that evening, and Blaine said he does not.

Blaine was asked if he could recall anyone using the burning barrels that day. Blaine said he did not. Blaine explained there were four burning barrels behind his house that the Dassey family uses. Blaine said these burning barrels are not used by Steve, grandma or grandpa (Allen and Delores) or Chuck. Blaine drew a picture of the area around his house and Steve's house, and Blaine indicated where Steve's burning barrel was located. When Blaine was asked what the burning barrels are used for, Blaine responded they are used for burning garbage. Blaine estimated that they burn trash when the barrels become full, averaging about one burn every two weeks. Blaine thought the last time he burned anything in the burning barrels was sometime last week, possibly Thursday (11/03/2005).

Blaine was asked what he knew about Steve's snowmobile. Blaine responded Steve brought this snowmobile back from his grandpa's cabin about one week ago. Blaine was with Steve when Steve did this. According to Blaine, the snowmobile was put on a trailer and brought back home. Blaine did not help Steve unload this trailer because the snowmobile had been left on the trailer. As of the week of 10/31/2005, Blaine thought the snowmobile was still on the trailer. Blaine was asked to describe the trailer that was used to haul the snowmobile. Blaine described this trailer as approximately 14' long, black metal with a drop ramp, and approximately 2' sides. Blaine said this trailer is capable of hauling two snowmobiles. This trailer is actually Barb's trailer and usually sits on the left side of Barb's garage.

Blaine was asked to list all of the vehicles owned by Bobby, Bryan and Barb.

Blaine said Bobby drives a black Chevrolet Blazer (primary), a dark blue Caprice Classic, and a red Eagle Talon (non-operable).

Bryan owns a gray Monte Carlo, white Oldsmobile, and a custom-painted Eagle Talon with a spoiler (primary).

Barb drives a silver Suburban (primary), a black Lincoln Continental, a green Lincoln Continental, a tan Sunbird, and a van. When Blaine was describing this van, Blaine said this was the van that "she came to take a picture of." Blaine was asked if this van was drivable and he responded it was, but the temperature gauge does not work.

Steve drives a black Ford truck, possibly an F250, which he uses for hauling and towing. Steve also drives a blue/green Pontiac Grand Am (primary).

Blaine was asked if he ever works in the salvage yard, and Blaine responded he would sometimes help his grandpa with salvage business but he would work in the buildings, not in the pit.

Blaine was asked if he hunts and Blaine responded affirmatively. Blaine said, even though he hunts, he does not own a gun and he uses his mom's 30/06. Blaine was asked where the family goes to sight in their guns, and Blaine responded they always went to their grandpa's cabin. That is because there is a range up there. Blaine said on occasions he has seen his grandpa sight the guns in at the range in Crivitz.

Blaine was asked if anyone hunts rabbits around the salvage yard. Blaine responded they usually trap the rabbits in metal cages. When Blaine was asked what they do with the rabbits after they catch them, Blaine responded they eat them. Blaine stated he does not know of anyone who hunts on the salvage yard property. Blaine was asked if he would know if anyone hunted on this property and Blaine said he would.

Blaine was asked to describe his day on Tuesday, 11/01/2005. Blaine said he woke up at approximately 6:00 a.m. and took the bus to school with Brendan. After school, Blaine rode the bus home and arrived at his usual time. Blaine said he did not recall going anywhere that evening, and he just participated in his usual evening activities, such as watching MTV or

playing video games. Blaine said, even though he could not specifically recall that evening, he believes Bobby was home that night.

Sometimes, Blaine said Steve will come over to the house and talk about what they're going to do. For example, Steve will suggest that they work on a car or have a bonfire. Blaine was asked if there were any bonfires last week and Blaine responded there was not. Blaine said he would know if there was a bonfire because he always liked to have them. Blaine was asked what materials they would use to burn during their bonfires, and Blaine said sometimes they would burn tires and sometimes they would burn wood.

Blaine was asked if he and Steve ever worked on the burgundy van that was for sale. Blaine responded he has worked on this vehicle in the past, however, he had not worked on it during the week of 10/31/2005.

Blaine was asked if he could recall Steve and Chuck going to Menard's on one night. Blaine said he could, however, he could not recall what night that was. The Special Agents advised Blaine the trip to Menard's occurred on Thursday evening.

At that time, Kornely stated he had been in Birmingham, Alabama the week of 10/31/2005. Kornely originally heard from his wife that Halbach had been reported missing. On Friday night, 11/04/2005, Kornely picked up Blaine at approximately 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Prior to leaving the Dassey residence, Kornely helped work on a dryer vent with Bobby, Brendan, Blaine and Barb. After leaving the Dassey residence, Kornely took Blaine to Green Bay to shop for computer accessories. While Kornely was at the Dassey residence, Steve called Barb and Steve told Barb they were looking for "the girl." Kornely and Barb discussed this phone call, and Barb advised Kornely that Halbach was at the Avery property and she had taken a picture of Barb's van.

While interviewing Blaine, Kornely and Blaine initially thought Blaine had called Kornely on his cell phone at 4:02 on Wednesday. Kornely said he was at a meeting when he received this telephone call, so he had to return the call to Blaine at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 that evening. As part of this phone call, Blaine advised Kornely that Blaine was not going to go up north as he had previously planned, and Blaine wanted to know if Blaine and Kornely were going to work on landscaping.

Blaine was asked if these phone calls could help him remember what happened that evening, and Blaine said they could not. Blaine said he was not sure who was home on Wednesday night and he did not think anything of significance happened. Even though Blaine could not recall anything happening, Blaine thought he probably stayed home and played video games or watched MTV, since that is what he does just about every night.

Blaine was then asked if he could recall what happened on the evening of Thursday, 11/03/2005. S/A Strauss advised Blaine that, to help his recollection, that was the night that Steve and Chuck went to Menard's. Blaine stated that sometime after dinner, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., he, Steve and Chuck were outside. Steve and Chuck told Blaine they were going to go to Menard's to get trusses for a shed they were going to build up north. Blaine said he spoke with Chuck and

Steve before they left for Menards. Chuck and Steve asked Blaine if he wanted to go. Blaine said he did not go with Chuck and Steve because he had other things to do. Blaine said they took the flatbed truck when they left. Blaine was asked if he could remember Steve and Chuck come home, and Blaine said he could not.

Blaine was asked if he would be able to hear a car drive past the front of his house if that car was driving in a normal fashion. Blaine said he did not know if he would hear this car or not. Blaine did state that, if a car comes down the road, the dogs will bark. If Blaine does not know what the dogs are barking at, he will get up and check. Blaine was asked if he could recall hearing the dogs bark at anything suspicious that night, and Blaine said he does not.

It was later learned that the phone call between Blaine and Kornely, which was originally thought to have occurred on Wednesday night, actually occurred on Thursday night. This was determined by checking the dates of the phone call. However, the receipt of these phone calls did not help Blaine recollect anything that happened on either Wednesday or Thursday night.

Blaine was asked if he recalled hearing Steve and Chuck return in the flatbed shortly after they left for Menard's. Blaine said he did not. Blaine was asked if he would have heard them come back and Blaine said he would have.

Blaine was asked to describe the events of Friday, 11/04/2005. Blaine said on Friday evening, Chuck and Brendan went to the cabin in Crivitz. At approximately 6:30 that evening, Kornely came to Blaine's house to pick him up. While Kornely was there, Kornely helped with a dryer vent, as had been previously mentioned in this report. Blaine left with Kornely to go to Green Bay, so he did not have any knowledge of what happened at the Avery property after he left with Kornely that evening.

The following day, Saturday, 11/05/04, Kornely had to sing at a wedding. Before the wedding, Kornely tried to take Blaine home. By that time, the police had already taken control of the Avery property. Kornely said he called Barb and advised her the police has taken control of the property.

Blaine advised the Special Agents that sometime during the week of 10/31/2005 there was a message on the Dassey answering machine. Blaine said the message was a female's voice saying she was coming out to take a picture of the van Barb was selling. Blaine said the person leaving the message left her name and who she worked for. The caller also said she would be coming to Dassey's residence at approximately 1:00 or 2:00 on Monday (10/31/2005) to take the pictures. The caller left a call back number to reschedule if necessary. Blaine stated he thought this message would still be on their answering machine. Blaine said he thought the ad charge was \$85 and it was Barb who made the arrangements to have the photos of the car taken. Blaine said Barb has placed ads in this magazine in the past. The most recent advertised vehicle was Barb's black Lincoln. Blaine was asked if anyone else in the family used this magazine and Blaine said they did not.

Blaine was asked if he had seen any media coverage of the missing woman, including her name and the picture of her car. Blaine said he had, but these photos did not help Blaine recall having seen Halbach or her vehicle before.

Blaine had no additional information and the interview was at that time terminated.

During the interview, Blaine provided the Special Agents with a diagram of the trailers, garages, and burning barrels around the Dasseys and Steve Avery houses. This diagram will be electronically attached to this report and will be forwarded to DCIR.

On Monday, November 11, 2005, at approximately 2:15 p.m., S/A Strauss and S/A Wilson went back to re-interview Blaine to verify the activities of Wednesday, 11/02/2005 and Thursday, 11/03/2005.

Blaine said that one day last week (week of 10/31/05) Blaine was supposed to have a girl over to his house for a bonfire. This girl was identified as Adrianna Owens, a sophomore at Mishicot High School. Blaine said this bonfire never took place, as Owens later said she did not want to come out for a bonfire.

According to Blaine, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Blaine did not leave his residence. Blaine said he did not go anywhere, he did not see anyone, and he could not recall Steve or Chuck coming over to his house.

Blaine also said he is sure that Chuck and Steve went to Menard's on Friday night instead of Thursday night. Blaine said he can recall going into his garage with Bobby looking for duct tape or tie downs for the dryer vents. While out there, Blaine saw Chuck in his flatbed smoking a cigarette and Steve run into his house as if to get something. Blaine estimated Steve was in his house for approximately 3 to 5 minutes. Blaine said he did not talk to Chuck or Steve at all. Blaine saw Steve come out of his house, get in the passenger seat of the flatbed, and they left the area.

The Special Agents asked Blaine why he had previously stated that before Chuck and Steve went to Menard's, they asked Blaine if he wanted to go along. However, Blaine had to decline because he had something else to do. Blaine said this was an error because he was confusing it with a separate incident he had with Chuck and Steve.

Blaine had no additional information and this contact concluded at approximately 2:45 p.m.