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On Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at approximately 11:30 a.m., S/A Alan S. Hunsader, along with Brown County Drug Task Force Lieutenant Pat VanLanen met with Thomas E. Pearce, M/W, DOB 10/05/1948. This meeting occurred at Pearce's business called Pearce Photography, 1599 Western Ave., Green Bay, WI 920-592-9494, 1-800-236-8881. Pearce has a home address of 1707 Woodberry Terrace, Green Bay, WI 54313, home phone: 920-434-3004. The nature of this interview concerned information Pearce had regarding Teresa M. Halbach. Officers were talking to Pearce at this time, as officers knew that Halbach and Pearce were personal friends and business associates. This report is a summary of that meeting.

Upon first meeting with Pearce, S/A Hunsader identified himself as police officer to Pearce. At that time, Pearce, S/A Hunsader and Lieutenant VanLanen went into a back portion of Pearce Photography Studio and spoke privately with Pearce. Pearce stated that Halbach initially began working at Pearce Photography through an internship in 2001 or 2002.

At that time, Halbach would have been a student at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Pearce stated that Halbach had been active in photography since then to the present time until her disappearance on 10/31/2005. Pearce went on to say that he and Halback worked together in some ways and worked separately in others. Peace stated that as an example, he and Halbach would work weddings together as Halbach had fresh ideas and was good with children; and Pearce had the experience. This made for a good combination. Pearce also stated that although Halbach used Pearce's studio area, Halbach had a good portion of her own clients and her own business. Pearce was very emphatic in stating that these were separate businesses and stated that as an example of the separateness, both Halbach and Pearce maintained strictly separate financial records regarding their business activities.

Pearce stated that Halbach used to be employed by the Picture People, in Bay Park Square, in Ashwaubenon, but has been out of that business for approximately two to three years now. Pearce stated that after Halbach left the Picture People, she began spending more of her working time at Pearce Photography.

Pearce stated that Halbach also worked for the Auto Trader. Pearce stated that he had originally met Halbach through a UWGB co-op program. Pearce stated that at that time, Halbach maintained an apartment on Monroe Ave., in downtown Green Bay. Pearce stated that Halbach now resides in Hilbert, at her own residence and that her parents own that location. Pearce stated that he had never been to either location. Pearce stated that Halbach had a cell phone and that when she was at the studio of Pearce Photography, she frequently would leave the cell phone out on the counter. Pearce stated that if he and Halbach were out somewhere, the cell phone was always in Halbach's purse, never hanging on her person. Pearce stated that Halbach was very responsible and very business savvy for her age. Pearce described Halbach as being very mature.

Pearce stated that on Thursday, November 3, 2005, when he attempted contact with Halbach on her cell phone and found out that the voicemail prompt stated that Halbach's voicemail box was full. Pearce said that he found this to be strange because Halbach was always prompt with her messages. Pearce stated that at that time, he called Halbach's mother and inquired about Teresa.

According to Pearce, Halbach's mother hadn't seen Teresa either. Pearce stated that it was not uncommon for Teresa to be gone for two to three days at a time; either out with friends or on business, but that people usually knew where she was and what she was doing during those absent times. Pearce gave the impression, though, that this time was different and strange because many people close to Teresa, to include Pearce, and Teresa's mother, hadn't seen or heard from Teresa for a period of several days.

Pearce stated that later that day, he heard a missing person's report via the media and again called Teresa's mother back. Pearce stated that at that time, Teresa's mother stated that she had called Teresa's friends and they did not know where Teresa was either. And at that time, according to Pearce, Teresa's mother contacted authorities to report Teresa missing.

At that time, S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce as to what would constitute a normal business day for Teresa on a day when she was coming in to Pearce Photography. Pearce stated that on a normal business day, Teresa would come in, check her orders, do the bookwork for her own business, put some of her orders together, and work her appointments. Pearce stated that Teresa would take a lot of work home with her. Pearce further stated that Teresa had a laptop computer that she kept much of her records on. Again, Pearce stated that Teresa was very organized, a very good record keeper, very mature and very business savvy. Pearce also stressed that Teresa's daily schedule greatly varied according to what sort of appointments she had on that day.

Pearce stated that in his mind, Teresa being very people oriented, had three families. Pearce would describe these families as: 1. Her immediate family. 2. Her social friends. 3. Her business group and client friends. With regard to the first group, her immediate family, Pearce stated that Teresa's mother was Karen, her biological father was deceased. Her stepfather is Tom, last name unknown but some relation to her biological father. Pearce stated that Teresa had a brother, Mike, who resided in Green Bay. Another brother whom Pearce could not remember his name, but stated that he was possibly an attorney and possibly one or two sisters.

Pearce talked about Teresa's second family, her group of social friends to include parties from Picture People, school, work and others. Pearce stated that she also worked with a group that helped autistic children. Pearce stated that Teresa lived with a party named Scott, last name unknown, but that Pearce did not believe that Scott was Teresa's boyfriend. Pearce also spoke of a male individual named Ryan, last name unknown. According to Pearce, Ryan is Teresa's ex-boyfriend and that Ryan is from the Hilbert area. Pearce thought that Ryan may be a partier type and may engage in drinking and possibly drug use.

Pearce also spoke about Halbach's business group and clients portion of Halbach's life that Pearce referred to as her third family. Pearce stated that both he and Teresa were members of marketing groups. Pearce stated that Teresa was a member of her own marketing group and that Teresa was active with this group. Pearce stated that this group met once per week on Wednesday and that Teresa did not show up for this meeting last Wednesday - (11/02/05). Pearce identified two parties within this group that were friends of Halbach. One being the chairperson, Jim Beining, 920-360-0458, and Donna Calberg, 920-593-8326, a business associate and friend of Halbach. Pearce also stated that his marketing group, known as BNI, also

had members that knew Halbach. Pearce stated that Halbach would occasionally substitute for him at these meetings. Pearce stated that one member of this group that was a friend of Halbach was a party named Amy List, 920-336-7796.

Pearce stated that in the past, Halbach had confided in Pearce that she was having some trouble with some of the clients at the Auto Trader. Pearce stated that Halbach told Pearce in the spring of 2005, that a male individual whom she was photographing a car for made sexual advances towards her. Pearce stated that he did not get the name of this individual.

Pearce stated that he did not know if Halbach was sexually active. Pearce stated that he also did not know if she was currently dating. Pearce stated that he did not believe that Halbach had any enemies and that she was well liked. Pearce stated that Halbach had not provided Pearce with any information regarding Halbach being afraid of anybody or having trouble with anybody. Pearce further stated that Halbach was feisty and in good shape and would be able to fight back if she had the chance to. Pearce stated that whoever got to Halbach would have had to have ambushed her or hit her with a weapon or drugged her.

S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce if he knew whether or not Halbach carried large amounts of U.S. currency on her person. Pearce again stated that he did not know much about Halbach's finances as she and he kept their financial matters separate. Pearce stated that he knew Halbach to be somewhat frugal. S/A Hunsader got the impression from talking with Pearce that Halbach was not the type of person to walk around with large amounts of U.S. currency on her person and flaunt this cash in public.

During this interview, Pearce stated that he knew a lot about what Halbach kept in her vehicle. Pearce stated that the SUV driven by Halbach was Halbach's only vehicle.

S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce if he knew Halbach's schedule on October 31, 2005. Pearce stated that no, he did not know her schedule as the business was closed and she was not in that day.

S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce as to when the last time he spoke face to face with Halbach. Pearce stated that he had spoken face to face with Halbach on Saturday, October 29, 2005. Pearce stated that this was merely a conversation about work. Pearce stated that Halbach was stating that she was planning on going out on Halloween.

S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce if Halbach seemed depressed or despondent for any reason. Pearce replied no. Pearce stated that Halbach liked to travel but never expressed any interest or displayed any signs of leaving or escaping. Pearce stated that Halbach would not neglect her work or her clients in this manner.

Pearce stated that Halbach had friends in the Milwaukee and Chicago area but Pearce did not know any of these parties' names.

Pearce stated that he and Halbach shared an appointment book at the studio. Pearce stated that he had not seen Halbach on Monday or on Sunday.

Pearce denied knowing the Avery's. Pearce stated that he was not related to the Avery's. Pearce stated that he had never been on the Avery's property. Pearce stated that he did do occasional weddings and photo shoots in the Mishicot area but had no other ties to that area. Pearce stated that Halbach never expressed any fear or concern to him about having to go to the Avery property.

Pearce stated that his secretary, Ariel Cook, also knew Halbach and could be available for interviews with officers during business hours at Pearce Photography or could be contacted at her cell phone number 920-246-9557.

S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce as to what he was doing on Sunday, October 30, 2005. Pearce stated that he had taken the fish out of his pond from behind his residence and put them in his basement. Pearce stated that he lives in the Howard area.

Pearce stated that on Monday, October 31, 2005, Pearce finished taking out the fish and cleaning up the pond and then came to the studio and checked the mail. S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce if he had a sexual relationship with Halbach. Pearce vehemently denied any sexual relationship with Halbach.

S/A Hunsader inquired of Pearce if he could see Halbach's client list. Pearce checked some records for some of Halbach's clients but stated that the majority of her client list would be accessible through her laptop computer. Pearce thought that the laptop computer would contain her present client list as well as her past client list and her mailing list as well. This concluded information received from Pearce during the course of this interview.

It should be noted that during the course of this interview, Pearce became emotional on several occasions while speaking about Halbach. S/A Hunsader provided Pearce with a business card and stated that if any further information came to light that Pearce thought was useful that he could contact either S/A Hunsader or the case agents in this investigation, S/A Thomas J. Fassbender or Det. Mark Wiegert. This concluded the interview between S/A Hunsader, Lieutenant VanLanen and Pearce. This interview terminated at approximately 1:20 p.m.