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Description:	TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Interview/Tammy L. Weber
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Related Addresses

Address	Relationship
1724 22 St, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, United States of America	Interview Location

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	---	---	---	Subject of Interest
Weber, Tammy L	Person	Female	White	10/07/1968	Interviewed
Avery, Allen K	Person	Male	White	05/03/1937	Mentioned
Avery, Candy S	Person	Female	White	05/02/1971	Mentioned
Avery, Charles Earl	Person	Male	White	07/13/1954	Mentioned
Avery, Delores A	Person	Female	White	08/20/1937	Mentioned
Avery, Donna	Person	Female	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Avery, Earl Kevin	Person	Male	White	06/10/1970	Mentioned
Bearntsen, Penelope	Person	Female	White	02/08/1949	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/07/1964	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Person of Interest
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

Record Status Information

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Narrative begins on the following page.

On Monday, November 14, 2005, at approximately 12:47 p.m., S/A Debra K. Strauss and S/A Lisa A. Wilson interviewed Tammy L. Weber, DOB 10/07/1968. This interview occurred at Weber's residence, 1724 22nd Street, Two Rivers, WI, 920-553-2234. The purpose of this interview was to determine if Tammy Weber would have any information regarding the disappearance of Teresa M. Halbach and/or the Avery family.

For the purpose of this report, the Avery family members and Dassey family members will be referred to by their first names.

Weber provided the following information:

Weber began by stating the following about the Avery family: "I doesn't care about any of them, the police should lock them all up, and I don't know what happened" between someone in the Avery family and Halbach.

Weber stated she had been talking to Steve Avery on and off all week. Steve had called her once or twice (once just before he was arrested) and she called him several times. Weber would call Steve to see how he was doing because he was upset and emotional about everything that was going on. Weber said that, during one of her conversations with Steve, she asked Steve if he had anything to do with the missing photographer. Steve said he did not and Weber believed him. Weber said she knows Steve and she trusts him because she has grown up with him.

Weber was asked if she had any idea who was responsible for the disappearance of Halbach. Weber responded she thought Steve was being set up. When Weber was asked by whom, Weber responded "anybody," and then she stated "Manitowoc County." Weber continued and said that Manitowoc County has been after Steve for a long time. Weber again stated she thought Steve was being set up but, if Steve did do this, Weber believes Steve did not kill Halbach by himself.

Weber told the Special Agents that, if anyone within the Avery family would have committed a crime such as this, it would have been "Chuckie" (Charles a/k/a Chuck Avery). Weber believes this because Chuck has beat, raped and tried to kill his ex-wife. Weber believes if Chuck could do this to someone he knows, he could also do it to a stranger.

Weber has spent a lot of time with Steve since he got out of prison, and Weber has never heard Steve say anything bad. Weber explained that Steve would come over to her house and help her with her car. If Weber needed Steve to help her with anything, he would always try to accommodate her. Weber stated Steve never touched her or tried to hurt her in any way. Weber also said she told Steve that, if he would ever touch her or hurt her in any way, she would go to the police. Weber explained this is not because she was talking to Steve but, instead, this is because Weber had been raped in the past and that is what she told every man.

Weber explained that anytime she needed Steve to help her, Steve would always have to come to her house. Weber would never go to the Avery residence because she did not like the Avery family. There had been many times that Steve has come to her house to help her. Many of those

times it would just be Steve and Weber. Weber stated Steve had sold her a car engine and the tires to her car.

When asked, Weber said she has not talked to Steve since his arrest, nor has she talked to any of the other Avery family members.

Weber described the Avery members as follows:

Weber stated Chuck was an “asshole.”

Weber said she liked Earl until Earl married Candy. Candy is jealous of Weber, so Weber does not have a lot of contact with Earl.

Weber used to babysit for Barb’s children when they were younger. Weber said she does not deal with Barb much anymore.

Weber stated that Delores and Weber hate each other. This is because, prior to Earl marrying Candy, Weber liked Earl.

Weber stated Allen is “a nice guy.”

Weber was asked how she met the Avery family and Weber stated, many years ago, when the salvage yard was still being run by Allen, Weber and her mom used to work there. As a result, Weber became friends with the Avery children.

When Steve went to court for the Penny Beerntsen case, Weber went to every court appearance Steve had. Weber said she never believed Steve was guilty of this crime.

According to Weber, she is convinced that Steve was convicted of the Beerntsen assault because someone in the Beerntsen family paid the jury off. Weber told S/A Strauss that she hates the Beerntsens. During the trial, Penny Beerntsen accused Weber of going past the Beerntsen candy store and “flipping her off.” Beerntsen told the bailiff of Weber’s actions and the bailiff talked to the judge. During the court proceedings, the judge told Weber that he received a report that Weber had went past the Beerntsen candy store and flipped Beerntsen off. Because of Weber’s actions, the judge kicked Weber out of the courtroom for that day but allowed her to return the following day. Weber advised S/A Strauss that Beerntsen is lucky she no longer owns the candy store because, if she did, Weber would go and put poison in the candy.

S/A Strauss asked Weber if Weber told Steve that she thought Steve was being set up. Weber said she did. Weber refused to say who she heard this information from, but Weber told Steve that Weber heard a local police officer believe Steve was being set up. Weber also heard Halbach was related to the Beerntsens, and the Beerntsens were just trying to get back at Steve because they were afraid Steve was going to sue them. Weber was asked if the local police officer was from Two Rivers, the City of Manitowoc, the County of Manitowoc, or some other municipality, and Weber said she did not know.

S/A Strauss asked Weber if she thought Manitowoc County had the capability of transferring Steve's DNA to the key and to the inside of Halbach's vehicle. Weber said she did. Weber said she did not know how they would do it but, if anyone could figure it out, it would be Manitowoc County.

Weber stated she is very upset that Steve was being cooperative with the police yet he still ended up getting arrested.

Weber said she has heard from a lot of people in the community that Steve is being railroaded. These are people who knew about his past conviction and believe this is happening to him again. Weber was asked if any of these people would have firsthand knowledge about who may have committed this crime, and Weber said they are not.

Weber described Steve as "slow." By that, Weber meant that Steve "is not all there upstairs," and that it takes him a little longer to process information. Weber believes this is the result of spending 18 years in prison. In Weber's words, people "fucked his life up for spending 18 years in prison."

Weber stated she thinks Chuck should be investigated more thoroughly and again stated that, based on discussions Weber has had with Donna Avery (Chuck Avery's ex-wife), Chuck has raped her, beat her, and tried to kill her.

At one time, Weber suggested that Steve go and see a counselor. Weber felt Steve had a lot of anger and resentment because he spent 18 years in prison. Weber told Steve that she would go to counseling with him. Weber said she made it a point to tell Steve that, if he went to counseling and he wanted her to go along, she would but she would drive herself separately. Weber said that, since she had been raped, she does not get in a car with anyone except for her boyfriend. S/A Strauss asked Weber if Steve ever went to counseling and she said he did not. Steve told Weber he did not need counseling.

During past conversations with Chuck, Chuck told Weber that she should find Chuck a woman. Chuck said he needs a woman so he can have kids for tax purposes.

Weber told the Special Agents on Sunday, 11/13/2005, Weber talked to a friend of hers. Weber refused to state who this person was, but indicated her name started with an "R." This friend advised Weber that in the recent past, Barb had called this person asking where a local pornography shop was located. The person told Barb where she could find a local porn shop but Weber did not know what Barb had been told. When Barb talked to the unidentified caller, the unidentified caller stated she had read in the newspaper that chains, handcuffs and shackles may be associated with this case.

Weber was upset that, as the news media is starting to talk about Steve's criminal past, they never tell the entire story. For example, the media will talk about Steve's burglary conviction but, even though her brother was involved in this burglary, his name is never mentioned. Weber

is also upset that when the media will talk about Steve starting a cat on fire, they never mention the second person who was involved in this act. Weber also believes when Steve drove the sheriff's deputy's wife off the road and pointed a gun at her, this would not have been such a big deal if the victim wouldn't have been a sheriff's deputy's wife. Weber indicated she did not think Steve's 6-year sentence for this crime was appropriate. She felt it was too harsh.

Weber had no additional information and the interview concluded at approximately 1:26 p.m.