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Primary Information

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Related Addresses

Address	Relationship
9215 CTH Z, Maribel, Wisconsin, United States of America	Interview Location

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Auto Trader	Business	---	---	---	Mentioned
Cedar Ridge	Business	---	---	---	Mentioned
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	---	---	---	Subject of Interest
Dassey, Blaine A	Person	Male	White	12/03/1988	Interviewed
Dassey, Bobby A	Person	Male	White	10/18/1986	Mentioned
Dassey, Brendan R	Person	Male	Unknown	10/19/1989	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/07/1964	Mentioned
Kresco, Jason	Person	Male	White	---	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

Record Status Information

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On Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at approximately 5:20 p.m., S/A Kim J. Skorlinski and Investigator Wendy Baldwin, of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department, interviewed Blaine A. Dassey, DOB 12/03/1988, at the Cedar Ridge Restaurant, 9215 CTH Z, Maribel, regarding this investigation. This was a follow-up interview with Blaine, age 16, and his mother, Barbara Janda, was present. At first, Barb did not want the investigators to talk to Blaine anymore, because the attorneys representing her brother, Steven Avery, said the family did not have to cooperate anymore. But, after talking to S/A Skorlinski, she agreed to a 20 minute interview.

Blaine was asked about his activities on Monday, October 31, 2005. He said he went to school that day and after school he got dropped off by the bus at the end of Avery Road, at Avery's Auto Salvage. He said he and his brother Brendan Dassey were dropped off at about 3:45 p.m., and they walked to their residence, which is right next to the residence of their uncle, Steven Avery.

Blaine was asked during the walk home from the bus, did he observe Steven talking to a female outside Steven's or his mother's residence, and he said no. He was asked if he observed a female taking photographs of the maroon van that his mother was trying to sell, and he said no. He was asked if he saw a female driving in her vehicle, a dark colored Toyota Rav 4, on the road leading to his house, and he said no. Blaine said he did not see a female or any vehicle like that while he was walking home. He said the first time he saw the female, Teresa Halbach and her vehicle, were on the TV news reports.

Blaine said as he got closer to his residence, he saw Steve walking from his own residence to his own burn barrel carrying a white plastic bag. Blaine said he observed Steven place the white plastic bag into his burn barrel, which was already burning. He then saw Steven walk back in his own residence.

Blaine was asked during the walk home from the bus, did Brendan make a comment something like, there is that woman that mom told us about that was going to take photographs of the van. Blaine said Brendan never made that comment. Blaine was asked if he and Brendan talked about the woman coming to take photographs, and he said no.

Blaine was asked about a gray Suzuki vehicle that was parked by Steven's garage. He said he did observe that vehicle next to Steven's garage. Blaine was asked if he recalled a time when that vehicle was no longer parked there, and he said no, he could not remember that.

Blaine said sometime after 5:00 p.m. he went trick or treating with his friend, Jason Kresco, and he returned home around 9:30 p.m. Blaine said when he was picked up and dropped off by Kresco's mom, in the same area where the bus drops him off. He was asked about a fire behind Steven's garage, and he said when he was walking home after being dropped off by Kresco's mom, he observed that Steven had a bonfire going behind his garage. Blaine said he observed only Steven standing by the fire. He is aware that Steven has a fire pit behind his garage and burns there once in awhile.

Blaine was asked if the flames were about 3' high, and he said they were at least that high. He did not go over to Steven, but instead walked into the house. Blaine believed his brother,

Brendan, was in the house because they talked about Blaine going trick or treating. He was asked if his mom was home at this time, and he did not remember if she was home. Blaine said he thinks his other brother, Bobby Dassey, was home.

Blaine was asked about a maroon car seat that was sitting by the fence on the other side of his garage. He said he does not remember seeing that. Blaine was asked if Steven asked him to help him pick up tires and wood from the yard to burn that night, and he said no. Blaine said he had nothing to do with the fire that night.

Blaine was asked if he heard the message on his mom's answering machine from Teresa, when either he got home from school or from trick or treating. He said no, but he heard that she had called and left a message stating she would be there at a certain time to take the photos of the van.

Blaine was asked if he spends a lot of time with Steven and he said no. He said recently, Brendan spends more time with Steven.

Blaine was asked if Brendan ever told him that he helped Steven push the gray Suzuki into Steven's garage. He said Brendan never told him that.

Blaine was asked if at any time during October 31, 2005, did he observe Brendan outside tending the bonfire with Steven or did he observe Brendan and Steven driving his mom's golf cart picking up tires and wood from the yard, and he said no. Blaine was asked if Brendan ever mentioned doing those things with Steven, and he again said no.

S/A Skorlinski advised that was all the questions he had for Blaine and asked if Barb had any questions or comments. Barb said there is another guy that should be considered a suspect in this case. She did not know his name, but said he is the guy from Manitowoc that recently attacked his girlfriend with a hatchet. Barb was asked how that guy is a suspect, and she said according to her brother, Charles "Chuck" Avery, and her dad, Allan Avery, that guy was at the Avery's Auto Salvage yard on October 31, 2005. She said the guy also knew Steven because they spent 8 years together in prison. S/A Skorlinski asked why Chuck did not previously mention this, and Barb did not know.

The investigators told Barb that they believed this was a last minute attempt to come up with a suspect to shift the blame from Steven. S/A Skorlinski told Barb the physical evidence that has been analyzed so far, indicates that Steven is the person responsible for the murder of Teresa. S/A Skorlinski said he believed the case is only going to get stronger as more evidence is analyzed. The investigators told Barb that she and the rest of their family are just embarrassing themselves by continuing to say that Steven was set up by law enforcement or some guy from Manitowoc is responsible. The interview was terminated at approximately 5:40 p.m.