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Related Addresses

Address	Relationship
3235 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220 , United States of America	Interview Location
1026 S 14th St, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220 , United States of America	Other
12930 Avery Rd, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241 , United States of America	Other
1905 Franklin St, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220 , United States of America	Other

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	---	---	---	Mentioned
Nettles, James A	Person	Male	Unknown	06/27/1982	Interviewed
Avery, Charles Earl	Person	Male	White	07/13/1954	Mentioned
Avery, Earl Kevin	Person	Male	White	06/10/1970	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Mentioned
Edward, Josh	Person	Male	Unknown	---	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Mentioned
Martinez, Andres F	Person	Male	Hispanic	10/09/1963	Mentioned

Related Telephones

Telephone Number	Relationship
(920) 652-2126	Listed On Document
(920) 682-3356	Listed On Document

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Narrative begins on the following page.

On Monday, November 21, 2005, at approximately 3:30 p.m., S/A Kim J. Skorlinski and Investigator Wendy Baldwin, of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department interviewed James A. Nettles, DOB 06/27/1982, at the Burger King restaurant, 3235 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc, regarding this investigation. S/A Skorlinski previously contacted Nettles at 920-682-3356, which is the home phone of his grandfather. Nettles resides at 1026 S. 14th St., Manitowoc, 920-652-2126, with his mother, Verian Martinez. She was also present during the interview.

S/A Skorlinski told Nettles last week, he and Inves. Baldwin spoke with Nettles' father, Andres Martinez, an inmate in the Manitowoc County Jail. S/A Skorlinski explained the reason for that interview was because the Avery family is suggesting that Martinez may be involved in killing Teresa Halbach. S/A Skorlinski said the investigators need to talk to Nettles about his vehicle, a green 1994 Eagle Talon that was towed from Martinez's residence at 1905 Franklin St., Manitowoc, to Avery's Auto Salvage, Two Rivers.

Nettles remembered that and said it happened a couple of weeks ago. S/A Skorlinski displayed to Nettles a receipt from Avery's Auto Salvage indicating that on November 2, 2005, at 10:30, Craig Fickett, requested that a green 1994 Eagle Talon be towed from 1905 Franken St., Manitowoc, to Avery's Auto Salvage. The receipt indicated that the vehicle was towed by Earl Avery, and the mileage charge was \$50 and towing charge was \$60. Also, attached to the receipt was a Wisconsin DOT Junked Vehicle Bill of Sale, indicating that Fickett, with an address of 618 N. 6th Street, Manitowoc, sold the vehicle to Avery's Auto Salvage, 12930 Avery Rd., Two Rivers. The bill of sale was signed by Fickett and Earl, on November 2, 2005. (This receipt and bill of sale were found in Avery's business records seized during the search warrant execution. They were assigned DCI property receipt no. D-2599-1.)

S/A Skorlinski asked Nettles if the date of the vehicle being towed, November 2, 2005, which was a Wednesday, was accurate, and he said yes. Nettles said Fickett is the brother of Charlene Edwards, who was the girlfriend of his dad at the time the vehicle was towed. He said his dad was living with Charlene at 1905 Franklin St., and the vehicle was in their garage at that address. Nettles did not know why Fickett had it towed out of the garage.

Nettles said that he saw Fickett at the residence on Frankiln St., on the Saturday before it was towed. Nettles said this would have been October 29, 2005. He said Fickett never said anything to him about wanting to have the vehicle moved out of the garage. Nettles said he and his dad were planning on pulling the engine out of the Eagle Talon and putting in a different one. They were going to do this work while the car remained in the garage.

Nettles said he found out about the vehicle being towed on the same day it happened, November 2, 2005, when his dad called him. Verian confirmed this and said after she found out what happened, she called Avery's Auto Salvage and talked to Chuck Avery. She said Chuck told her that Fickett called to have the car towed.

Nettles said he and his dad and Josh Edwards, the son of Charlene Edwards, went out to Avery's Auto Salvage the next day, which would have been Thursday, November 3, 2005. Nettles said they talked to the small, skinny Avery, believed to be Chuck. Nettles recalled that Chuck stated

it would cost them \$105 to get their vehicle back. Nettles said his dad told Chuck that they would return on Saturday, November 5, 2005, with the money. However, Nettles said when he and his dad tried to go back to Avery's Auto Salvage on Saturday, they were denied access by the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

Nettles said his car is still at Avery's Auto Salvage and he will be making plans next week to get it. He said he will have to pay Avery's to have it towed to his grandpa's residence, just outside of Manitowoc. Nettles said now he is concerned that the Averys may try to "plant" something in his vehicle, since they are accusing his dad of killing Halbach.

Nettles was asked if his dad has any grudge against any of the Averys, specifically Steven Avery, and he said no. Nettles was asked if his dad had any connection with the Averys other than purchasing auto parts from them, and he said no. He said his dad never socialized or hung around the Averys. Nettles was asked if his dad knew Teresa or ever mentioned her name, and he said no.

Verian said she was married to Martinez from 1984 to 1997, and she does not believe he is capable of murder. She did say that Martinez had a temper, and would get angry, especially if he was drinking, but he would never kill someone.

Nettles was asked if he was with his dad on Monday, October 31, 2005, and he said no. S/A Skurlinski asked if its possible that Martinez was with Josh Edwards most of that day, and he said yes. Nettles said that was possible because his dad was not working and Josh did not go to school. Nettles was asked if he knew the phone number for Charlene Edwards. He said she does not have a phone, but he would show the investigators where she lived.

The interview was terminated at approximately 3:50 p.m., at which time Nettles and Verian directed S/A Skurlinski and Inves. Baldwin to 1905 Franklin St., Manitowoc.

A copy of the Avery's Auto Salvage receipt along with the Junked Vehicle Bill of Sale, listed under DCI Property Receipt No. D-2599-1 will be electronically attached to this report and a copy will be placed into the case file.