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Related Subjects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Stachowski, Jodi Marie	Person	Female	White	09/11/1969	Interviewed
Avery, Allan 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
Avery, Earl Kevin	Person	Male	White	06/10/1970	Mentioned
Avery, Marie F	Person	Female	White	06/14/1987	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Mentioned
Johnson, Roland A	Person	Male	White	05/11/1938	Mentioned

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On Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at approximately 12:20 p.m. S/A Debra K. Strauss and Calumet County Investigator John Dederling interviewed Jodi M. Stachowski DOB: 09/11/1969. This interview was conducted in an interview room of the Manitowoc County jail where Stachowski is currently an inmate. The purpose of this interview was to obtain clarification of the information Stachowski had previously provided to the officers regarding her relationship with Steven Avery. For the purposes of this report, the Avery's will be referred to by their first names.

Stachowski provided the following information:

Stachowski acknowledged she and Steve had gotten into two or three fights where Steve hit her. In one of those instances, Steve gave Stachowski a black eye. Stachowski was asked to provide the specifics about the fights she and Steve had, such as why they were fighting or what Steve did to hit her and Stachowski said she could not recall because it was so long ago.

Stachowski was asked what she was thinking at that moment during the interview. Stachowski responded she was "confused, pissed off and hurt." When asked why, Stachowski said she didn't know. Stachowski was mad about all of this "bullshit because he didn't do it."

Stachowski acknowledged that on one occasion, during August 2005, Steve choked her. Stachowski said that she and Steve were fighting. Steve had accused Stachowski of drinking. Steve was so mad at her he began choking her. Stachowski was asked what made Steve stop choking her and Stachowski said he stopped on his own. Stachowski was asked if Steve choked her until she lost consciousness and Stachowski said he did not. While Steve was choking her, Stachowski was not afraid Steve was going to hurt her. Instead, she was worried about Steve's temper. Stachowski was asked how she could not be afraid of Steve when she was worried about his temper. Stachowski responded his temper had "gotten better."

Stachowski was asked if Steve was a controlling person. She said she didn't know. Stachowski was asked if she would be happier if she had a job and she said she would. Stachowski admitted that Steve did not want her to get a job because he was jealous of the people she may be working with. Steve would tell Stachowski that if she wanted to work, she could work in the junk yard with him.

Stachowski explained Steve had been "changing" and he was not as controlling as he used to be. Steve had gone from someone who had been bossed around for eighteen years and thought that was how it supposed to be, to someone who was trying to consider another person's point of view. Stachowski was asked if Steve had bossed around his brothers Chuck Avery and Earl Avery. Stachowski said he did not. It was pointed out that Steve didn't boss or control everyone else but it did seem as if Steve tried to control her. Stachowski said it did appear that way.

Stachowski was once again asked to talk about the night when she came home from the races and Steve got mad at her for drinking and he hit her. Stachowski said Steve was mad at Stachowski for going to the races because she lied to him. Stachowski initially told Steve she was not going to go to the races but she later changed her mind and decided to go. Stachowski was asked if she

lied to Steve or if she changed her mind about going to the races and Stachowski said she changed her mind. Stachowski was asked what she and Steve fought about when she got home from the races and Stachowski said she could not recall the specifics. Stachowski said she came home and Steve asked her who she saw. Stachowski told him who she saw, including her ex-boyfriend even though she did not talk to him. Stachowski said she probably started complaining about "that little bitch Marie." That is when Steve became mad and hit her.

Stachowski was asked if she thought Steve had sex with Marie and Stachowski said she did. She said Steve even told her he did. Stachowski was asked if it upset her that Steve was sleeping with Marie, his niece, and Stachowski said it did. Stachowski said Steve justified the relationship with Marie by saying Marie is not a blood relative.

Stachowski said one of the nights Steve hit her was after she returned home from the races. The other time was when she and Steve were at the cabin in Crivitz. During both of these arguments, Stachowski had been drinking and she brought up Steve's relationship his niece, Marie.

Stachowski was asked what she thought Steve was going to do with his settlement money if he should receive it. Stachowski said she thought he would pay back Rollie Johnson. Steve owed Johnson because Johnson gave Steve some money for his lawyers. Stachowski never asked Steve what these lawyers were for because she did not think it was any of her business. Stachowski also thought Steve would give some of this money to his mom and dad (Delores and Allen Avery.) When Stachowski was asked if she thought Steve would stay with her, Stachowski said he would. Stachowski was asked if she thought Steve would continue to see Marie and she said he would not.

Stachowski does not have a very good relationship with her mother. Stachowski said her relationship with Steve's parents, Delores and Allen, are more like her mother and father. Stachowski believes her relationship with Delores and Allen is so good that if Stachowski started to say she thought Steve was guilty of killing Halbach, they would still be supportive of her.

Stachowski did not know if Steve's brother Earl was still working at the junkyard. It may be possible Earl is not working at the junkyard right now because he supported his wife, Candy, when she said she thought Steve was guilty. Stachowski thought Earl may not work at the junkyard because he doesn't want to face his mother. Stachowski was asked what Delores was like if she was angry and Stachowski responded she did not know because she had never seen Delores angry.

Stachowski said she did not know what to believe about the accusations against Steve. Stachowski was asked what it would take for Stachowski to acknowledge Steve may have killed Halbach. Stachowski said she did not know. She just knows he is not capable of committing such a crime because he can't stand the sight of blood. Stachowski was asked if Steve was a deer hunter and Stachowski said he was. Stachowski was asked who cleans Steve's deer if he gets one while hunting and Stachowski said she did not know. Stachowski said Steve does not like blood and he gets sick when the dog bleeds. Stachowski also said Steve will not have sex with her when she has her period.

Stachowski was asked if there were any instances where Steve has forced her to do something she did not want to do. Stachowski said in one instance, Steve made her go to the cabin up north when she did not want to go. Stachowski said she did not want to go because her friend, Rollie Johnson, was coming. Stachowski could not recall why she ended up going to the cabin in Crivitz she just recalls she did not want to go.

Stachowski said she has not talked to Rollie Johnson since she went to jail. This is because the last time Stachowski was in jail Johnson told Steve that Stachowski was only using him for his money. Stachowski said this was not true because Stachowski really loves Steve. Stachowski is not in this relationship because of his money because Steve does not have any and it is possible he may never get any.

Stachowski said the only time she can remember Delores going to the cabin in Crivitz was for the 4th of July and Thanksgiving. Stachowski could not recall any other times Delores went there. Stachowski did not think Delores liked going to the cabin.

Stachowski indicated it is possible she did not leave Steve because she was afraid of his temper if she left him. However, the main reason she did not leave him was because she still loved him.

Stachowski said Steve has gotten better at controlling his temper. For example, Steve did not hit her in between the time she got out of jail in March, 2005 and when she went back to jail in August, 2005. Stachowski was asked if it was accurate to state Steve hit her 3 times between when she first started dating Steve in May 2004 through November 2004. Stachowski said it was.

Stachowski was asked if she knew anything about Steve's relationship with his ex-wife and she said she did not.

Stachowski was asked what she thought Steve would do if, when Halbach came to Steve's house on October 31, 2005 Steve did something Halbach considered inappropriate and Halbach threatened to go the police. Stachowski responded this would not happen because Steve would never do anything inappropriate.

Stachowski had no additional information and the interview concluded at 1:32