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Synopsis

On Thursday 12/01/2005, Special Agent Nell J. McGrath went to the Auto Trader Magazine office located at 5300 South 108th Street Suite 15, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, 53130. S/A McGrath contacted Auto Trader Magazine in order to obtain disks containing photos previously taken by TERESA MARIE HALBACH at the AVERY property in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. S/A McGrath also interviewed RACHAEL HIGGS, a customer service representative with Auto Trader Magazine who stated she had received a call from STEVEN AVERY on Thursday, 11/03/2005, regarding TERESA HALBACH.

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	3/22/1980	Victim

Property

Status	Quantity	Description
---	1	One computer disk containing four digital photos.
---	1	One computer disk containing two digital photos.

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator:	Blue, Barbara J (Criminal Investigation / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Record Origination Date:	12/05/2005 13:27
Last Update Operator:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Last Update Date:	12/13/2005 09:57

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On Thursday 12/01/2005, Special Agent Neil J. McGrath went to the Auto Trader Magazine office located at 5300 South 108th Street Suite 15, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, 53130. S/A McGrath had previously arranged an appointment with Office Manager ANGIE SCHUSTER. S/A McGrath arrived at Auto Trader Magazine at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Upon arriving at the Auto Trader Magazine office S/A McGrath interviewed RACHAEL J. HIGGS, W/F, DOB: 11/24/1985. HIGGS stated that she had been working at Auto Trader Magazine for approximately six to seven months and was a Production/Customer Service Representative. HIGGS recalled speaking with an individual who identified himself as STEVE AVERY on approximately Thursday 11/03/2005. HIGGS stated that earlier on that same day TERESA HALBACH's mother had contacted the Auto Trader Magazine office and was concerned about HALBACH's whereabouts. AVERY called the office approximately two hours after HALBACH's mother, possibly between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. AVERY told HIGGS that he had an appointment for a van and a truck to be photographed on 10/31/2005, however he had contacted HALBACH on that day to see if she was still coming and she told him that she was heading in a different direction. AVERY told HIGGS that HALBACH instructed him to contact the office to reschedule the appointment. AVERY also told HIGGS that he had been contacted by a male individual who identified himself as TERESA HALBACH's roommate. This individual told AVERY that they knew HALBACH had been to his residence to take photographs and that they believed AVERY had done something to HALBACH. AVERY stated that he did not appreciate being accused by this person. AVERY had the number of this individual on caller I.D. and told HIGGS he would call her back with this number. AVERY stated that he did not appreciate being accused by this person. HIGGS stated she looked on the computer and did not see a record of STEVEN AVERY having an appointment and stated that she would look into it.

Approximately five to ten minutes later, AVERY re-contacted HIGGS at Auto Trader Magazine and gave her the number of the individual who had called. HIGGS stated that she wrote the number down on a Post-It note and contacted Cahmet County at a later time asking for the person in charge of the TERESA HALBACH investigation. HIGGS spoke to an individual at Cahmet County Sheriff's Department, however was unsure of their name. This individual had to call HIGGS back because the individual was on the phone at the time. HIGGS stated she gave the investigator who called her the information about AVERY calling her.

HIGGS stated this contact was the first time she believed she spoke with STEVE AVERY on the phone. HIGGS is aware who STEVEN AVERY was because HALBACH had mentioned to HIGGS on the telephone that AVERY was "creepy." HALBACH had told HIGGS that on at least two occasions when HALBACH arrived at the AVERY property to shoot photographs of vehicles, AVERY came out of his residence dressed only in a bath towel. HALBACH joked with HIGGS that AVERY was not the type of person you wanted to see dressed in only a towel. HALBACH had also mentioned to HIGGS that AVERY had showed her some kind of display having to do with

females that was posted on his wall. This display was of pictures or names and phone numbers of females, possibly AVERY's girlfriends. AVERY said to HALBACH in a confident manner that some day she would be up on the wall as well. HIGGS did not believe HALBACH was alarmed by this comment, however thought it was strange. HIGGS did not get the indication that HALBACH was uncomfortable going to the AVERY property to take photos, and believed HALBACH viewed AVERY as more of a harmless old man who was "a little out there." HIGGS has only spoken with HALBACH by telephone and had never met her in person, however, felt she knew HALBACH well from frequent phone conversations.

S/A McGrath also spoke with DAWN PLISZKA, a receptionist at Auto Trader Magazine who stated that she recalled a male individual by the name of RON SHICKER (ph). SHICKER was a former sales representative for Auto Trader Magazine in the Appleton area who had recently told PLISZKA he had accompanied HALBACH to AVERY's property on one occasion to take photographs. SHICKER is now believed to work in New Berlin and has a work telephone number of 920-392-1111.

S/A McGrath then interviewed ANGIE SCHUSTER, the manager of Auto Trader Magazine. S/A McGrath inquired about any other photographers who had taken photos at the AVERY property. SCHUSTER believed that KATHY WILLEFORD, a former photographer for Auto Trader Magazine, had taken photos out there on one occasion. WILLEFORD had contacted SCHUSTER after HALBACH's disappearance and stated that she had been out to the AVERY property and that STEVEN AVERY had invited her into the house, however, she declined. SCHUSTER believes that WILLEFORD was employed with the state of Wisconsin and has an address of N3126 Deer Creek, Waukegan, Wisconsin, 53093 and a telephone number of 920-528-7755.

SCHUSTER turned over to S/A McGrath two disks containing photos that had previously been taken by HALBACH at the AVERY and JANDA residences. One disk contained photos from appointments with STEVEN AVERY (account #45860) on 08/22/2005, 08/29/2005, and 10/10/2005. The other disk contained two photographs taken for TOM JANDA (account #47810) on 09/19/2005. SCHUSTER stated she was unable to retrieve photographs taken from an appointment with AVERY on 06/20/2005.

S/A McGrath asked SCHUSTER and HIGGS if they knew the make and model of the digital camera Auto Trader had provided HALBACH. HIGGS told S/A McGrath she believed it was a Canon model digital camera because the files that HALBACH sent in were from a Canon camera. SCHUSTER recalled HALBACH had a larger flash card for her camera which would also be consistent for a Canon model. SCHUSTER stated that there were several models of cameras issued to photographers for Auto Trader Magazine and she was unsure of the exact model HALBACH had been issued. S/A McGrath asked if one of the cameras photographers had been issued was a Canon Power Shot A310. SCHUSTER stated it was very possible that that was a camera the photographers had been issued. SCHUSTER stated that she would do further research on the

matter.

The interview was terminated at approximately 4:38 p.m. at which time S/A McGrath thanked the individuals for their assistance and departed.

S/A McGrath maintained custody of the two disks provided to him by SCHUSTER from Auto Trader Magazine and assigned Property Receipt Number D-6530-1 and D-6530-2 to the submitted evidence. S/A McGrath maintained exclusive custody of this evidence until relinquishing it to Special Agent Kim Skorlinski on 12/07/2005.

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This will acknowledge that the following article(s) were obtained from Angie Schwiter - Auto Trader Magazine
 by authority of Voluntary transfer

ITEM NO.	QUAN-TITY	NAME OF ARTICLE (s)	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE(S) Serial numbers and/or other detailed description (If applicable, state container or contents)
1	1	Computer disk	one (1) 3.5 High Density disk containing four photos of vehicles taken under Steven Avery's account #45860.
2	1	Computer disk	one (1) Imation 2 HD IBM disk containing two photos of vehicles taken under Tom Jander's account #47810.
			Both disks were obtained by S/A McCreath on 12-01-2005 and contain copies of photos stored in Auto Trader records.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER N. McCreath TITLE Special Agent

SIGNATURE OF PARTY FROM WHOM ARTICLES WERE OBTAINED _____

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ITEM NO.	QUAN-TITY	LAB NO.	RELINQUISHED BY (SIGNATURE)	RECEIVED BY (SIGNATURE)	DATE	PLACEMENT
1+2	All		<u>N. McCreath</u>	<u>Kim J. Stroh</u>	12-07-05	Transfer of evd.
1+2	All		<u>Kim J. Stroh</u>	<u>Thomas B. Buehler</u>	12-14-05	ADOCF

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REMARKS: