

**Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation**  
**ACISS Investigative Report**

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**Primary Information**

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 Report Date: 12/14/2005  
 Type Of Report: Investigative  
 Description: TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Contact with WI State Crime Lab re: Halbach Vehicle  
 Occurrence From: 11/07/2005 00:00  
 Occurrence To: 11/07/2005 00:00  
 Dissemination Code: Agency  
 Reporting LEO: Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)  
 Approval Status: Approved  
 Approved Date: 12/22/2005  
 Approved By: Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)

**Related Subjects**

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	—	—	—	Subject of Interest
Hillegas, Ryan J	Person	Male	White	3/18/1980	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	3/22/1980	Victim

**Related Vehicles**

Make	Model	Color	Tag #	Tag Year	Relationship
Toyota	Rav 4 truck	Dark Green	SWH582	1999	Victim's Vehicle

**Record Status Information**

Record Origination Operator: Knutson, Andrea L (Criminal Investigation / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)  
 Record Origination Date: 12/15/2005 10:38  
 Last Update Operator: Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)  
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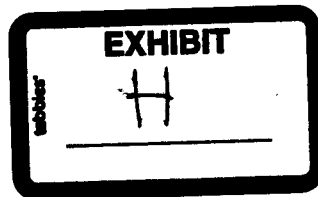
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On Monday, November 7, 2005, S/A Thomas J. Fassbender, while at the Avery salvage yard, had telephone contact with personnel from the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory. S/A Fassbender was informed that the following individuals were processing Teresa Halbach's Toyota Rav4 vehicle:

Mike Riddle: prints and latent identification  
Sherry Culhane: DNA  
Ron Groffy: photographs  
Nick Stahlke: patterns

S/A Fassbender was informed that, as a result of a search of the vehicle, they had not located any receipt books, telephone, camera, nor any keys. They did, however, locate a blue athletic type bag at which time the contents were unknown, and a broken light. S/A Fassbender was advised that the light was apparently from Halbach's vehicle and was from the parking lamp area at the front of the vehicle.

S/A Fassbender also spoke with Analyst Ron Groffy, who advised that the odometer reading on the Rav4 was 95,753. He also advised that it was learned that the battery in the Rav4 was disconnected.

Responding to a previous request from S/A Fassbender, Analyst Groffy also provided information about the condition of the front driver's seat. Analyst Groffy advised that there was some forward movement and quite a bit of backward movement to the seat. Analyst Groffy provided the following measurements:

Center of the brake pedal to the front curvature apex on the seat: 18"  
Seat height from the floor to the same point on the seat: 12½"  
Center of the steering wheel to front surface of upright seat back at 90° angle: 23¼ "

Analyst Groffy also advised that Analyst Nick Stahlke, who is 5'7" tall, sat in the seat and advised it was a bit too close for him in that his knee hit the console when he tried to brake. Analyst Groffy advised that he is 5'11" tall and when he sat in the seat it was way too tight.

S/A Fassbender ultimately spoke with Ryan Hillegas, a friend of Teresa Halbach's. Hillegas did some checking with family and friends and reported back to S/A Fassbender that Halbach had, in fact, damaged the parking light area of her car and actually made an insurance claim. Hillegas advised that Halbach took a cash payout for the damage and had not repaired it.

S/A Fassbender was also advised by the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory that a compact flash memory card had also been found in the cargo area of the Rav4. That item was ultimately turned over to S/A Brad Montgomery for analysis. S/A Montgomery ultimately analyzed that item and prepared reports under case 05-1785 detailing the results of his analysis. Of interest is that S/A

Montgomery was able to locate photographs of vehicles on the memory card, one of which was a photograph of a boat trailer which had been taken at the Avery property.