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Related Addresses

<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
1711 Washington St Apartment #3, Manitowoc, Wisconsin , United States of America	Interview Location

Related Subjects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Avery's Auto Salvage	Business	---	---	---	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Charged
Avery, Christopher C	Person	Male	White	09/13/1984	Interviewed
Jimenez, Trista M	Person	Female	White	10/19/1983	Interviewed
Avery, Allan K	Person	Male	White	05/03/1937	Mentioned
Avery, Delores A	Person	Female	White	08/20/1937	Mentioned
Avery, Donna M	Person	Female	White	07/29/1956	Mentioned
Avery, Earl Kevin	Person	Male	White	06/10/1970	Mentioned
Dassey, Bryan J	Person	Male	White	07/15/1985	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/07/1964	Mentioned
Janda, Thomas Lee	Person	Male	White	09/26/1965	Mentioned
Litersky, Marie Laura	Person	Female	White	10/27/1986	Mentioned
Avery, Charles Earl	Person	Male	White	07/13/1954	Person of Interest
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

Related Telephones

<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
(920) 323-2195	Subject's Telephone

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Interview: CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ

On Tuesday November 8, 2005 from approximately 12:05 pm until 3:15 pm, S/A James A. Sielehr and S/A Luis Ojeda, interviewed CHRISTOPHER CHARLES AVERY, white male, DOB: 09/13/1984, and his live-in girlfriend TRISTA MARIE JIMENEZ (maiden name ERICKSON), white female, DOB: 10/19/1983. The interview took place at CHRISTOPHER AVERY'S and TRISTA JIMENEZ'S apartment located at 1711 Washington Street, apt #3, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220, cell phone number (920) 323-2195.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ had just moved into the apartment on November 1, 2005, after signing a six month lease with landlord JASON KITTELL. TRISTA JIMENEZ was currently still legally married to FRANSISCO JIMENEZ of Chilpan Cingo Guerro, Mexico. TRISTA JIMENEZ and FRANSISCO JIMENEZ had been separated for approximately four years, since approximately June 7, 2001. TRISTA JIMENEZ and FRANSISCO JIMENEZ had two children together JONATHON ANGEL JIMENEZ, unknown male, DOB: 06/27/2001, and RHIANNON MARIE ERICKSON, unknown female, DOB: 12/02/1998. TRISTA JIMENEZ'S aunt named PAULA BERG has legal custody of both children. PAULA BERG resides at 2514 Rockledge Rd, Mishicot, Wisconsin, home telephone (920) 755-3077. This residence is located off of Jambo Creek Road. CHRISTOPHER AVERY was the son of CHUCK AVERY.

The purpose of the interview with CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ was to determine whether CHRISTOPHER AVERY or TRISTA JIMENEZ had any knowledge about the disappearance of TERESA MARIE HALBACH.

It should be noted that earlier in the day on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 from approximately 11:37 until 11:50 am, S/A Sielehr and S/A Ojeda met with CHRISTOPHER AVERY'S mother, DONNA MARIE AVERY, white female, DOB: 07/29/1956 at 1407 Two Creeks Road, Mishicot, Wisconsin 54228. DONNA AVERY provided the current information about CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ'S new apartment so that S/A Sielehr and S/A Ojeda could locate and interview CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ.

S/A Sielehr advised CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ that neither of them was under arrest and that CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ were free to stop the interview at any time.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ provided the following voluntary information:

CHRISTOPHER AVERY was currently in the same business as his father CHUCK AVERY, which related to going around and purchasing junk cars and scrapping and

selling them for however much money CHRISTOPHER AVERY could obtain. CHRISTOPHER AVERY typically would buy junk cars for \$20 to \$50 and then after scrapping the vehicles, CHRISTOPHER AVERY could obtain anywhere from \$120 to \$200 per car. On an average day CHRISTOPHER AVERY could scrap approximately two vehicles. Scrapping a vehicle consisted of removing the gas tank, motor oil, along with all other fluids. The main company that CHRISTOPHER AVERY did business with was SR ALFRED MUCHIN COMPANY located at 1600 South 26th Street, PO Box 323, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 54221-0323, telephone number (920) 684 - 3388. CHRISTOPHER AVERY indicated that on Thursday November 3, 2005, CHRISTOPHER AVERY delivered a black in color Pontiac Grand Am vehicle to the MUCHIN COMPANY and was paid approximately \$119.70 for the black Grand Am. The \$119.70 was part of check # 704492 that was cut on November 3, 2005 by MUCHIN COMPANY in the amount of \$477.58. CHRISTOPHER AVERY was listed as vendor # 100460 with the MUCHIN COMPANY.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY indicated that his father, CHUCK AVERY and mother, DONNA AVERY had divorced each other back between 1999 and 2000. The land where AVERY AUTO SALVAGE was located was owned by CHRISTOPHER AVERY'S grandparents, DELORES and ALLAN AVERY. The AVERY AUTO SALVAGE business was believed to be currently owned by CHUCK AVERY and possibly EARL AVERY as well. It was believed that STEVEN AVERY was not part of the legal ownership of AVERY AUTO SALVAGE.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY provided the following family tree breakdown of AVERY family members. CHUCK AVERY was in his mid 50's and had been married three times. Wife #1 was named LINDA, wife #2 was named KATHY and wife #3 was DONNA AVERY. CHUCK AVERY had two children named SHANNON and CARLA with first wife LINDA, CHUCK AVERY had two girls named MISSY and MELISSA with wife #2 KATHY. CHUCK AVERY had two children named CHRISTOPHER and CORY (now deceased) with third wife DONNA AVERY. CORY AVERY died on February 5, 1999 in a traffic accident.

BARB JANDA was the only sister to EARL, STEVEN and CHUCK AVERY. BARB JANDA was currently married to TOM JANDA, with a divorce proceeding pending. BARB JANDA and TOM JANDA did not have any children together. BARB JANDA was previously married to PETE DASSEY. BARB JANDA and PETE DASSEY had four children together BRIAN age 20-21, BOBBY age 18, BLAINE age 15, and BRENDAN age 16. The ages listed for BRIAN, BOBBY, BLAINE and BRENDAN were approximate according to CHRISTOPHER AVERY.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY wasn't sure about his uncle STEVEN AVERY, but believed that STEVEN AVERY had been previously married to LORI MATHIESEN and STEVEN and LORI had two sons together named BILL and STEVE, Jr., which were twins. STEVEN AVERY may have possibly been married to another woman named RACHEL with which STEVEN and RACHEL might have possibly had two children

named JENNY and JASON. CHRISTOPHER AVERY wasn't 100% sure about this information related to STEVEN AVERY.

EARL AVERY was married to his wife CANDY AVERY. CANDY AVERY'S maiden name was LEFLASH. CANDY AVERY had a daughter named MARIE age 19 from a previous marriage. EARL and CANDY had two children together named BRITTANY and KAYLA, KAYLA was approximately 13 – 14 years of age and BRITTANY was approximately 12 years of age. It should be noted that like CHRISTOPHER AVERY, EARL AVERY quit school after approximately the ninth or tenth grade. CHUCK AVERY was believed to have made it up until tenth or eleventh grade in high school but didn't graduate.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY described his father CHUCK AVERY as follows: CHUCK AVERY was the outdoors type who liked hunting and fishing. CHUCK and STEVEN AVERY were currently building a cabin on Father ALLAN AVERY'S land up in Crivitz, Wisconsin. It was believed that there was approximately two hundred acres of land up in Crivitz, Wisconsin that was owned by DELORES and ALLAN AVERY.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY acknowledged that CHUCK AVERY had called CHRISTOPHER AVERY two to three times and CHRISTOPHER AVERY had called CHUCK AVERY approximately one time since October 31, 2005. CHRISTOPHER AVERY indicated that CHUCK AVERY had apologized to CHRISTOPHER AVERY for the current family situation, which was related to the disappearance of TERESA MARIE HALBACH. CHRISTOPHER AVERY would not be specific when asked by S/A Sielehr as to exactly why CHUCK AVERY was apologizing to CHRISTOPHER AVERY.

CHUCK AVERY was considered to be easy going, a heavy smoker that smoked Winchester cigars, was a light beer drinker, coffee drinker and an early riser who was usually up before 7:00 am. CHUCK AVERY usually worked 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday and every other weekend 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturdays, the junkyard was closed on Sundays. CHRISTOPHER AVERY knew that CHUCK AVERY owned a stainless steel Marlin .22 caliber rifle and that there were shotguns and more rifles in the gun safe, possibly even pistols.

Regarding STEVEN AVERY, CHRISTOPHER AVERY knew that STEVEN AVERY had a girlfriend named JODI last name unknown, who had been in jail for approximately the last 2 months for a driving under the influence traffic arrest. CHRISTOPHER AVERY had visited STEVEN AVERY in jail a few times over the years when CHRISTOPHER AVERY was in sixth grade and while in the presence of grandparents, DELORES and ALLAN AVERY. CHRISTOPHER AVERY knew that STEVEN AVERY was currently living in Rollie Johnson's old trailer residence. CHRISTOPHER AVERY knew that STEVEN AVERY did auto body work in prison which included body work and dent repairs to vehicles. STEVEN AVERY was very mechanically knowledgeable and in a lot of respects acted like a child. CHRISTOPHER AVERY

described that his uncle STEVEN AVERY acted like he wanted to be a kid again, which was why STEVEN AVERY purchased an F350 Ford Pick up truck and owned various "mud runners" which were two Chevy Blazers and a Suzuki Samurai SUV.

STEVEN AVERY used to smoke cigarettes but CHRISTOPHER AVERY believed that STEVEN AVERY did not smoke anymore. CHRISTOPHER AVERY described his uncle STEVEN AVERY as a blue jean kind of guy that hunted, fished and liked snowmobiling as well as Enduro racing at the 141 Speedway. STEVEN AVERY had been active with the Enduro racing for the last 1-2 years since being released from prison.

Both TRISTA JIMENEZ and CHRISTOPHER AVERY recalled that on several occasions, STEVEN AVERY complained about having headaches all the time.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY knew that everybody in the AVERY family burned garbage and burned tires as well on the AVERY property. It was easier for them to burn tires off of the rims so that they could obtain approximately \$130 per ton with respect to rims, which was the going rate at MUCHIN COMPANY.

In addition to obtaining money for rims, the AVERY family would obtain anywhere from \$90 - \$160 per ton for crushed vehicles. The local businesses that paid this money for crushed vehicles included the MUCHIN COMPANY, TISSLER, DEFOT and both NORB'S AUTO SALVAGE and A1 AUTO SALVAGE in Denmark, Wisconsin.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY indicated that CHUCK AVERY was the clear leader of the three brothers and sister. The business was in CHUCK'S name and there was never any doubt that CHUCK was the "leader". CHRISTOPHER AVERY indicated that he had recently been at the AVERY AUTO SALVAGE yard when an individual believed to be named ANDRES MARTINEZ FERNANDEZ (ph) came up to CHRISTOPHER AVERY and indicated that ANDRES MARTINEZ FERNANDEZ had done recent jail time for burglary and did time with STEVEN AVERY. CHRISTOPHER AVERY believed that this same man ANDRES MARTINEZ FERNANDEZ was the individual that had been in the newspapers recently for attacking a woman and hitting her in the head with an axe in the local Manitowoc area. CHRISTOPHER AVERY stated this information only because CHRISTOPHER AVERY wanted it known that CHRISTOPHER AVERY specifically recalled this person being present at the AVERY AUTO SALVAGE yard.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY went on to state that his Uncle STEVEN AVERY was an average worker. STEVEN AVERY was not lazy but yet he was not extremely motivated either. STEVEN AVERY was not an over achiever, just the type of guy that got the work done and was considered dependable. STEVEN AVERY was believed to be looking to purchase a house in the local area.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY grew up and was familiar with a woman named MARIE LITERSKY age 19. MARIE LITERSKY used to be the girlfriend of CHRISTOPHER AVERY'S cousin, BRIAN DASSEY. CHRISTOPHER AVERY and MARIE

LITERSKY went to school together and MARIE LITERSKY lived at BARB JANDA'S residence for approximately 1 month during June of 2005. MARIE LITERSKY was short of money and since MARIE LITERSKY was currently dating BRIAN DASSEY, MARIE LITERSKY lived at the DASSEY/BARB JANDA residence which was right next door to STEVEN AVERY'S trailer. CHRISTOPHER AVERY described MARIE LITERSKY as being approximately 5 foot 4 inches in height, 115 pounds, brown hair, and medium to thin build who wore glasses and/or contacts. CHRISTOPHER AVERY described MARIE LITERSKY as being a "flirt" and a "tease". MARIE LITERSKY was very open sexually according to CHRISTOPHER AVERY.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ specifically recalled a June of 2005 early summer picnic/cookout that was organized by STEVEN AVERY. CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ specifically recalled that MARIE LITERSKY was present at this cookout and that MARIE LITERSKY and STEVEN AVERY spent time talking to one another. CHRISTOPHER AVERY knew that his uncle STEVEN AVERY was fairly knowledgeable when it came to computers and that STEVEN AVERY had the ability to scan in pictures on the computer.

TRISTA JIMENEZ commented that TRISTA JIMENEZ believed in her heart that STEVEN AVERY was the person that was directly involved with the disappearance of TERESA MARIE HALBACH. TRISTA JIMENEZ went on to state that TRISTA JIMENEZ did not trust anybody in the AVERY family with the exception of CHRISTOPHER AVERY. TRISTA JIMENEZ specifically indicated that TRISTA JIMENEZ would never trust STEVEN AVERY, CHUCK AVERY or EARL AVERY to be in the presence of TRISTA JIMENEZ'S children.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY was neutral with respect to whether or not CHRISTOPHER AVERY believed that STEVEN AVERY may have been involved with the disappearance of TERESA MARIE HALBACH. CHRISTOPHER AVERY had no information, whatsoever, with respect to TERESA MARIE HALBACH, or what might have possibly happened to TERESA MARIE HALBACH.

The interview with CHRISTOPHER AVERY and TRISTA JIMENEZ was terminated at approximately 3:15 pm and S/As Sielehr and Ojeda departed the apartment.