

Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation

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Primary Information

Description: TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Interview Steven Speckman
 Occurrence From: 02/01/2006 15:24
 Occurrence To: 02/01/2006 15:43
 Dissemination Code: Agency
 Reporting LEO: Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments DCI)
 Approval Status: Approved
 Approved Date: 02/14/2006
 Approved By: Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson DCI)

Related Addresses

Address	Relationship
1339 Main Ave, Sheboygan, Wisconsin , United States of America	Other

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Auto Trader	Business	---	---	---	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Deceased
Speckman, Steven J	Person	Male	Unknown	01/27/1963	Interviewed
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Mentioned

Related Telephones

Telephone Number	Relationship
(877) 425-7653	Listed On Document
(920) 254-6635	Number Called
(920) 755-4860	Suspect Telephone

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator: Price, Denise (DCI Appleton Field Office)
 Record Origination Date: 02/09/2006 16:02
 Last Update Operator: Kelly, Carolyn S (Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center DCI)
 Last Update Date: 02/14/2006 16:08

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments DCI)		Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson DCI)	9/12/2016

Narrative begins on the following page.

On Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at 3:24 p.m., S/A Thomas J. Fassbender telephoned Steven J. Speckman, DOB 01/27/1963, 1339 Main Ave., Sheboygan, WI, cellular telephone 920-254-6635. S/A Fassbender had previously spoken to Speckman briefly on Friday, January 27, 2006. S/A Fassbender had contacted Speckman while doing investigative follow-up on information that had been received from the Auto Trader magazine.

Rachel J. Higgs, an employee with the Auto Trader magazine, had previously told investigators that she believes she had spoken with Steven Avery on or about Thursday, November 3, 2005, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. She said that Avery had told her that he had an appointment for some vehicles to be photographed on October 31, 2005, but he had contacted Halbach on that day and she had indicated she was headed in a different direction and would not be there and that he needed to reschedule the appointment. Higgs said that Avery told her he had been contacted by a male individual, who identified himself as Teresa Halbach's roommate, and the roommate had asked him if he had done something to Halbach. Higgs said that Avery stated he had the roommate's number on his caller ID and he would call Higgs back with that number. Higgs said approximately 5 to 10 minutes later, Avery re-contacted her to give her the number of the individual who had called him.

S/A Fassbender subsequently examined copies of the telephone bill provided by Angela M Schuster from Auto Trader magazine. The telephone bill in question was for Auto Trader's toll free number 877-425-7653 and was for the billing period 10/15/2005 through 11/14/2005. As a result of that examination, S/A Fassbender observed that on October 31, 2005, at 11:04 a.m., there was a call from Steven Avery's home telephone 920-755-4860. Also, on October 31, 2005, at 12:43 p.m., there was a call from Speckman's telephone, 920-254-6635. However, during the remainder of that week, S/A Fassbender did not observe any telephone calls to Auto Trader from numbers S/A Fassbender knows to be associated with Steven Avery. S/A Fassbender, however, observed two telephone calls to Auto Trader from Speckman's number on Thursday, November 3, 2005. These calls occurred at 4:13p.m. and 4:17 p.m., respectively.

Upon making contact with Speckman, Speckman stated something to the effect that he was wondering when and if he was going to be contacted by law enforcement. Speckman provided the following information:

Speckman advised that a week or two prior to October 31, 2005, he called the Auto Trader about having a truck he was considering selling photographed. Speckman advised that while speaking with the person from Auto Trader, they got into a discussion about the job of photographing the vehicles and what it entailed. Speckman indicated that he was asking the questions because he thought maybe it would be something his wife would be interested in getting into. The Auto Trader person told Speckman about Teresa Halbach who takes photos for them in the Sheboygan area, but may be giving that area up. The person from Auto Trader also provided Speckman with Halbach's telephone number so that he might arrange for her to take a photograph of his vehicle. The Auto Trader person told Speckman that Halbach takes photos in that area every Monday.

Speckman advised he called Halbach on Monday, October 31, 2005, at what he thought was around 11:00 a.m. Speckman advised that upon making contact with Halbach, she advised she

had already left Sheboygan and/or was headed north already. Speckman advised that he spoke with Halbach for a little while and told her he had a 24' truck, as well as the vehicle he originally called about and asked if she could take photos of both and she advised she could do that. Speckman advised he told her he would decide by the next Monday, if he wanted both vehicles photographed. Speckman said he told her that he for sure wanted the original vehicle done.

Speckman advised that on either Wednesday or Thursday, of that same week, he received a call from a young male who sounded somewhat like he had an attitude or somewhat cocky and authoritative. The male subject asked Speckman about Teresa Halbach and that she was taking pictures with him and the male subject asked Speckman where she was. Speckman said he initially didn't know what the male subject was talking about and asked who "Teresa" was. The male subject went on to say that she was with Auto Trader and Speckman advised that is when he figured out what the male subject was talking about. The male subject subsequently told Speckman that he was Halbach's roommate. Speckman said he told the roommate that he never met with Halbach that day.

Speckman advised he then telephoned Auto Trader magazine within about five minute or right away. Speckman advised they acknowledged that Halbach was missing, and he described their mood as somber. The people from Auto Trader told him that they were already in touch with the police. Speckman said he told the Auto Trader people that Halbach had never showed up and that he had spoken to her and she was already heading in a different direction and that he was supposed to reschedule the appointment.

Speckman said that about an hour or so after he hung up with Auto Trader, a female subject, who indicated she was Halbach's friend, telephoned him. She was essentially asking the same questions and he told her the same thing that he told Halbach's roommate. Speckman advised he also told her that they should maybe let the police handle contacting people in case they actually contact a person who may be involved with Halbach being missing.

Speckman advised that was the last he heard except for the developing news.

S/A Fassbender asked Speckman when Halbach's roommate called, and he believed it was some time between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Speckman believed the girlfriend called just before it was getting dark or about 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Speckman advised that it was a good couple of hours after the roommate.

S/A Fassbender asked Speckman if he called Auto Trader back that day. Speckman initially advised he did not recall calling them back a second time, but indicated that he may have to talk about rescheduling. Speckman advised he could not recall. S/A Fassbender then told Speckman that according to Auto Trader's billing statement for that week there were two calls from Speckman's telephone number within five minutes of each other. S/A Fassbender advised that the person at Auto Trader he believed Speckman spoke with had said that Speckman told her he was going to call her back with the phone number for Halbach's roommate, which he apparently said he had on caller ID. As S/A Fassbender was finishing telling Speckman that information, Speckman immediately said something to effect of "yes, yes, that is correct". Speckman advised

he remembered that he did call the woman from Auto Trader back to give her the number of the person who had called him about Halbach being missing. Speckman believed he got the number off the caller ID.

S/A Fassbender asked no further questions and the interview was concluded at 3:43.

It should be noted that the information ultimately provided by Speckman matched the information he had previously provided to S/A Fassbender on Friday, January 27, 2006. On that date, Speckman had returned S/A Fassbender's phone call. Speckman telephoned S/A Fassbender on his cellular telephone while S/A Fassbender was driving and S/A Fassbender had told Speckman that he could not take any notes at that time and would re-contact Speckman. However, during that conversation, Speckman briefly told S/A Fassbender what happened, and during that conversation, Speckman did tell S/A Fassbender about making two telephone calls on Wednesday, or Thursday, of that week and that he had made the second phone call to provide Auto Trader with the caller ID information.

Electronically attached to this supplemental report are copies of the pages from the Auto Trader telephone bill referenced above and copies of those documents will be submitted to DCIR.