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Description:	TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Follow-up Interview with Dawn Pliszke (Auto Trader)
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Reporting LEO:	Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
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Approved By:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)

Related Subjects					
Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Auto Trader	Business	—	—	—	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	3/22/1980	Deceased
Pliszka, Dawn	Person	Female	White	—	Interviewed
Higgs, Rachael J	Person	Female	Unknown	11/24/1985	Mentioned
Janda, Daniel J	Person	Male	White	10/2/1938	Mentioned
Oven, Karma	Person	Female	Unknown	—	Mentioned
Schuster, Angela M	Person	Female	White	9/6/1964	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	7/9/1962	Suspect

Related Telephones	
Telephone Number	Relationship Number Called
(262) 244-6399	

Record Status Information	
Record Origination Operator:	Price, Denise (Criminal Investigation / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
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On Monday, February 20, 2006, at approximately 8:50 p.m., S/A Thomas J. Fassbender had telephone contact with Dawn Pliszke, former employee of Auto Trader, in Hales Corners, WI. Pliszke was actually returning S/A Fassbender's call from earlier that evening. S/A Fassbender had left a voice message for Pliszke at her home phone of 262-244-6399.

Upon making contact with Pliszke, S/A Fassbender identified himself and advised he was doing some follow-up on the Teresa Halbach investigation and that S/A Fassbender wanted to ask some additional questions.

S/A Fassbender went over some of the information Pliszke had provided in an earlier interview with S/A Neil McGrath. Pliszke agreed that on Monday, October 31, 2005, a male subject had called Auto Trader between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., wanting a photograph taken of a vehicle. The subject provided the name of B. Janda. Pliszke agreed that after taking that phone call, she attempted to contact Teresa Halbach and ended up leaving a voicemail message for Halbach. S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke how long after her call with the male subject, purported to be B. Janda, did she call Halbach. Pliszke said as soon as she probably could. Pliszke indicated that early in the morning she's there handling most of the calls and may have been a little busy at first. Pliszke believed she probably called Halbach around 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. S/A Fassbender asked what type of information she left for Halbach in her message. Pliszke stated she believed she said to Halbach that there is a guy that wanted her to come out that day to take a photo of a vehicle. Pliszke said she gave the subject's telephone number and she thought probably the address too. Pliszke said she also stated that the subject said she had been out there before. Pliszke said she then just told Halbach to call her back.

Pliszke advised that she had previously spoken with Halbach and Halbach told her that she only worked the Manitowoc/Sheboygan County areas one day a week (Monday) so Auto Trader could schedule as much as they can on that one day.

S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke if she remembered a second call from that same male subject or from Steven Avery later that morning. Pliszke stated she did not remember another call. S/A Fassbender advised that according to the Auto Trader phone records for their toll free number, a call came in at 11:04 a.m., from Steven Avery's home telephone. Pliszke advised she would have been at lunch already. Pliszke advised she normally goes to lunch at 11:00 a.m., and gets back a little after 12:00 p.m., noon. Pliszke advised the call would have been taken by either Rachel Higgs or Karma Oven or possibly, Angie Schuster.

Pliszke confirmed that she called Halbach in the afternoon and did ultimately make contact with her. S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke what they talked about during that contact. Pliszke said they engaged in some personal talk and Pliszke told Halbach about her son. Pliszke advised that was common when she spoke with Halbach. Pliszke advised that Halbach then said something to the effect of "Oh, by the way, it was the Avery brothers and I'm going there now."

S/A Fassbender reminded Pliszke about Halbach telling her about Steven Avery coming to the door dressed only in a towel. Pliszke stated she remembered Halbach telling her that. S/A Fassbender asked if Halbach indicated how many times Avery had done this and Pliszke stated at least a couple of times. S/A Fassbender asked if Halbach personally told Pliszke about it and she advised yes. S/A Fassbender asked how many times she spoke to Halbach when Halbach mentioned Avery doing this. Pliszke advised a couple of times or two to three times, not a lot. Pliszke advised they also talked about other photo shoots and customers.

S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke if she had thought of anything else that she may not have told to S/A McGrath. Pliszke advised she had not. Pliszke advised she now has S/A Fassbender's phone number and if she remembered anything else she would contact him. S/A Fassbender thanked Pliszke and the contact was concluded.