

Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation

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Primary Information

Description: TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Interview/Cher VanEss
 Occurrence From: 02/21/2006 18:36
 Occurrence To: 02/21/2006 18:40
 Dissemination Code: Agency
 Reporting LEO: Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments DCI)
 Approval Status: Approved
 Approved Date: 02/24/2006
 Approved By: Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson DCI)

Related Subjects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Auto Trader	Business	---	--	--	Mentioned
VanEss, Cher Ann	Person	Female	White	07/02/1963	Interviewed
Willeford, Cathy	Person	Female	Unknown	--	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

Related Telephones

<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
(920) 732-4440	Number Called

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator: Knutson, Andrea L (DCI Appleton Field Office / Wisconsin Department of Justice DCI)
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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 Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at approximately 6:36 p.m., S/A Thomas J. Fassbender telephoned Cher VanEss, 306 E. Menasha Avenue, #A, Whitelaw, WI, 920-732-4440. S/A Fassbender had been given VanEss' name by Auto Trader as the photographer that worked the Manitowoc and Sheboygan County areas prior to Cathy Willeford. Upon making contact with VanEss, S/A Fassbender identified himself to her and advised he was doing some follow-up investigative work on the Teresa Halbach homicide investigation. VanEss agreed to answer questions.

S/A Fassbender asked VanEss if she worked as a photographer for Auto Trader magazine and she advised yes. S/A Fassbender asked what counties she covered and she advised Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet and Door. S/A Fassbender asked if she ever took any photographs for the Averys or at the Avery property and she advised no. S/A Fassbender asked how long she worked for Auto Trader and she advised about 9 months. S/A Fassbender asked when she started and quit, and she advised she cannot remember exactly. She advised she may have started in 2003. She believed she ended up quitting in late fall or just before Christmas. She advised she was not sure. She agreed she may have started in 2003 and ended in 2004. She advised that Auto Trader should have the records indicating the period of her employment.

S/A Fassbender asked no further questions and the interview was concluded at 6:40 p.m.