

Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation

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Report Date: 02/28/2006

Primary Information

Description:	TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Contact with Chuck Avery
Occurrence From:	02/27/2006 22:00
Occurrence To:	02/27/2006 22:40
Dissemination Code:	Agency
Reporting LEO:	Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments DCI)
Backup LEO:	Lewis, Steven P (Appleton Narcotics DCI / Wisconsin Department of Justice DCI)
Approval Status:	Approved
Approved Date:	03/07/2006
Approved By:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson DCI)

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Avery, Charles Earl	Person	Male	White	07/13/1954	Interviewed
Avery, Candy S	Person	Female	White	05/02/1971	Mentioned
Avery, Earl Kevin	Person	Male	White	06/10/1970	Mentioned
Dassey, Brendan R	Person	Male	Unknown	10/19/1989	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Suspect
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

Related Telephones

Telephone Number	Relationship
(920) 242-1460	Number Called

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:	Price, Denise (DCI Appleton Field Office)
Record Origination Date:	02/28/2006 12:35
Last Update Operator:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center DCI)
Last Update Date:	03/07/2006 08:48

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 Monday, February 27, 2006, S/A Thomas J. Fassbender telephoned Chuck Avery (Chuck) early in the evening on his cellular telephone, 920-242-1460, to request an opportunity to meet with him. Chuck at that time told S/A Fassbender that he was in Manitowoc and he was going to have a couple drinks and drop some auto parts off. Chuck said that he would do things he had to do and then head back. It was arranged that he would attempt to re-contact S/A Fassbender on S/A Fassbender's cell phone or S/A Fassbender would re-contact him.

Shortly after that, at approximately 8:08 p.m., S/A Fassbender and S/A Steven P. Lewis met with Earl and Candy Avery (Earl or Candy) at their residence. While meeting with them, Chuck telephoned Earl and Earl informed Chuck that S/A's Fassbender and Lewis were there. Earl told S/A's Fassbender and Lewis that Chuck was now at home and could be contacted there.

Shortly before 10:00 p.m., S/A Fassbender telephoned Chuck on his cellular telephone and he agreed that the special agents could come to his residence but the meeting would have to end by 11:00 p.m.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., S/A's Fassbender and Lewis arrived at Chuck's residence and were allowed entry by Chuck. S/A's Fassbender and Lewis walked into Chuck's kitchen area, which is adjacent to his living room area and spoke by his kitchen table. S/A Fassbender asked Chuck if he knew about the information that Brendan Dassey had provided earlier that day and Chuck advised he did. S/A Fassbender asked what he thought and Chuck essentially indicated that he was not sure. S/A Fassbender told Chuck that Dassey was a brave young man and had done the right thing and come forward with that information and that it was very difficult for him to do so. S/A Fassbender advised that Dassey needed his family's support. Chuck agreed.

S/A Fassbender advised Chuck that based on information that has been received, S/A Fassbender wondered if Chuck had knowledge of Steven Avery (Steven) killing and disposing of Teresa Halbach's body. Chuck advised that he did not have any knowledge of that. S/A Fassbender questioned Chuck about whether he saw Halbach's Rav 4 go by his trailer toward the pit, on October 31, 2005. Chuck advised he had not. Chuck was asked if he normally is quite observant as to what's going on around him and if he would hear vehicles go by. Chuck pointed out that he does not have very good hearing and that he always has the TV on very loud, as it was when the special agents arrived. Chuck also pointed out that there was not much visibility to the front of his trailer toward the road that goes down to the pit. Chuck advised the only window visibility is in the bedrooms and the small windows by the entry door. Chuck advised he did not see anything and had no knowledge of how Teresa Halbach died and that he would swear on his son's ashes (while pointing into the living room area).

S/A Fassbender asked Chuck if he had gone down and talked to Steven in Steven's garage on Thursday, November 1, 2005, in the afternoon or early evening. Chuck denied doing that. S/A Fassbender advised he had been told that Chuck had, in fact, gone down there and spoken to Steven while Steven was working on his "Monty" in the garage. Chuck advised that he had no independent recollection of that, but that it was possible. S/A Fassbender asked what he spoke with Steven about and Chuck advised he did not know.

S/A Fassbender asked Chuck if he would be willing to take a lie detector test pertaining to his statement that he had no knowledge about Teresa Halbach's death or Steven's involvement with it. Chuck advised that he would take a polygraph anytime and would pass it.

Prior to leaving, Chuck made comments about his sister, Barbara Avery (Barbara), telling him that Dassey had come home with bleach stains on his pants. Barbara told Chuck that Dassey said he got the stains on his pants while helping Steven clean the garage floor with bleach. Chuck questioned how that could be because you don't use bleach to clean grease or oil. S/A Fassbender told Chuck that the bleach can be used to clean other things, such as blood and to destroy DNA. Chuck agreed with S/A Fassbender.

S/A Fassbender asked if Chuck remembered anything about Dassey having said something about committing suicide. Chuck remembered about a month ago something had been said and Chuck's mother, Delores Avery (Delores), brought Dassey home from school and Chuck watched over him in the shop until Barbara got home. Chuck remembered having him sweep up the shop area.

While the special agents were there, Chuck asked when he was going to get paid for his front door that had been damaged during the execution of the search warrants and his couch that had some of the material cut from it. S/A Fassbender told Chuck that he did not know if that would happen and that law enforcement was legally there and the evidence was legally collected. S/A Fassbender told Chuck that he should stop blaming law enforcement for everything that's happened and blame Steven, who is the person who caused everything to happen. Chuck did not disagree.

The contact with Chuck was concluded at approximately 10:40 p.m., and the agents left his property.