

Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation

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Primary Information

Description:	TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Contact With Barbara Janda
Occurrence From:	02/27/2006 14:37
Occurrence To:	02/27/2006 16:07
Dissemination Code:	Agency
Reporting LEO:	Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments DCI)
Backup LEO:	Wiegert, Mark (Detective / Calumet County Sheriff's Department)
Approval Status:	Approved
Approved Date:	03/08/2006
Approved By:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson DCI)

Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Avery, Earl Kevin	Person	Male	White	06/10/1970	Mentioned
Janda, Barbara Ellen	Person	Female	White	11/07/1964	Mentioned
Tadych, Scott Alan	Person	Male	White	07/14/1968	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Person of Interest
Dassey, Brendan R	Person	Male	Unknown	10/19/1989	Person of Interest
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Victim

Related Telephones

Telephone Number	Relationship
(920) 973-1740	Subject's Telephone

Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator:	Knutson, Andrea L (DCI Appleton Field Office / Wisconsin Department of Justice DCI)
Record Origination Date:	03/02/2006 08:41
Last Update Operator:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center DCI)
Last Update Date:	03/08/2006 10:06

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

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On Monday, February 27, 2006, at 2:37 p.m., S/A Thomas J. Fassbender and Investigator Mark Wiegert, of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department, met with Barbara Janda at the Mishicot High School. S/A Fassbender had telephoned Janda on her cellular telephone, 920-973-1740, at her place of employment. He asked Janda come to the Mishicot High School to speak with the investigators about an interview they had just conducted with her son, Brendan Dassey, who is a student at the high school. Details of that interview will be documented in a report prepared by Inv. Wiegert.

Upon meeting with Janda in a conference room within the administrative area of the high school, she was advised that she was not in any trouble and could leave at any time. She was advised that the investigators had spoken with her son, Brendan. She asked what Brendan had told them, and she was advised that he had advised that he had helped Steven Avery (Steven) the night of October 31. She was advised that the assistance included helping with the fire that Steven had built and, during such, he had seen a body in the fire and was told by Steven that the body was that of Teresa Halbach and that he had killed her.

Janda was told that it was very evident to the investigators that it was extremely difficult for Brendan to talk about what he had seen and what Steven had told him. Janda was told that Brendan had done the right thing and needed her support. Janda indicated that, prior to the information just provided to her, she had been somewhat in between and undecided as to whether Steven had killed Halbach.

Janda was asked if Brendan had previously told her any of this information and she said he had not. She commented she wished Brendan had come to her with the information. Janda said she was not aware of Brendan telling anyone the information he had just told the investigators. Janda said lately she has been letting Brendan go by his friend away from the house more. She said Brendan doesn't have a lot of friends and now she has been letting him go more. She said in the past he didn't leave the house very often.

At about 3:00 p.m., just after Brendan's eighth hour, he returned to the room where the investigators were meeting with his mother. They were asked if they would accompany the investigators to the Two Rivers Police Department for the purpose of Brendan giving a videotaped statement pertaining to the information he had just provided. They both agreed to do so. Both Janda and Brendan were transported in Inv. Wiegert's vehicle to the Two Rivers Police Department, where Janda remained in the lobby area while Brendan provided his statement. They arrived at the police department at about 3:15 p.m. and left at about 4:07 p.m. See Investigator Wiegert's report regarding the statement.

Janda told the investigators that, after the investigators telephoned her at work, she had been telephoned by her brother, Earl Avery. Janda had been told by Inv. Wiegert that the investigators wanted her to remain with them and that she and her family would be provided a motel room for the evening, if necessary. It was explained that the investigators and law enforcement wanted to re-interview her family members and they wished that she did not have any contact with them. It was explained that they wanted to protect the integrity of any information received from them.

Upon leaving the Two Rivers Police Department, they went to the Mishicot Fire Department, where they waited for the other Special Agents and investigators. Upon his arrival, Sergeant Bill Tyson stayed with Janda and Brendan, to include getting them something to eat. While waiting at the fire department, Janda received some telephone calls on her cellular telephone. She advised one of the calls, just after 5:00 p.m., was from Earl Avery. She did not take that call. She also received another call from her boyfriend, Scott Tadych, and she spoke with him for a short period of time and did not provide any detailed information to him on what she was doing.