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Werlein, Jessey W	Person	Male	White	08/18/1962	Interviewed
Knecht, Brian Ozzie	Person	Male	White	05/08/1965	Mentioned
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TERESA MARIE HALBACH

Interview/Jessey W. Werlein

On Friday, February 17, 2006 at 2:00 p.m., S/A John E. Christophersen met with JESSEY WERLEIN at the Eau Claire Police Department to conduct a follow up interview with WERLEIN regarding STEVEN AVERY. WERLEIN continues to reside at 627 Balcom St., Eau Claire, WI, cell phone 646-281-9787.

S/A Christophersen told WERLEIN the purpose of the interview was to try and better identify individuals AVERY associated with while AVERY was in prison with WERLEIN.

S/A Christophersen first asked WERLEIN about an individual named "MYRON". WERLEIN stated "MYRON" was the individual's first name and WERLEIN believed "MYRON" was in prison in Green Bay on a sexual assault case. WERLEIN stated "MYRON" was already in prison in Green Bay prior to AVERY's arrival. "MYRON" associated with individuals who were involved in "Dungeons and Dragons".

WERLEIN said he was on the "H Tier", which is also known as an assigned cellblock. "MYRON" and AVERY were 1 or 2 tiers below WERLEIN. WERLEIN believes "MYRON" and AVERY were on the same tier together. There were a total of four tiers in the Green Bay Prison.

WERLEIN said the "boxing guard" would know who "MYRON" was. The "boxing guard" was a guard who was alleged to be a professional boxer, had dark feathered back hair and was described as approximately 5'8" with a short solid build. The "boxing guard" was at the Green Bay Prison in the early to mid 1980s.

Another guard that would know who "MYRON" was, was the "pretty guard". The "pretty guard" was an Italian looking female whose first name WERLEIN believed to be TATARO (ph). "TATARO" was a very attractive female guard who worked in the "chow line", in the segregation area by the hospital or "rang out for school". AVERY continually talked about "TATARO", specifically talking about sexual things that he wanted to do to her.

"MYRON", AVERY and another individual known as the "guitar player" would receive "tickets" from guards as a result of having contraband. The contraband was items used to play "Dungeons and Dragons". "Tickets" were used as disciplinary measures against the prisoners by the guards.

The "guitar player" had "real long hair" and a stocky build. He was in a "assigned block" but WERLEIN does not remember which tier. "TATARO" was a guard that would talk with the "guitar player" on several occasions.

S/A Christophersen asked WERLEIN what he meant by "an assigned block". WERLEIN stated that in the Green Bay Prison, there were "assigned blocks" and "unassigned blocks". WERLEIN stated it was kind of difficult to describe the difference between an "assigned" or "unassigned" block but essentially people that were in "assigned blocks" were in a specific area at all times.

S/A Christophersen asked WERLEIN about an individual named BAUER (ph). WERLEIN stated he could not remember if BAUER'S last name was BAUER or BOYER (ph). BAUER was originally from the Eau Claire, WI area and his girlfriend at the time he was in prison was KRISTI KNUTSON (ph). KNUTSON is also from the Eau Claire area. WERLEIN last saw KNUTSON approximately 3 weeks ago in Eau Claire. WERLEIN is certain that KNUTSON has been arrested in the Eau Claire area for drugs in the past. Currently, KNUTSON looks very sick with sunken eyes as if she is doing methamphetamine. KNUTSON has blonde hair and apparently has approximately four children. WERLEIN felt that Officer Donn Adams of the Eau Claire Police Department would know who BAUER and KNUTSON area.

While in prison BAUER was in the "G Tier". BAUER was only there for a short period of time and then went to segregation. After going to segregation, BAUER was never seen again. BAUER originally came to the Green Bay Prison after WERLEIN was there. WERLEIN does not remember exactly when BAUER arrived.

JIM PATTERSON or PETERSON was a prisoner who associated with the "leaders" in the prison. PATTERSON "hated AVERY". PATTERSON was in the cell right next to WERLEIN. WERLEIN does not remember why PATTERSON was incarcerated. PATTERSON was known to hang with the "Mexicans" in the prisons. When PATTERSON was incarcerated he was in his early 20s. WERLEIN felt that PATTERSON would know who the "guitar player" was along with other individuals that associated with AVERY. AVERY was a "thorn in the side" toward PATTERSON.

A guard with the last name of LOSBACH (ph) would know who associated with AVERY. WERLEIN also felt that he would know "MYRON'S" full name and who the "guitar player" was. LOSBACH was a guard on the "backside" where WERLEIN was on the south cell hall. LOSBACH apparently looked like "Herman Munster" and worked the afternoon shift.

The "boxing guard" would also know an individual by the name of TONY MEYERS (ph). MEYERS was a "snitch" to the prison guards and was originally from the Green Bay area. MEYERS was assigned to the "D Tier" on the backside of the unassigned cell blocks. MEYERS was known for starting school in prison and then quitting shortly after. MEYERS was also known to bring marijuana into the prison.

AVERY was known to hang out with a black prisoner who was alleged to be homosexual. TONY MEYERS would know who this black prisoner was. The black prisoner was assigned to the north cellblock and was always getting beat up by the white prisoners.

WERLEIN remembers that AVERY used to write a girl and would talk among the guys about a girl on the outside that he would write to. WERLEIN had no other information as to who this girl was.

A white male from the Chippewa Falls area who was in the Green Bay Prison with AVERY was "OZZY". "OZZY" was in both cellblocks in the Green Bay Prison and was known to be a Satan worshipper. "MYRON" and "OZZY" associated together while in prison.

WERLEIN had heard that "OZZY" was beaten badly some time ago in the Chippewa Falls area and almost died.

The interview with WERLEIN was concluded at 3:05 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 21, 2006, S/A Christophersen contacted Chippewa Falls Police Department Captain Wayne Nehring. Captain Nehring stated he is familiar with an individual by the name of "OZZY" who was known to associate with Satanic Cults. "OZZY" is identified as follows:

NAME: BRIAN O. KNECHT
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/08/1965

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