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Primary Information

Description: Teresa Marie Halback: Defense Witness Contact-Sheila Berry
 Occurrence From: 01/22/2007 11:20
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 Reporting LEO: Heimerl, Kevin L (Appleton Arson DCI / Wisconsin Department of Justice DCI)
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Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Berry, Sheila M	Person	Female	White	03/26/1947	Interviewed
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	07/09/1962	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	03/22/1980	Mentioned

Record Status Information

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During the week of January 8, 2007, S/A Kevin L. Heimerl was assigned to assist with additional investigation related to the Teresa Marie Halbach investigation. S/A Heimerl was assigned to contact subjects listed on the defense witness list.

On 01/22/2007, at 11:20 AM, S/A Heimerl made telephone contact with Sheila M. Berry, F/W, DOB 03/26/1947, who resides at 9808 Alfaree Road, Richmond, VA, home telephone (804)748-5685, work telephone (804)698-5928. S/A Heimerl identified himself verbally and explained the reason for the contact.

S/A Heimerl inquired of Ms. Berry if she had any information relevant to this investigation involving Teresa Halbach and the pending trial in State of Wisconsin v. Steven Avery. Ms. Berry stated that she did have relevant information, and stated that she believed that she saw Teresa Halbach, or a "dead bang look-alike" on three occasions in Richmond, VA. These incidents occurred on 10/31/2006, 11/01/2006 and 11/14/2006. S/A Heimerl asked Ms. Berry to describe those incidents.

Ms. Berry stated that she works in the Commercial Block Building, located at 100 Shockoe Slip in Richmond, VA. On 10/31/2006, shortly after 12:00 PM, she left her workplace to go for a walk in the area. As she walking she observed two women walking toward her, both carrying brown "carry-out bags". The women were walking together and were walking in the direction of the Martin Agency. Ms. Berry stated as she was approaching the women she noted that one of the women looked like Teresa Halbach and stated that the resemblance was so close that she thought it was Teresa Halbach. She stated that she took a few steps and thought to herself that it possibly was Teresa Halbach. She described her reaction as "stunned". S/A Heimerl asked if Ms. Berry reported this to anyone, or if she called anyone to report this, and she stated that she did not.

On 11/01/2006, Ms. Berry again left her office building a few minutes after 12:00 PM and was walking in the area of her office building. She stated that she again saw the same woman, at nearly the same time and in the same general area as the previous day. This time the woman, whom she felt looked like Teresa Halbach, was walking alone, and again was carrying a brown "carry-out bag". She stated when she saw this woman on this date she wanted to get a second look and walked to within approximately 2' of her. S/A Heimerl asked if Ms. Berry approached the woman or spoke with her, and she stated that she did not.

On 11/14/2006, Ms. Berry again left her office building a few minutes after 12:00 PM and was walking in the area of her office building. On this occasion she again observed the same woman, under the same general circumstances. She stated that she recalled that on this date the weather was very mild, approximately 85° F. She observed that the woman resembling Teresa Halbach was dressed appropriately for business and the weather. The woman was wearing a white skirt with a green top. Ms. Berry stated that

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she found this unusual as she knows from personal experience that women in Richmond, VA do not wear white after Labor Day. Ms. Berry again stated that she believed this woman looked like Teresa Halbach. Following this sighting, Ms. Berry went to a website she described as "Wisbar.org" and found Attorney Dean Strang's email address. She sent an email to Attorney Strang in which she described the sightings of this woman and suggested that Attorney Strang may want to follow-up on this information. She also wrote to Attorney Strang that she knew of some qualified investigators in the Richmond, VA area and she would be able to recommend one if Attorney Strang wished to look into this information. Ms. Berry stated that she then went on vacation.

S/A Heimerl asked if Ms. Berry ever spoke with any investigators about this. She stated that a private investigator from the area, Mr. Frank Stokes, who is a retired FBI agent, came to visit her and spoke with her about this information.

S/A Heimerl asked Ms. Berry if she has seen this woman since November and she stated that she has not. S/A Heimerl asked how Ms. Berry was familiar with Teresa Halbach and the investigation involving her. Ms. Berry stated that she is originally from Appleton, WI and has followed this case via the Internet as it has progressed.

S/A Heimerl asked Ms. Berry if she ever contacted any law enforcement investigators involved with this investigation to pass on this information. She stated that she did not, and explained that while she has followed the media accounts of this investigation, she has felt there was some confusion as to what agency was actually "in charge" of the investigation. She was confused if it was DCI, Calumet County SO, or Manitowoc Co SO. S/A Heimerl asked her if she ever considered contacting any one of the three agencies and passing on the information with the belief that the information would arrive at the correct agency. She stated that she did not consider that.

S/A Heimerl asked Ms. Berry if she had any other information relevant to the investigation and she stated that she did not.