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December 05, 2005

Manitowoc County Comptroller's Office
ATTN: Todd Reckelberg



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Manitowoc County Case No. 05-CF-381; 05-CF-375

Dear Mr. Reckelberg:

The following is an inventory of various office supplies which I would like to have available for trial in the above-referenced case. It is anticipated that the jury trial will be scheduled sometime in late Spring of 2006. Please note that there may be changes and additions to the list as the trial date approaches.

- Lap-top computer
- Large screen television

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
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February 2, 2006

DA Mark Rohrer
Manitowoc County District Attorney's Office



**Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Case No. 05-CF-381**

Dear Mark:

Enclosed please find three special prosecutor forms in the above-entitled matter. Please sign them and return them to my office as soon as possible. I will handle getting all the necessary signatures.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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February 2, 2006

Dr. Leslie Eisenberg



Re: Steven Avery Preliminary Hearing Transcript
Manitowoc County Case No. 05-CF-381

Dear Leslie:

Per your request, enclosed please find your portion of the preliminary hearing transcript. You may review your previous testimony, but please advise me if you wish to use this transcript for any other purpose (including public dissemination; that may require we “officially” order the transcript).

I have recently sent an e-mail, and will wait for your update when it can be provided. Thank you for your continued work in this case.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 2006

Manitowoc County Clerk of Court



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Case No. 05-CF-381

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for filing, please find the State of Wisconsin Motions as follows:

1. Motion to Deny or Increase Bail.
2. Motion to Amend Criminal Complaint and Information.

These motions have already been scheduled for hearing before the Honorable Patrick L. Willis in Manitowoc County Circuit Court on Friday, March 17, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

cc: Attorney Dean A. Strang

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April 19, 2006

State Prosecutor's Office
ATTN: Director
Department of Administration



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery (Manitowoc Co. Case No. 05-CF-381)
State of Wisconsin vs. Brendan R. Dassey (Manitowoc Co. Case No. 06-CF-88)

Dear Director:

Enclosed please find Special Prosecutor Appointment forms regarding the above-referenced cases.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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May 15, 2006

Mr. Michael Haas
Lab Director
Wisconsin State Crime Lab



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Manitowoc Co. Case No. 05-CF-381
Agency Case No. 05-0157-955 (Teresa M. Halbach-victim)

Dear Mr. Haas:

On May 12, 2006, I received a letter signed by you and Robert Sanders of the Forensic Imaging Unit, indicating that two sets of electronic proof sheets of contact photographs regarding the above-captioned matter were enclosed.

I am aware that numerous photos have been taken by the Crime Lab regarding this case during both crime scene and later evidence processing. I would greatly appreciate receiving two copies of all contact photographs taken by the Crime Lab in this case.

Thank you for your timely attention, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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May 16, 2006

Avery's Auto Salvage
ATTN: Chuck Avery



Re: Request for Payment

Dear Mr. Avery:

I am in receipt of your statement requesting payment in the amount of \$397.98 for transport services. Please be advised that when releasing property, we are not in a position to reimburse owners of said property for transport thereof. Therefore, your request for payment has been denied.

Please feel free to contact our office with questions.

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July 31, 2006

Attorney Donald Chewning



Re: Jodi M. Stachowski

Dear Attorney Chewning:

I received your letter dated July 24, 2006 wherein you bring to my attention attempted contact with Jodi Stachowski by Sgt. Mark Wiegert of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department.

As I am sure you are aware, I have made no attempts to contact Ms. Stachowski, and suspect (at least for the sake of argument) that I may be precluded from contacting Ms. Stachowski pursuant to SCR 20:4.2. I would note that the ethical code precludes contact with Ms. Stachowski about "the subject of the representation", which, of course, begs the question, Why is Ms. Stachowski being represented? Who has retained you?

These questions become important when hypothetically considering attempts to preclude legitimate law enforcement inquiries of witnesses, who are made "unavailable" by criminal defendants. In this case, if Steven Avery (or his agent) has retained you to preclude law enforcement from obtaining relevant information about Mr. Avery's criminal case from Ms. Stachowski, that is a financial arrangement that I believe you are obligated to disclose.

If there are "legitimate" reasons for Ms. Stachowski's representation by you, I am happy to discuss your concerns with law enforcement officials. Please note, however, I have not directed any law enforcement official to contact Ms. Stachowski, and they are not my agent in this law enforcement contact.

I would note that it appears Ms. Stachowski has no fifth amendment right to counsel (as she is not in custody), nor does she have a sixth amendment right to counsel (as she has no pending criminal violations that I am aware of). I must again ask what is the subject matter of your representation?

I will pass along your letter to Sheriff Pagel, together with my response. Noting that I have not directed law enforcement to contact Ms. Stachowski, however, you may wish to provide legal authority, which you believe prevents law enforcement officials from contacting a witness, in a non-custodial setting, who is not directed to do so by a licensed attorney.

Finally, should I subpoena Ms. Stachowski as a witness, and intend to meet with her to prepare her testimony, I will notify you and give you an opportunity to be present.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

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cc: Sheriff Jerry Pagel

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August 28, 2006

Asst. Attorney General Thomas Fallon
Wisconsin Department of Justice



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Case No. 05-CF-381

Dear Tom:

Enclosed please find reports received in our office regarding the above-referenced case. Also enclosed are copies of all search warrants & returns which are contained in our files.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

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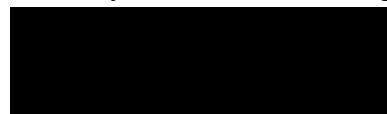
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September 05, 2006

Attorney Donald J. Chewning



Re: Jodi M. Stachowski

Dear Attorney Chewning:

I received your facsimile this morning regarding Jodi M. Stachowski. You claim that “our exchange of letters is not accomplishing anything”, and wanted to speak with me regarding a “recent blatant disregard” of your request to be present during contact with law enforcement.

In my July 31, 2006 correspondence to you, I indicated that law enforcement was not my agent in this regard, and I did not (and have not) directed contact with Ms. Stachowski for any reason. Law enforcement is free to perform legitimate investigations, especially when an attorney refuses to identify with specificity the “subject of the representation”, which the attorney claims. In other words, if an attorney is unwilling to identify the reason for his or her representation, law enforcement cannot be expected to guess at the nature of the relationship.

In your August 7, 2006 response to me, you do identify that you represent Ms. Stachowski “because she is currently on probation”. By implication then, you do not represent Ms. Stachowski on the Steven Avery investigation.

Law enforcement is free to interview your client about the Steven Avery investigation without you being present. If you do not represent Ms. Stachowski on the Avery matter, how can you claim entitlement to be present?

The far more interesting scenario is if, at some point in the future, you assert that Ms. Stachowski’s role as a material witness in the Steven Avery investigation falls within the scope of your representation; as Ms. Stachowski (and Steven Avery himself) claim that Attorney Dean Strang, on behalf of Steven Avery, has paid your attorney’s fees for representation, all kinds of state and federal evidentiary, ethical, and potential criminal liability may follow.

So that you don't need to read between the lines, I am suggesting that any consideration given to Ms. Stachowski (including payment of your attorney's fees) by Steven Avery or his agent, in exchange for efforts to thwart legitimate law enforcement investigation into Steven Avery's criminal case would amount to "hush money", and your participation (and possibly Attorney Strang's participation) in such scheme would have significant consequences. Is that clear enough?

Therefore, I ask you again whether Steven Avery, or anyone on Mr. Avery's behalf, has provided you with anything of value to provide representation to Ms. Stachowski in the matter of State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery, Manitowoc County Case No. 05-CF-381? If you expect law enforcement agents to allow your presence during interviews regarding the Steven Avery investigation, I require a response to that question.

As I have attempted to make clear in the past, I have not directed law enforcement to contact your client. I suggest you communicate directly with the Calumet County Sheriff's Department (or other law enforcement agencies that you wish to prohibit from contacting Ms. Stachowski on some yet unknown theory of representation). You have been an attorney long enough to understand that you cannot assert a fifth amendment privilege on behalf of your client; it is my understanding that when Ms. Stachowski was asked whether she wanted an attorney present during questioning, she indicated "no". As fifth amendment right to counsel is personal to the client (and cannot be anticipatorily invoked by counsel), your indignant tone in your September 2nd letter appears unfounded.

I will be out of the office the balance of this week, but should you wish to assert representation of Ms. Stachowski in the Avery case, I would be happy to participate in a more thorough investigation of state and federal "hush money" cases. If you remain unwilling to identify the "subject of representation" as required in SCR 20:4.2, it appears we have nothing further to discuss.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

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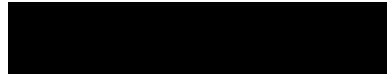
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October 19, 2006

Clerk of Circuit Court
Attn: Criminal Division
Manitowoc County Circuit Court



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Manitowoc County Case No. 05-CF-381

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed for filing, please find the State's Motion in Limine – Defense DNA Testing. A copy is being forwarded to defense counsel.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

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cc: Attorney Dean Strang
Attorney Jerome Buting
Attorney Tom Fallon
Attorney Norm Gahn

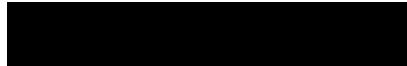
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November 15, 2006

Attorney Robert J. Dvorak



SENT VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Manitowoc County Case No. 05-CF-381
Subpoena for Production of Documents

Dear Attorney Dvorak:

As you know, your client, Laura Ricciardi – Synthesis Films LLC has received a subpoena for the production of documents pursuant to sec. 968.13, Wis. Stats. You have accepted the subpoena on your client's behalf.

On today's date, November 15, 2006, you requested that the Court order disclosure of the affidavit, providing probable cause to the Court for the issuance of the subpoena. The Court granted your request for access to the affidavit, which I enclose. The affidavit was signed by Investigator Mark Wiegert, is 11 paragraphs in length, and a copy of the Criminal Complaints against Mr. Avery and Mr. Dassey was attached.

The judge has ordered that if you seek to quash this subpoena, you notify the Court and counsel by November 22, and file said motion by December 1.

I also indicated that if you intend to advise your client to comply with the subpoena, I would recommend the Court extend the date by which your client should reply, so that the materials sought could be compiled in a reasonable fashion.

Please contact me should you have further questions regarding this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

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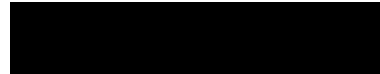
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February 19, 2007

Ms. Sharon Cornils
Personnel Director
Manitowoc County Courthouse

SENT VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL



Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery
Case No. 05-CF-381

Dear Ms. Cornils:

Enclosed please find an order issued by Judge Patrick Willis for the production of any and all disciplinary and employment records of Sergeant Andrew Colborn and Lieutenant James Lenk.

As the testimony of Sergeant Colborn and Lieutenant Lenk is scheduled to begin on February 20, 2007, we will need these records, if any exist, faxed to us on today's date. Our fax number is



I apologize for the delay in this request. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Kratz
District Attorney

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