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	PLAINTIFF, INITIAL APPEARANCE
vs.	Case No. 05 CF 375 & 05 CF 3
STEVEN A	. AVERY,
	DEFENDANT.
DATE:	NOVEMBER 15, 2005
BEFORE:	Hon. Patrick L. Willis Circuit Court Judge
APPEARAN	CES:
	KENNETH R. KRATZ Special Prosecutor On behalf of the State of Wisconsin.
	ERIK LOY Attorney at Law
	On behalf of the Defendant.
	CRAIG JOHNSON
	Attorney at Law On behalf of the Defendant.
	STEVEN A. AVERY
	Defendant
	Appeared in person.
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	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
	Reported by Diane Tesheneck, RPR
	Official Court Reporter
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THE COURT: At this time the Court calls two matters that are scheduled for initial appearance today, both entitled State of Wisconsin vs. Steven A. Avery, Case No. 05 CF 375 and 05 CF 381. Will the parties state their appearances for the record, please.

ATTORNEY KRATZ: Your Honor, the State of Wisconsin appears by Calumet County District
Attorney Ken Kratz. I appear in each case as
Special Prosecutor.

ATTORNEY LOY: Steven Avery appears personally with his attorneys, Erik Loy and Craig Johnson, your Honor. We would note this is a special appearance subject to objection of the jurisdiction of the Court.

THE COURT: Has the defendant received a copy of the Complaint in each of these matters?

ATTORNEY LOY: We have, your Honor. We just received a signed copy of the Complaint in 05 CF 381. Previously, I obtained a copy of the Complaint in the other felony matter in that case. At this time, Mr. Avery is not eligible for our services. We'll be looking into that further, but at this time he's not eligible for our services on that case.

1 THE COURT: He is not eligible on one case, but is on the other? 2 ATTORNEY LOY: That's correct. 3 THE COURT: What's the basis for that? 4 5 ATTORNEY LOY: There's an asset. THE COURT: Okay. Are you representing him 7 on that matter for purposes of today's hearing? ATTORNEY LOY: We aren't allowed to due to 8 9 the eligibility standards, your Honor. I guess it's 10 up to the Court whether the Court wants to appoint counsel in that case. 11 12 THE COURT: To this point, I haven't 13 received an application for appointment of counsel. 14 And I was not aware until this moment that you would 15 not be representing him on both cases. But a 16 defendant is entitled to be represented by an attorney at all stages of these proceedings. Are 17 18 you asking for a continuance on that case? 19 ATTORNEY LOY: Perhaps that case could be 20 continued and the Court could hold a status conference on it on the next date of the other case. 21 22 THE COURT: All right. You have received a 23 copy of the Complaint in 05 CF 381? 24 ATTORNEY LOY: Yes, your Honor. We'll 25 waive reading of that Complaint, request a

preliminary hearing. We are willing to waive time limits on that case.

THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. Kratz, how much time do you anticipate will be required for the preliminary examination?

ATTORNEY LOY: I would ask for a half a day, Judge.

THE COURT: I should indicate for the record, I met briefly with counsel, before we began today, concerning their schedules. And it's my understanding that 1:00 on Tuesday, December 6th works for both parties.

ATTORNEY LOY: That works fine for us, I believe, your Honor.

THE COURT: Very well. The Court will schedule the preliminary examination in this matter, then, for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6th. I do not believe that bail has been set yet; what is the State's request on bail?

ATTORNEY KRATZ: Just prior to talking about bail, Judge, I know that the Court has put aside the felon in possession case, obviously the evidence which would lead to potential probable cause finding of the Court is similar in that file as well.

I don't know if the Court is in a position to have a continued initial appearance between now and then, perhaps use that same time as the preliminary hearing date, if and when Mr. Avery is afforded the assistance of counsel. That would certainly be our request, that it be a joint preliminary hearing. And once that decision is made by the Court, I'm prepared to be heard on bond. Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Loy, I'm not sure, you mentioned, he didn't qualify on 375 because of an asset. Doesn't he have the same asset on the other case?

ATTORNEY LOY: The standard for eligibility are different for the two types of cases, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Let's do this, I want to look into the matter on 375 a little further, but I am going to schedule the preliminary examination, at least on 381, for 1:00 on the 6th. And it may be, depending on my review, that the prelims can be joined between now and then or may not, because I, frankly, was not ready for this issue today. Moving on, then, to the question of bail.

ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge. Judge, the State is recommending a substantial cash bond in this case. As the Court knows, there are statutory factors that the Court need consider when deciding the issue of bond, including the gravity of the offense; potential penalties; the degree of violence involved; prior record, if any; character and strength of the evidence that is to be presented; whether a defendant has substantial ties to the community.

Of those, Mr. Avery, the State argues, can only claim that he has ties to the community in that he does live and work within the community. The rest of the factors are strong indicators of the need for a substantial cash bond. The homicide nature and mutilation of a corpse speaks to the gravity of the offense with potential imprisonment that Mr. Avery faces includes life, plus 22 and a half years.

The act that is alleged in the Complaint, as well as the destruction of evidence, is all of a highly violent nature.

Mr. Avery comes before this Court with a prior criminal history including a 1986 conviction for endangering safety, which was a case involving

pointing a firearm at a citizen; includes a 1980 and 1981 burglary conviction; as well as a 1982 conviction for the criminal offense of cruelty to an animal.

The State argues that the character and strength of evidence in this case is substantial, as alleged in the Complaint. There's been a DNA match, or series of matches implicating Mr. Avery in the commission of each of these offenses.

And for all of those reasons, especially given the likelihood that Mr. Avery would flee so as not to be made available for future court appearances, the State is asking for a \$1 million cash bond. That's all I have this afternoon.

Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: Mr. Loy.

ATTORNEY LOY: Your Honor, this case was being investigated for several days and Mr. Avery was free to come and go as he pleased. Despite the fact that Mr. Avery knew about this investigation, knew that he was a suspect, he didn't go anywhere.

He has substantial ties to the community, numerous family members, a number of them are here in court today. The convictions that Mr. Kratz mentioned are all cases that are

quite old. I would ask the Court, if the Court is going to set a cash bail on this case, to set a more reasonable amount that perhaps Mr. Avery and his family might have some hope of posting, perhaps in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. The -- As counsel points out, there are factors the Court is to consider that cut both ways in this case. I think Mr. Avery has had ties to this community as not indicated -- or there's been no indications that he is inclined to flee.

On the other hand, he does have a prior criminal record, as the State points out. At this early proceeding, there's some indications in the Complaint of corroborating elements to the evidence, but I think the primary factor here is the severity of the offenses that are charged, in terms of warranting a significant cash bail.

So the Court is going to set cash bail in this case at \$500,000. Is there anything further from either party this afternoon?

ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, is there an opportunity that the Court would like to discuss the 375 case, or perhaps in a phone conference, or

something along those lines? My concern, and I 1 appreciate the Court's dilemma, my concern is that, 2 3 especially the victim's family, doesn't have to go through the prelim process twice. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. How about a telephone status conference this coming Monday at 7 4:00? ATTORNEY LOY: It's possible I will be 8 9 involved in a trial then, your Honor; although it's 10 doubtful. THE COURT: Let's do this, we'll 11 12 tentatively set it for 4:00. It's only going to be 13 a status conference. The defendant need not be 14 present; we won't be going on the record. If for 15 some reason, Mr. Loy, you are in trial and 16 unavailable, let my judicial assistant know and 17 we'll arrange it for a different time. 18 ATTORNEY KRATZ: That's the 21st, Judge? 19 THE COURT: Correct.

ATTORNEY KRATZ: Who should initiate that call? I'm happy to do it, Judge, if you want me to do it.

THE COURT: That will be fine.

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ATTORNEY LOY: I will probably just come over to your chambers.

1	THE COURT: Anything else this afternoon?
2	ATTORNEY KRATZ: That's all for today.
3	Thank you, Judge.
4	THE COURT: At this time the bail is set to
5	cover both files. I will make the bail decision at
6	this time even though the initial appearance is
7	continued on Case 375. If there's nothing further,
8	we're adjourned for today.
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