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DOT ORDERS SIGNS REMOVED



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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has ordered Tabor United Methodist Church to take down its sign located at the intersection of Church Road and State 45, east of Eden.

Eden church, Campbellsport-area orchard to lose long-standing signs

SHARON ROZNIK
USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

FOND DU LAC—Come harvest time, Lisa Kleis wonders if fall tourists will be able to locate Armstrong Apple Orchard, tucked into the rural farmlands that surround Campbellsport.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation has notified the business it has until Monday to take down two outdoor signs that advertise their location. The wooden signs measure about 4 by 8 feet and are located along State 45 at Mitchell Road, atop a farmer's property, and at the intersection of County Highways B and G.

We have to remove signs that have been telling people how to get here for the past 15 years," said orchard owner Klein. "And they aren't asking. It's a demand."

A few miles down the road, Tabor United Methodist Church in Eden has also been ordered to remove a large, fieldstone sign that has stood for seven years in a grassy field along 45 near Church Road.

Etched in stone are the words: "In memory of Kirk Hoderff," a 15-year-old church member who



Wisconsin Department of Transportation has ordered Armstrong Apples Orchard and Winery to take down a sign at the intersection of Mitchell Road and State 45, near Wisconsin.

was killed Christmas Eve 1990 in a carload crash. His parents, Doug and Linda Hoderff, donated \$10,000 to erect the sign in part as a memorial and to beckon people to attend the little church, where they found comfort and solace.

Parishioner Jan Soyk said the congregation has decided to fight the order and filed an appeal with the DOT. A hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 21.

"It's quite a beautiful sign and we are trying to get members of

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Bucks: Minor league team is the Herd

MATE BECK
USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

OSHKOSH—The Milwaukee Bucks on Thursday announced a name for their new D-League club in Oshkosh. It's the Wisconsin Herd, as in a herd of deer, branded as a statewide NBA Development League team.

"We are proud to call our D-League team the Wisconsin Herd, which we believe will resonate with fans across the state," Bucks President Peter Feigin said in a statement. "The Herd will become an important brand extension of the Bucks and we're excited to watch the emerging talent in the upcoming

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The Oshkosh Arena will host the Milwaukee Bucks D-League team, the Wisconsin Herd.

FDLAAC, FCEDC announce new name, hire CEO

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FOND DU LAC—Envision and create a greater Fond du Lac — this has been the goal, in the simplest of terms, of Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce and Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation.

In late 2016, the two announced that they would merge to better attain this purpose. In a press release Thursday, a name for the newly combined organization was added: Envision Greater Fond du Lac Inc.

Cecilia Harry was selected to be the new CEO.

According to the release, Harry joined the Greater Fremont Development Council and the Greater Omaha Economic Development Partnership in 2013. She has experience working on capital investment campaigns, strategic planning initiatives, workforce development partnerships, marketing and project management. She recently led the efforts that resulted in Costco selecting Fremont, Nebraska, as the preferred location for their first fully integrated poultry processing facility.

"Cecilia's energy and passion for economic and workforce development align extremely well with the needs of this new organization and the people we serve," said Tom Schneider, Associ-

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10 key takeaways from Avery's motion for a new trial

Lawyer criticizes use of evidence, prosecution

JOHN FERAK AND ANDY THOMPSON
USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC—There was so media hoopla on Wednesday when attorney Kathleen Zellner showed up at the Manitowish County courthouse to file five binders of documents on behalf of convicted killer Steven Avery.

Zellner's much-anticipated post-con-



Zellner

viction motion filing — more than 1,250 pages in length — lays out her arguments and theories surrounding the death of Teresa Halbach.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice told USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin that Avery's motion for a new trial is without merit.

"We are confident that as with Mr.

Avery's prior motions, this one also is without merit and will be rejected once it is considered by the court," said Rebecca Halweg, senior communications specialist in the state Attorney General's office. "We continue to send our condolences to the Halbach family as they have to endure Avery's ridiculous attempts to re-litigate his guilty verdict and sentence."

The motion filed on behalf of Avery,

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| S&P 500 | 2,071.2 | +0.2 |
| NASDAQ | 4,552.7 | +0.5 |
| Dollar - Euro | 0.748 | -0.001 |
| Gold - American | 1,195.7 | +0.8 |
| Crude Oil - WTI | 45.05 | +0.15 |
| Crude Oil - Brent | 50.35 | +0.20 |
| 30-Year T-Bond | 117.07 | -0.01 |
| 10-Year T-Bond | 121.11 | -0.01 |

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URBAN WINS BIG AT CMT MUSIC AWARDS

Keith Urban rocked up at the 2017 CMT Music Awards on Wednesday night. His video for "Blue Ain't Your Color" won video of the year and more videos of the year, and he won social superstar of the year. Urban's performance of "The Fighter" won collaborative video of the year, and he landed in one of the night's most memorable performances.

Nation & World Watch

From Garrett and wire reports

Washington: Action urged on insurance market

A House Republican on Thursday called for immediate action to stabilize shaky health insurance markets around the country, amid concerns that the GOP could get blamed for rising premiums and eroding choice next year.

At a hearing, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, said the government should keep paying billions of dollars in "cost-sharing" subsidies that help low-income people with deductibles and co-payments.

Missouri: 2 charged with plotting terror attacks

Two men from Michigan and New York City were jailed by a terrorism division in New York and Missouri, USA authorities said Thursday as they announced the suspects' recent arrests.

Samir H. Dabek, 37, of Dearborn, Michigan, and Ali Korman, 32, of the Bronx, were charged in Manhattan federal court with providing support to a terrorist organization. Dabek was arrested June 1 in Livonia, Michigan. Korman was arrested the same day in the Bronx. Both were being held in New York City after court appearances.

5-Suspect al-Shabab attack kills, injures dozens

al-Shabab extremists staged a multi-hour assault on the central business district of Portland, killing close to 70 people and wounding dozens more, officials said Thursday. Residents and civilians, including women, were held during the rampage.

Officials called the region's deadliest attack in years.

Comey says he was fired because of Russia probe

Ex-FBI director testifies he didn't trust president



Former FBI Director James Comey Testifies Thursday in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee in Washington. It was fired in some way to change the way a Russia investigation was being conducted, he said.

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director James Comey told a Senate panel Thursday that he took President Donald Trump's words as "a direct order" to drop the investigation of ex-National Security Agency adviser Michael Flynn's ties to Russia.

"I didn't obey that," Comey said to the Senate Intelligence Committee. "But that's what I thought."

Comey said he now believes Trump fired him to relieve pressure from the FBI investigators into possible collusion between Trump campaign associates and Russia. The U.S. intelligence community has accused Moscow of aiding to influence the 2016 presidential election by hacking the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton's campaign.

It was fired in some way to change the way the Russia investigation was being conducted," Comey said. "That is a big deal."

The White House initially said Comey was fired because of his handling of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's email server.

It is an interview soon after with NBC's Trump called Comey a "storefront" and a "grandstander" and confirmed that the Russia investigation was indeed on his mind when he fired Comey.

At the center of the testimony was a Feb. 14 meeting at the White House. In that meeting, Comey said Trump strongly affirmed Flynn, arguing that his former national security adviser "didn't do anything wrong" in his previous contact with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Flynn had been fired the day before for being to administration officials, including Vice President Mike Pence.

"I hope you can see your way clear to letting this go," Comey quoted the president as saying. "He is a good guy. I hope you let it go."

He also said he hoped the president was serious when he tweeted that there might be tapes of the conversation.

"Lordy, I hope there are tapes," Comey said, later promising to comment to the release of them if they exist. "The president surely know whether he taped me, and if he did, my feelings aren't hurt. Release all the tapes. The good with it."

However, Comey said he could not say whether Trump engaged in obstruction of justice when the president asked him to drop the FBI's investigation of Flynn. Comey said questions of obstruction would be investigated by Robert Mueller, the former FBI director who was appointed to be special counsel of the Russia investigation in the wake of Comey's firing.

Comey said he was never asked by Trump or others to stop the bureau's investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election, though he did say Trump's request that he drop the inquiry related to Flynn "disturbed" him.

Among the most stunning and consistent themes running throughout more than two hours of testimony was that Comey believed the president could not be trusted. The concern, rooted in Comey's first meeting Jan. 21 with Trump Tower's then-President-elect Trump, complicated the former director to compose written records of conversations with the president because he feared Trump might "lie" about what transpired.

White House spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway declined to comment on the testimony.

Motion

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who turns 55 next month, will be resolved overnight. It will likely take a number of months before Shelby County Judge Angela Statkiewicz issues a ruling.

1. Criticizes the previous criminal defense work of Avery's present trial lawyers Jerry Buting and Dean Strang.

Zellner's voluminous filing accuses the two prominent Wisconsin attorneys of shoddy work after Avery hired them for \$200,000 after being charged with Halbach's murder in 2005. "That defense counsel failed to thoroughly investigate other suspects and instead chose a scattergun approach of simply naming individuals without meeting the requirements of State v. Denny (a thirty-three alternative defense). That defense counsel also failed to utilize available evidence which confirmed that the victim's vehicle was moved onto the Avery property after Ms. Halbach was killed elsewhere."

2. Strang and Buting addressed Zellner's post-conviction motion to get a new trial on Thursday to USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin.

"We have not read Kathleen Zellner's June 7, 2017, filings for Steven Avery in their entirety, but have read the 202-page motion itself," the attorneys said. "We are glad that she has filed a motion with supporting documents. What really matters here, to us and we hope to everyone, is that we get closer to the truth in this case and to justice for everyone. We hope that Ms. Zellner, and Steven Avery's entire current legal team, have taken an important step towards a fair trial by filing a motion to get a new trial on Thursday to USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin."

3. Suggests Avery's blood was planted inside the RAV4, but stated that the blood came from inside Avery's bedroom in his red trailer.

According to Zellner, Avery broke open a cut on the middle finger of his right hand on Nov. 3, 2005. "Mr. Avery dropped blood onto the rim and basin of the sink and the bathroom floor... He did not clean the blood out of his sink at approximately 7:30 p.m. to go to Menards with his brother, Chuck. Avery got home around 10 p.m. and went straight to bed. The next morning, he got up, noticed "that most of the blood in and around the sink had been removed. Mr. Avery consistently expressed his belief to his attorneys and the media that the blood of his found in Ms. Halbach's vehicle was planted, and that it came from his trailer."

4. Disputes the prosecution's claim that Halbach suffered gunshot wounds to her head and that her dead body was

thrown into the cargo area of her vehicle.

The erroneous blood spatter testimony of the State's expert (Nick) Statkiewicz in the State presentation of a false narrative to the jury about the sequence of events surrounding the attack on Ms. Halbach. Statkiewicz, a renowned blood-spatter expert from Florida, conducted several experiments conducting Halbach was struck on the head, after she opened the rear cargo door. She fell into the ground next to the rear bumper on the driver's side where she was struck repeatedly by an object similar to a mallet or hammer."

5. Conducted experiments and demonstrations to prove Colborn and Leuk's trial testimony about finding the spare key inside Avery's bedroom was false.

After his side subpoenaed Mr. Avery's bookcase to the trial, Trial defense counsel's failure to have the bookcase at trial to demonstrate the impossibility of the State's story about the discovery of the key was a fatal error. A simple experiment with the bookcase and Toyota key would have conclusively demonstrated that the key was planted next to the bookcase by Sgt. Colborn and Lt. Leuk. Conclusive proof that this one piece of evidence was planted would have collapsed the State's case of fabricated evidence.

6. Points to Halbach's residence in rural Calumet County as the source of the spare key that is suspected to have been planted.

At the time she lived there with Scott Bloodren, a longtime friend and former classmate. "On Nov. 4, 2005, news media crews filmed the interior of the house Ms. Halbach shared with Mr. Bloodren. While interviewing Mr. Bloodren in the kitchen, news media filmed what appeared to be the RAV4 sub-key and

blue lanyard, which was next to the kitchen sink. It is indisputable that the key that was found in Mr. Avery's bedroom was Ms. Halbach's sub-key with a blue lanyard attached."

7. Offers testimony from DNA expert Dr. Keith Reich of Illinois, to assert that Avery's DNA was planted by law enforcement onto the spare key.

Dr. Reich conducted experiments that demonstrate that the DNA on the sub-key found in Mr. Avery's bedroom is of much greater quantity than the amount of DNA Mr. Avery deposited on an exemplar "sub-key" by holding it in his hand for 12 minutes as a part of Dr. Reich's experiment. Specifically, Dr. Reich found that Mr. Avery deposited 10 times less DNA on the exemplar sub-key than what the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory detected on the sub-key recovered from Mr. Avery's bedroom — the only plausible explanation is that the DNA was planted on the key from another source of Mr. Avery's DNA.

8. Accuses Manitowish County law enforcement of taking Avery's toothbrush from his bathroom and using that item to plant Avery's DNA onto the spare key for Halbach's vehicle.

"Mr. Avery's toothbrush was taken by law enforcement and current post-conviction counsel's DNA experts' experiments have shown that rubbing a toothbrush on an exemplar sub-key would produce a comparable quantity of DNA... The only plausible explanation for the missing toothbrush was that law enforcement removed the toothbrush but never kept it into evidence so that it could be rubbed on the sub-key of Ms. Halbach."

9. Casts a cloud of suspicion on lead investigator Mark Wisniewski of Calumet County and Tom

ex-boyfriend, Ryan Hillig, formerly of Hillcrest, of being the real killer.

According to court filings, Zellner uncovered evidence that Hillig has had an abusive relationship with Halbach. "The forensic DNA evidence, the killer most likely became aware that she was actually involved with married man and a second male who was a very close friend of the killer," Zellner stated on page 98 of her legal brief.

"The killer knew Ms. Halbach very well in order to know her password. Clearly, this person was not Mr. Avery... The killer wanted to control the investigation and direct it towards the single goal of framing Mr. Avery for the murder."

10. Accuses Halbach's attorney, John Frank of USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin, of fabricating evidence on the hood latch.

Inv. Wisniewski submitted the grain swabs for the hood latch swabs collected (in April 2006) by Sgt. (SIS) Tyson. "Mr. Frank of USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin, 920-993-7115, @frankjohnnet.com, on Twitter @frankjohnnet; Andy Thompson, 920-996-7270, @wheresthepostscript.com, on Twitter @Thompson_AW



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