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## Man gets prison for hiding brother's body

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A Ripon man convicted of hiding his brother's corpse and lying about it to investigators was sentenced Tuesday to three years in prison.

Robert Diamantis, 46, pleaded no contest Oct. 15 to a felony count of negligent abuse of an at-risk person causing death. He was accused of hiding his brother's corpse in a blue plastic barrel at their home in the Town of Ripon after his brother died.

Diamantis told investigators he didn't seek medical attention for Richard, according to the criminal complaint. He said he didn't come forward to authorities because he didn't want people to think he was neglecting his brother.

The sentencing hearing was held at times, with Judge Dale English challenging Diamantis. English questioned

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## Filmmakers: Avery case raises questions

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The directors of a documentary chronicling the Steven Avery homicide case began the decade-long project with many questions.

"Every question just led to more questions," said Moira Demos, who produced the series titled, "Making a Murderer" with Laura Ricciardi. "In the end we are not trying to provide any answers. We don't have a conclusion. We are really raising questions and our goal is to promote a dialogue about these things."

The series became available on Netflix on Friday but the first episode is available on YouTube.

The filmmakers, who were interviewed Tuesday by Post-Crescent Media, don't presume to know what happened.

"This is such a complex case and, you know, I think our takeaway through all of this is that one needs to be careful not to be too certain about any of this," Ricciardi said. "It's an imperfect system, it's a human system and there's lots of room for ambiguity. And there are lots of questions here."

Among the questions: Was the truth revealed in these cases and is the system working as it should?

In 2003, Avery was executed.

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# LOST REINDEER FOUND



From left, Beth Strawa, Ann Sommerfeldt and Brooke Strawa, all of Fond du Lac, were the winners in the Lost Little Reindeer Contest. They found the reindeer after only two clues from The Reporter staff.

## FRIENDS GOT CLOSE LAST YEAR, FOUND IT THIS YEAR WITH ONLY 2 CLUES

**MADELINE ZUKOWSKI**  
ACTION REPORTER MEDIA

Three Fond du Lac women are big fans of the Lost Little Reindeer Contest that The Reporter started last year.

For the inaugural search in 2014, Ann Sommerfeldt and twin sisters Brooke and Beth Strawa were close to finding the reindeer. At one point, they were searching within 100 yards of its hiding spot, when they decided to look elsewhere.

When this year's contest rolled out Dec. 10, the friends were certain this was their year.

And it was, and quite impressive, too. The trio needed only two clues to find the reindeer, which they affectionately named "Brendy."

"Yes, we're all in our 30s. I know," Sommerfeldt said. "It's just a fun thing to do."

The Lost Little Reindeer Contest offers clues to readers to find a toy reindeer hidden by Reporter staff in Fond du Lac, on public land.

Two clues were all it took this year.

Clue 1: The founders of the city camped near it before they went forth into winter which stretches two miles and flows north.

The friends said the clue alluded to the Fond du Lac River. Sommerfeldt said that they spent a few evenings looking in areas around the riverbank.

Clue 2: For three generations a family col-

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## Wisconsin mayor resists calls to resign after Obama remark

**GREG MOORE**  
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**MILWAUKEE** - A mayor in northern Wisconsin said Tuesday that he won't accede to calls from city council members for him to resign or back down from comments he posted on Facebook that President Barack Obama is a Muslim who has "destroyed the fabric of democracy."

Superior Mayor Bruce Hagen framed the issue as a matter of free speech. He said he posted the remark on a photo of first lady Michelle Obama



Hagen

— "Unbelievable! She and her Muslim partner have destroyed the fabric of democracy that was so very hard fought for" — from his personal account, using his home computer, on his own time.

"Am I gonna resign? Absolutely not," Hagen said. "If the people of this community feel otherwise, they will vote me out of office."

City Councilor Graham

Garfield called Hagen's post "entirely inappropriate," offensive to Wisconsin Muslims, and untrue about Obama's religion. Garfield said he's spoken with several council members who agree the mayor should apologize immediately or step down.

"Sure he's entitled to free speech," Garfield said. "But elected officials are held accountable for stupid things they do and say."

Garfield said one problem is Hagen used "Muslim" as a slur, and "we all know the Obama family describe themselves as Christian."

Obama has long maintained the importance of his Christian faith. For Hagen to say the president is Muslim, "he knows that's a complete lie," Garfield said.

Hagen said he's only known Obama to be connected with a church where the pastor cursed America, and said after Obama was elected he "ran around the world apologizing to Muslim nations." Hagen also said Obama refuses to call the Islamic State group "radical terrorist Muslims."

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The federal court system in hopes of being released. The series, through Avery's defense attorneys, raises questions about the veracity of the evidence against the two men. The series, through Avery's defense attorneys, raises questions about the veracity of the evidence against the two men. The series, through Avery's defense attorneys, raises questions about the veracity of the evidence against the two men.



Television reporters swarm Steven Avery seeking comment.

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Their goal was not to have any impact on the case but rather to explore the focus at work in the criminal justice system. Riccardi said, "And there was a question about it being possible for two individuals to implicate a jury, even who had not already heard so much about their cases prior to sitting in a box for six weeks or nine days to decide their fate."

Perry, Kenneth

Kenneth A. Perry, 67, following burial will be at Fox Lake, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, December 22, 2015 in his home. Funeral services for Kenneth A. Perry will be held Saturday, December 26, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at County Line Lutheran Church in Madison with Rev. Bruce Engestrom officiating.

Carr, Shirley A.

Shirley A. Carr (Simpson) age 93 years of Campbellsport passed away Thursday, December 17, 2015. She was born in Uxva, WI to Floyd and Bertha (Buckert) Simpson. Graduate of UVA in Uxva, WI and later married Dan Carr. She was a member of Northern New York Speed Skating Association and loved hiking, canoeing and swimming.

with the department, said he had heard that "they were skewered" and taken out of context. The filmmakers said they had reached out to the Halbach family, searched for law enforcement to become subjects in the series and they declined, the filmmakers said. Jerome Blang, one of the attorneys representing Avery at the homicide trial, praised the series as an accurate portrayal of facts the general public wasn't aware of.

Schafer, Mary Ann

Mary Ann E. Schafer, 84, of Lomira, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Hope Senior Living. A Memorial Service of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 26th at St. Mary Catholic Church in Lomira at 1:00 p.m. A visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. also at church.

Wasmund, Clarence W.

Clarence W. Wasmund, age 83 of Iron Ridge, WI passed away on December 20, 2015 at Kathy Hospice in West Bend. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Zion Kingdom United Lutheran Church in Ft. Howard, WI. He was the son of Paul and Esther (Bruegel) Wasmund in Underhill, WI. He was united in marriage to Esther E. Neitzel on February 3, 1945.

Schafer, Clara

Clara's body was donated to the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was born in Theresa, Wis on August 20th 1914 the daughter of Hubert and Anna (Burr) Boden. Clara was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish, Zion Kingdom United Lutheran Church, where he was on the actual board and also on church council. He was a past member of the Iron Ridge Fire Department. His spare time Clarence enjoyed trips up north in Chute Pond in Oneota County. He also enjoyed fishing, bowing, and playing cards.

Dear Friends, The staff at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory would like to express our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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