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Prosecutor cites DNA evidence



Steven Avery stands Monday outside his family cabin in Sheboygan. Prosecutors plan to charge Avery with killing a 25-year-old woman whose vehicle was found near his home. Jeffrey Phelps/AP — Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Calumet County Sheriff Jerry Pappert, left, and Calumet County District Attorney Ryan Kratz talk to the media Friday about the Teresa Halbach case during a news conference in the Calumet County Courthouse in Clinton. Kiri Wagner/Gannett Wisconsin Newspapers

BY JOHN LEE
Staff Writer

CLINTON — A Manitowish County man who was freed from prison two years ago based on DNA evidence will be charged in the death of a Calumet County woman — because of DNA evidence.

There is no longer a question who is responsible for the death of Teresa Halbach, Calumet County District Attorney Ryan Kratz said Friday.

Kratz will file first-degree intentional homicide and other charges by Tuesday against Steven Avery, 35, Halbach, 25, of St. John, a freelance photographer, had been missing since Oct. 11.

Investigators focused on a salvage yard owned by the Avery family after volunteer searchers found Halbach's sport utility vehicle there Nov. 5.

Search warrant documents filed Friday in Manitowish County indicate that the charred remains of a female were recovered from the property.

Kratz said the charges will be based on "significant" DNA evidence, including blood of the suspect (Avery) was found in the interior of the SUV.

He said tests by the state Crime Lab found four instances of blood inside Halbach's SUV.

Avery's DNA also was found on an ignition key to Halbach's vehicle that was found in his bedroom.

"Like much of the other evidence, like the license plates and like the vehicle, if the key is not taken to avoid detection, to avoid prosecution," Kratz said during a press conference at the Calumet County Courthouse.

Avery is being held in the Calumet County Jail without bond.

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Heads up: NEW Zoo has new residents

Two giraffes — Hodari, top, and Zuri — arrive early Friday morning at the NEW Zoo in Sheboygan. The two are the first giraffes to be housed at the zoo. H. Marc Larson/Press-Gazette



Public to get first glimpse of giraffe pair in December

BY PAUL BRINKMANN
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SHEBOYGAN — "Brave" and "pretty" are living up to their names at the NEW Zoo.

The zoo's newest animals are two giraffes with special names, Hodari and Zuri.

The giraffes arrived early Friday morning. They were unloaded from a heated trailer around 1 a.m. as the temperature dipped below 30 degrees.

Up close and personal

The NEW Zoo's giraffes will eat from your hand, once the giraffe house is opened to the public in December.

Giraffe tongues are long and flexible. They use the tongue like a hand to grab food. And they don't bite.

The zoo will have eye cracker on sale so each visitor can enjoy the personal interaction with the giraffe.

at a brick gently plucking eye cracker from their hands with his long black tongue.

Zuri, the slightly younger and smaller female, stayed near the back of the enclosure, quietly eating hay.

Hodari is so brave and she seems to be taking interest from that, zookeeper Carmen Marchetti said.

They are the first giraffes the zoo will accept to become the largest and most popular of the zoo's displays.

This has been a great first day," zoo director Neil Anderson said. "But we, especially in the future, will have a new exhibit because let us be friendly and well-adjusted."

The zoo and its supporters have worked for years to raise money and bring the giraffes to Brown County. The journey took two days, starting in Hodari's former home in Colorado and spending a night in Sioux Falls, S.D., where Zuri was born.

Zoo staff trickled into the enclosure, quietly eating hay.

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Veterans Day ceremony

Over Vander Blommen takes on Friday at a Veterans Day service at the Brown County Veterans Memorial Area in Ashwaubenton. Over 100 area veterans and their family members attended the service. S.A. Ruppel/Press-Gazette

Bush: Criticism of Iraq war rationale 'baseless'

WASHINGTON

TORRYHANA, Pa. — President Bush on Friday offered his most vigorous defense yet of his decision to invade Iraq, rejecting accusations that his administration misled Congress to support its case.

Bush's assertions were in response to repeated questions about how the administration used intelligence to make its case for war.

Polis show that a majority of Americans don't believe that Bush is honest, and his approval rating has dropped to 27 percent.

"These baseless attacks send the wrong signal to our troops and to an enemy that is questioning America's will," Bush said at the Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Senior Democrats accused Bush of misleading Congress and the public, and they urged him to cooperate with a Senate probe into the handling of prewar intelligence on Iraq.

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Teresa Halbach case

DA asks to see TV news footage of Avery

Local news stations' video may offer clues to source of blood

BY NATHAN PHELPS
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As part of the investigation into the Teresa Halbach case, prosecutors have requested video from local television stations that interviewed Steven Avery before investigators publicly named him as a suspect Friday.

All four news stations in Green Bay say they will cooperate with the entreaties.

On Friday Calumet County District Attorney Ron Krieger said he had requested videotape of interviews with Steven Avery with the hopes of isolating where blood found in Halbach's car may have come from. Krieger said he would file charges after learning that Avery's blood was found inside Halbach's vehicle, told reporters at a press conference that after watching some television news he spotted a source that may be the source.

At WTKR, Channel 5, managing editor David Maltin said he expected law enforcement to look at the video at the station either Friday night or today. That station broadcast video, and pointed it out in its Web site, showing a cut in Avery's right midfinger.

WJWL, Channel 2, news director Tom McCarty said investigators would be allowed to look at video that has aired.

"They just want to see everything he had to say since last Thursday and Friday," he said. "We don't know what they know."

At WJWA, Channel 26, news director John Shelby said they have received the request, but are awaiting a response. He said the station would cooperate with investigators.

Asked late Friday afternoon if copies of the interviews were yielding things investigators may be interested in, Shelby said: "That's undetermined at this time."

WJLK, Channel 11, marketing director Tim Knoblone said he didn't know when investigators would look at the station's broadcast material. Knoblone said they will be allowed to look at video that has aired.

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Possible evidence

- Teresa Halbach's 1994 Toyota Prius
- Charred material that may be part of a digital camera
- Broken pair of eyeglasses
- Possible blood evidence
- Charred remains of an adult female
- Bedding material containing fiber and other forensic evidence
- Broken cellular telephone
- Pair metal handcuffs
- Pair metal leg irons
- Vacuum cleaner bag, filter
- Couch pillow containing floor and other forensic evidence
- Pornographic material
- Small memo style notebook
- .22-caliber rifle brass casings
- .22-caliber brass casings
- .22-caliber brass casing
- Dags with reddish stains
- Blanket from Steven Avery's vehicle
- Finger print evidence
- Charred barrels and components
- Shoes
- Pair women's black gloves
- Charred remnants of clothing
- Cutting instruments
- Electrical cord

Teresa Halbach
Age 25
Profession: Owner of Photographs by Teresa, free-lance photographer.

Residence: St. John in Calumet County

Family: Parents Tom and Karen Halbach, Neenah, two brothers and two sisters

School: Graduated in 2002 from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Halbach case timeline

- Oct. 31** - Teresa Halbach is last heard from as she talked on her cell phone with Auto Trader magazine.
- Nov. 3** - Halbach's parents report her missing.
- Nov. 4** - Halbach's friends distribute 2,000 fliers with her picture.
- Nov. 5** - More than 100 searches begin combing the area where she was last heard from. Halbach's vehicle is located in a salvage yard run by the family of Steven Avery in northern Manitowish County.
- Nov. 6** - Search warrants are issued for Avery's residence, the Calumet County Sheriff's Department says the case has moved from missing person to a criminal investigation.
- Nov. 9** - Steven Avery is taken into custody for being a felon in possession of a weapon.
- Nov. 10** - Authorities say they found the burned remains of an adult woman at the salvage yard and the key to Halbach's vehicle in Avery's bedroom.
- Nov. 11** - Special prosecutor says he plans to charge Avery with first-degree intentional homicide in Halbach's death. DNA from blood found in her vehicle and DNA on the key match Avery's DNA. —*Press-Staff*

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The bond of the hunt

Dear season links generations of area families... > **►** **►** Efforts are under way to encourage more youth and women to join hunters' ranks. **A-1**

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Friday, Nov. 11
Wisconsin
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Pick 3... 3-8-9
Pick 4... 2-1-3
Friday... 1-4-12-20
Today estimated Jackpot... \$22 million
Total estimated Wisconsin jackpot... \$8.8 million

Corrections

A 14-year-old boy has been freed from Wisconsin prison based on DNA evidence... **Lead State** The Times Weekly Green Bay Holiday Parade route was incorrect... **■** **■** The Press-Gazette contacts factual errors promptly and courteously...

TERESA HALBACH CASE

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Sherwood rallies in grief

Halbach's sister attends school in community

BY J.E. ESPINO
Special to the Green Bay Press-Gazette



A sign outside the St. John-Sacred Heart School in Sherwood bears a message for Teresa Halbach's family. Prosecutors said Steven Avery, who was wrongly convicted of rape 20 years ago, with killing 25-year-old Teresa Halbach, whose vehicle was found near his home, the Calumet County district attorney said. **Click** [Viewed Green Bay Press-Gazette](#)

SHERWOOD — Prayers, faith and support were being poured into a community member Friday at the same time an announcement was being made that a Manitowish County man would be charged in the death of Teresa Halbach.

"All week long we've heard more and more news about Teresa's situation. We've heard more from the family more from different people involved in the investigation... Just like Jesus said for us, we have to care for each other," said the Rev. Howard at the St. John-Sacred Heart Church in Sherwood.

At a press conference in Chilton, law enforcement officials said Steven Avery, 33, would be charged in the death of the 25-year-old St. John-Sacred Heart student. Halbach, a free lance photographer, reported, Oct. 23.

The press service, called by Zimmerman and St. John-Sacred Heart School administrators, Thursday, until 200 County district attorney said, click [Viewed Green Bay Press-Gazette](#)

"We've gathered here in the faith because we know that we too can help each other," Zimmerman told them. "We can reach out to each other. We can encourage each other. We can talk to each other about the difficult decisions that come to us."

"The pastor's words were very comforting to me," said Karen and her siblings, who were present at the service. "Everybody's showing their support. We're a strong knit community, especially in times of crisis."

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Strong faith anchors family in time of sorrow

BY P.H. CRANE
Special to the Green Bay Press-Gazette

That her remains may have been recovered in the auto crash, Teresa's brother, Michael, works for the Packers in Wisconsin.

"I know that all this has affected someone on the team at the Packers," Baranski said. "When an individual on the team dies, it hurts the whole team."

When the Green Bay Packers practice field was open for Sunday services this weekend, they can expect Teresa Halbach and her family to figure heavily in the celebration.

The Rev. James Baranski, the area chaplain for St. John-Sacred Heart, said he was glad to see the family at the home for the funeral service on Saturday.

Teresa Halbach, 25, of St. John-Sacred Heart, St. John-Sacred Heart in Manitowish County, and indications from investigators are...

Avery/ID on bones, teeth expected soon

BY J.E. ESPINO
Special to the Green Bay Press-Gazette

found on the Avery property are Halbach's remains.

Avery's brother, Chuck Avery, who has been helping report all week that Steven was living set, would not comment on the charges.

"I'm not giving no information on the case about how I feel or nothing," he said. "Pagel said after the press conference that the Avery family's allegations of a rape... because Steven Avery has filed a \$30-million federal law suit against Manitowish County for the 1985 conviction... differs."

"I'd people to use common sense," he said. "If you want people to find (planted) evidence, why do you hide it?"

Krats, who was appointed special prosecutor because of the suit against Manitowish County, said Steven Avery told police he had never been in Halbach's vehicle. "The blood evidence disputes that."

STEVEN AVERY TIMELINE

1979-1980: Chopped for reckless driving, speeding and being in poor transporting an inclement.

Nov. 6 and Nov. 8, 1980: Breaks into Northern Frontier Bar in the town of Gibson. Steals two cases of beer, two sandwiches, a toolbox and \$14 in quarters.

March 23, 1981: Convicted of the two-finger burglary charge; sentenced to two years in prison. Sentence is stayed and he is placed on five-year probation and ordered to spend 10 months in jail.

Sept. 2, 1982: Pours gas and oil on a cat and throws it into a bonfire, watching the animal burn and die. Charged with cruelty to animals.

Nov. 18: Probation revoked. Ordered to serve the two-year prison sentence that had been stayed.

Nov. 23: Convicted and sentenced to nine months in jail for the cat-burning.

January: Forged the wife of a part-time Manitowish County sheriff's deputy off the road. Forged a file at the woman but let her go when he saw her in-law daughter in the car. Convicted of endangering safety and a later possession of a firearm. Later sentenced to six years in prison.

July 29: A 35-year-old Manitowish woman in beaten and sexually assaulted at the spot along the Lake Michigan shoreline a description of the attack; leading officers to arrest Avery at his home in the Maribel area. She identifies Avery as the assailant through photographs and a few lines of text.

Dec. 14: Jury finds Avery guilty of attempted first-degree homicide, first-degree sexual assault and false imprisonment.

March 10, 1986: Manitowish County Circuit Court Judge Fred Halbach sentenced Avery to 32 years in prison.

Aug. 5, 1987: A state appeals court rejects appeal; Wisconsin Supreme Court later refuses to hear the case.

Sept. 23, 1990: Halbach County Avery's request for a new trial based on new facts that show excerpts under the victim's fingerprints do not contain Avery's DNA. The judge says that the evidence would not be admitted as a different result at a retrial.

Aug. 5, 1997: The Second Circuit Court of Appeals upholds Halbach's decision.

April 2, 2002: Halbach grants a request from the Wisconsin Innocence Project for new DNA testing, citing advances in technology.

Sept. 10, 2003: Tests on 13 hairs recovered from the victim match one with Wisconsin inmate Gregory Allen, who is serving a 10-year sentence for a sexual assault in Brown County. Halbach orders Avery released from prison.

Early 2004: \$30 million lawsuit filed against Manitowish County officials for wrongful conviction. Case is pending.

Dec. 2: Awarded \$25,000, the maximum financial compensation allowed under state law, and legal fees by the Wisconsin Circuit Court Board.

Nov. 9, 2005: Arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a felon during search of his residence in connection with the Oct. 31 disappearance of photographer Teresa Halbach, who had a business appointment with Avery. Her vehicle found Nov. 5 on the family's west of Maribel.

Nov. 11: Special prosecutor announces plans to the first-degree intentional homicide charge against Avery in Halbach's death.

Source: Court records, Wisc. News Reporter, The Associated Press

Search area



Search area for Teresa Halbach's remains.

Prayer service

A prayer service for Teresa Halbach will be held at 6 p.m. today at Pignatari Congregational Church, 901 Pignatari Way, Ashwaubenon. The public is welcome.

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