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HALBACH INVESTIGATION

Horrific details revealed

DA: Avery and his nephew raped, tortured and killed Teresa Halbach



Avery allegedly used false name to lure victim

Editor's note: The following story contains graphic information.

BY JOHN LEE

Special Reporter

CHILTON — Steven Avery used a false name to lure freelance photographer Teresa Halbach to his home, where he and his 16-year-old nephew, Brendan R. Dawsey, sexually assaulted and killed her last Oct. 31, Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz said Thursday.

Kratz stressed about the graphic nature of Halbach's murder he is describing it in part because the news conference was broadcast live from the Calumet County Courthouse.

Avery specifically requested Halbach when he called Auto Trader magazine for a photographer, asking for the girl who was out here he said.

Kratz said Halbach, of St. John, previously had taken photographs of victims of Avery's crimes.

Avery used the name R. Janda when making the appointment. Avery's sister's name is Barb Janda.

According to Kratz, Dawsey told investigators this was Halbach's AS

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New \$10 bill more colorful

WASHINGTON — Just in time for spring, the government infused a little color into the \$10 bill.

The new bill — featuring shades of orange, yellow and red — is an updated version of the \$20 bill and the \$50 bill as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing attempts to stay ahead of counterfeiters and overseas sophisticated copying machines.

The Federal Reserve on Thursday began shipping the first of 400 million of the new \$10 bills to commercial banks. In the next few days, those bills will start showing up in cash registers around the country.

Officials of the U.S. Treasury, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Federal Reserve and the Secret Service participated in a opening ceremony at the National Archives.

That location was selected because the new bill, which is still largely green, will feature in red tones the phrase "We the People" from the Constitution, which is housed at the Archives.



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Shawn Mulhern, an announcer for Manitowoc radio station WOMT, holds "E.T.", one of the children staying at the Sarnelli House, an orphanage in northeastern Thailand.

Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz, center, pauses momentarily during a news conference Thursday while recounting details learned from interviews with 16-year-old Brendan Dawsey regarding the murder of Teresa Halbach. Kratz spoke alongside Calumet County Sheriff Jerry Pappert, left, at the Calumet County Courthouse in Chilton. Dawsey was charged Thursday with helping his uncle Steven Avery, rape and kill Halbach, a photographer who went to the Avery family salvage yard to take pictures of a used car for sale.

Teen suspect's mother blames Avery

Janda — Avery's sister — says her son has acted differently since Halbach was killed

BY STEVE REED

Special Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — If her son warmed up in the responsibility of his own alleged actions, Janda said earlier this week that her son has a learning disability. She described him as a "very shy kid" who "really doesn't talk that much. He'll answer you if asked."

She said Dawsey "likes to spend a lot of time alone" and "it's been like that for quite a while."

"But lately it's been different," she said. Dawsey has not wanted to stay around their home on the 40-

acre property that includes the Avery family's auto salvage yard — the scene of the alleged kidnapping and murder of the 25-year-old St. John woman when she showed up late Halloween afternoon to photograph a used car.

"He wants to be gone all the time," Janda said. She said Dawsey "liked and treated his uncle. They used to do a lot together."

"Right now, I hate to say it, but I could strangle him for what he did to my son."

Barb Janda, mother of Brendan Dawsey, speaking about her brother, Steven Avery

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Child in shaken baby case dies

Suspect remains in custody; charges expected to be filed March 13

BY KEVIN BRADLEY

Special Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — An 18-month-old boy who was rushed to the hospital on Tuesday in an alleged child abuse case died Thursday at Children's Hospital in suburban Milwaukee, according to Manitowoc County Coroner Deb Kalkatch.

The child, Santiago Terente Jr., was flown by a Flight for Life helicopter to the Milwaukee facility after Akira Salinas-Ruiz, 24, called 911 from his Manitowoc home and told dispatchers the baby fell and was having

trouble breathing, according to Police Chief Perry Kingsbury. The baby's injuries were consistent with "classic shaken baby syndrome" and he pronounced brain dead Wednesday, according to authorities.

Salinas-Ruiz is being held in the Manitowoc County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail. He has not yet been formally charged.

"Obviously, this (death) will have an impact on our charging decision," Manitowoc County District Attorney Mark Rohrer said late Thursday, adding that the case still is under investigation.

Shortly before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, paramedics arrived at the Albert Drive home and performed CPR on Terente before transporting him to Aurora Medical Center, from where he was flown to Milwaukee.

Salinas-Ruiz shares the home with the child's mother, who was not at home when paramedics were called, Kingsbury said. Salinas-Ruiz and the child's mother

were dating, Kingsbury said. Salinas-Ruiz, who is not a U.S. citizen, gave conflicting answers when questioned about the incident and was arrested Tuesday night, Kingsbury said.

Terente was kept on life support for purposes of organ donation, Kalkatch said. An autopsy will be performed today, Kalkatch added.

Salinas-Ruiz is scheduled to return to Manitowoc County Circuit Court on March 13, when he will be formally charged.

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Local man assists Thai orphanage

Chance encounter led to involvement with charity

BY KRISTOPHER WENN

Special Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — All Shawn Mulhern wanted when he arrived in Thailand on vacation was to find a place on the Internet where he could buy a travel visa to Laos.

"I ran across a place called Sarnelli House and I thought, OK, this is a good Italian restaurant and I'm going to stop in there, get myself a visa and head over to Laos," he said of his 2003 adventure. "So I clicked on Sarnelli House and to my surprise it was 100 degrees from what I was thinking."

Mulhern, an announcer for Manitowoc radio station WOMT, discovered that Sarnelli House is an orphanage for neglected Thai children infected with HIV or suffering from AIDS and other serious

diseases. Approximately 570,000 people in Thailand were living with HIV at the end of 2003, about 12,000 of them children, according to a UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic.

Mulhern felt compelled to see Sarnelli House and its orphanage, located near Songkhro in northeastern Thailand. When he arrived, he met the Rev. Michael Shea, a Redemptorist priest from Armstrong, Wis., who graduated from the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc and has worked in Thailand for nearly 40 years.

Shea WOMET discovered that Sarnelli House is an orphanage for neglected Thai children infected with HIV or suffering from AIDS and other serious

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SUMMER TRADITION County airshow has new name

Thunder on the Lakeshore a nod to regional draw

From our reports
MANITOWOC — The Manitowoc County Airshow is taking a new name to reflect a more regional emphasis, according to producer Curt Drumm.

The show will become "Thunder on the Lakeshore — Northeastern Wisconsin's Premier Airshow." The 14th annual event will be held at the Manitowoc County Airport June 14.

Drumm said the change is being made to increase the appeal to those who reside outside of Manitowoc County. Records show that 40 percent of those who attend the annual

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Timeline of the Teresa Halbach case

- Oct. 31 - Photographer Teresa Halbach, 26, is abducted in Calumet County...
Nov. 8 - Avery tells reporters he fears authorities are trying to frame him...
Nov. 9 - Avery is arrested and charged with possessing firearms as a felon...

- Nov. 10 - Authorities announce that burned teeth and pieces of bone...
Nov. 11 - Special prosecutor Ken Kratz...
Nov. 15 - Steven Avery is charged with first-degree intentional homicide...

- Dec. 6 - A judge binds Avery over for trial...
Feb. 14 - Authorities announce they have settled his lawsuit with Manitowoc County officials for \$400,000...
March 1 - Investigators (Mark) Wegert recovered the years worn by Dassey...



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HALBACH

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Week that went to Avery's trailer about 4 p.m. Oct. 31 to deliver a letter, and was escorted by a woman wearing for help.

Dassey stated that on Oct. 31, 2005, he went to a farm home located on Avery's property...
Dassey stated that he and Steven Avery were in the house on the night of the murder...

Excerpts from the criminal complaint

The following excerpts are from the criminal complaint filed Thursday in Manitowoc County Circuit Court charging Steven R. Dassey with first-degree intentional homicide...
Dassey stated that he and Steven Avery were in the house on the night of the murder...

by the boss of the Avery Salvage Yard near the pond. Dassey stated that he accompanied Steven Avery to Teresa Halbach's vehicle...
Dassey stated that he and Steven Avery were in the house on the night of the murder...

Intend to hold each of these individuals accountable for the rape, torture and murder of Teresa Halbach

Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz
Kratz said the boy's statements explain to officials what happened to Halbach between 145 and 1 p.m. last Halloween...
Kratz said he plans to file additional charges, likely including first-degree sexual assault and kidnapping...

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what he calls an ongoing investigation.

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She was referring to the incest and next-door neighbor...
The criminal complaint filed in Manitowoc County Circuit Court outlined a more sinister undercurrent...

encouraged his nephew to sexually assault the shocked and bound woman...
Kratz said he plans to file additional charges, likely including first-degree sexual assault and kidnapping...

"He probably right now, wherever he is, he's probably crying"
Janda expressed doubt that her son understands what he has just done...

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