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Bill Singer Tom Dell collects donations for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign.

Salvation Army pleads for donations

SARAH KLOEPPING

No snow for the holiday season may be the reason people aren't thinking about giving back.
At least that's the only reason Kyle Herrmann of the Manitowoc County Salvation Army has to say to why the organization is so far below its Red Kettle campaign goal of \$200,000.
"We're way under our goal. We're at less than 50 percent of our goal with three days left," he said of the month-long campaign that ends about noon on

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Manitowoc Stock Shelves raised over \$35K

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The Manitowoc Stock the Shelves campaign is continuing down its successful path, but there is still time to donate.
The latest figures show the campaign has raised \$35,538 since kicking off Nov. 11. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$72,000 to fight hunger and fill food banks and pantries.
"It's wonderful to see people in our area respond in such a positive way to benefit others during this holiday season," said Lowell Johnson, general manager of the Herald Times Reporter.
Johnson thanked local businesses that have supported the campaign, including Festival Foods, Aurora Health Care, Investor's Community Bank, AmeriSource, GE Machine and Pex Communities Credit Union.

Manitowoc pantries include Peter's Pantry, the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. The campaign also includes the Two Rivers/Milwaukee Economic Pantry in Two Rivers. The money is used to purchase meats, dairy products and frozen foods, things that can't be easily donated in the same fashion as traditional nonperishable foods.
An initial deadline of Dec. 8 was extended through the end of December to allow Gannett Wisconsin Media to raise more funds to fight hunger.
Statewide, Gannett Wisconsin is aiming

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Back in the spotlight



Steven Avery enters a courtroom in the Calumet County Courthouse on March 18, 2007, in Oshkosh. Avery was found guilty of first-degree intentional homicide in the murder of photographer Teresa Halbach, 25, on Oct. 31, 2005, near the family's auto salvage lot in rural Manitowoc County.

Avery documentary draws fiery responses

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A 10-part documentary series has brought Steven Avery back to the spotlight — reopening old wounds and raising troubling questions about his conviction in the gruesome 2005 murder of Teresa Halbach.

The series, "Making a Murderer," became available on Netflix on Friday. It opens with footage of Avery's emotional and triumphant return home after he was exonerated in a rape case for which he served 18 years. And soon, the filmmakers bring up the idea that local law enforcement has it out for Avery, who was freed using DNA evidence in that case.



Two years after his release, he was charged and convicted at a jury trial in the homicide of 25-year-old freelance photographer Teresa Halbach in 2005. He's serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

A quote at the beginning of the first episode sets the tone: "Law enforcement despised Steven Avery. Steven Avery was a shining example of their inadequacies, their misconduct."

Intertwined with Avery's story is that of his teenage nephew, Brendan Dassey, whom the film portrays as a learning-disabled young man who was manipulated

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Sheriff: 'Making a Murderer' is a movie, not documentary

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Manitowoc County Sheriff Robert Herrmann said law enforcement would have no reason to frame an innocent man.
"Making a Murderer," a 10-part documentary released Dec. 18 on Netflix, follows the case of Steven Avery, a Manitowoc County man convicted of killing a freelance photog-

rather two years after being exonerated for a crime he didn't commit. The filmmakers soon bring up the idea that local law enforcement had it out for Avery.

"I won't call it a documentary, because a documentary just things in chronological order and tells the story as it is. I've heard things are skewed," said Herrmann, who's been discussing the series with the department. "They've taken things out of context and taken them out of the order in which they occurred, which

can lead people to a different opinion or conclusion."

Avery was cleared of a 1985 rape conviction — after serving 18 years in prison — following the discovery of new evidence that linked the crime to another man. A couple years later, Avery and his teenage nephew, Brendan Dassey, were accused of killing 25-year-old Teresa Halbach.

Halbach was photographing vehicles for Auto Trader magazine on

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by police and, in one case, by his own defense team into detailing a rape and homicide he later said he was not present for.

Disney was convicted at his trial of first-degree intentional homicide, mistaking a corpse and second-degree sexual assault, all as a party to a crime, according to court records. He is eligible for extended supervision on Nov. 1, 2018. He has taken his case into the federal court system in hopes of being released.

In both of their cases, the specter of police misconduct, particularly on the part of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department, is present throughout the series. From the moment Avery arrives home after the execution to his sentencing and beyond.

Manitowoc County Sheriff Robert Hermant said law enforcement had no reason to frame an innocent man. He said he had heard that "things were skewed" and taken out of context.

Former Calumet Coun-

ty District Attorney Ken Kratz, who prosecuted the cases, criticized the series as more of a "defense advocacy piece" than a documentary.

"Documentaries, of course, have both sides of the story being told," Kratz told Fox 35's *Media Monday*. "And it's very clear that not only is nobody from the prosecution side interviewed as part of this, the editing is treated by dramatic and does to achieve only one conclusion that the viewer can see to and that Mr. Avery and Mr. Disney are innocent and that they were persecuted or wronged by the prosecution or judges or whoever else was involved in this conspiracy. And of course, it certainly is not based on any of the evidence that was presented at trial and that the jury heard and which rendered their verdict."

Jerome Buting, one of the attorneys representing Avery at the homicide trial, called the series "a very accurate portrayal of a lot of facts that really are a side of the case they aren't aware of."

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am, that Steven Avery will be innocent of this crime or that they will certainly have reasonable doubt and think, you know, I don't know something I should come forward with and ask the jury to consider."

Online response has been swift. Comments echoed the sentiment about police misconduct and petitions on Change.org and Whitehouse.gov asked President Barack Obama to free Avery.

Netflix posted the evidence that might warrant a new trial. It said:

"There's just many, many aspects of this case and unusual twists that unfortunately, the state before the -- long before the trial, that the state had this graphic news conference that really should have never taken place in the jury pool into believing they understood what happened to Teresa Halbach and that it was Avery and his mother that raped and murdered her in a very heinous, bloody way," Buting said.

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Halloween in 2005, her third and final stop was supposed to be Avery's Auto Salvage near Manitowoc. This was the day she was last seen.

A few days later, Halbach's parents reported her missing. Two days after their report, search volunteers found what they believed to be Halbach's Toyota RAV4 at the Avery's salvage yard. On Nov. 18 a day after Avery was arrested, then Calumet County Sheriff Jerry Pappel announced Halbach had been killed on the property and her body buried.

The documentary alleges law enforcement and the court system mishandled the case and also questions whether evidence may have been planted to frame Avery. He was framed. There is no way to be sure. It didn't happen," said Hermant, who joined the department in 1983. "I don't know why anybody in law enforcement would want to get him, that makes no sense."

They relate it to the previous lawsuit. That has nothing to do with law enforcement. The lawsuit was against the county and -- while we don't like to have lawsuits against your county or your city or whatever, really to the individual law enforcement officer, that doesn't mean a lot because it just doesn't affect them."

Avery had been attempting to sue the county for \$38 million over the wrongful conviction at the time of his arrest.

Hermant said Manitowoc County turned the case over to Calumet County Sheriff's Department -- which led the investigation efforts and determined what charges to present -- almost immediately.

"Because of the previous case, we thought it

would be best. That was right from the get-go we had the other agency involved and taking the lead on it," he said.

There is a serious incident. If you have a suspect, it's best to get that suspect made, but you can only do that when you have enough probable cause. And anytime you have a serious case like this, you're working with the courts, the DA's of five, other law enforcement."

Avery was sentenced in 2007 to life in prison without parole on first-degree intentional homicide as a party to a crime, sexual assault and armed as a felon.

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