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## DEEP IMPACT

**W**hen "Making a Murderer" premiered one year ago, little was known about the Netflix documentary — other than its focus on convicted killer Steven Avery. It was the major player in the 10-part docu-series, which first aired in Dec. 15, 2015, and no one what to expect.

Remember, many more than eight years passed between the end of Steven Avery's trial and the release of "Making a Murderer," and attorney Dean Strang, who assisted in representing Avery at his 2007 trial in the murder of Teresa Halbach, a 25-year-old freelance photographer. "I had no way to know if or when the film would be released, by whom, or in what format."

"Making a Murderer" turned out to be an instant hit and an Emmy

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Tom Hall of Sheboygan runs a snowcover at the north side residence March 1.

### Heavy snow, bitter cold in Forecast

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**GREEN BAY** — The arctic cold may of recent days is merely a warm-up to what is shaping up to be a wicked weekend of weather.

Mike Cellini, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Ashland, said most of the state, including the northeastern and central regions, could get as much as 8 to 12 inches of snow from a storm that will arrive midday Friday. Similar amounts are forecast for southern Wisconsin.

Coupled with heavy winds and another blast of frosty temperatures, travel across the state could become treacherous.

"I think we always plan for the worst, and we obviously hope that the worst isn't going to happen," said Gisa Page, a communications manager with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. "So, we're really urging motorists to stay off the roads if they can."

The TV's issued a mix of winter storm warnings and watches throughout the state Thursday.

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### New Kwik Trip opens in Marshfield

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**MARSHFIELD** — A new Kwik Trip has opened just off State 10 in Marshfield. The gas station at 4000 S. Drayton Drive, near Veterans Parkway, first opened its doors on Dec. 8 and had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, company spokesman Steve Wrobel said.

The Kwik Trip is open 24 hours and includes fueling dispensers, a drive canopy for diesel vehicles and a variety of prepared foods and grocery items. The site also offers free Wi-Fi service.

A typical Kwik Trip store employs 35 people a third of whom work full time, according to Wrobel. The Orono-based Kwik Trip has 550 stores in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa; the company opened 45 of those sites just this year.

"We're very thankful for that kind of support," Wrobel said.



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Kwik Trip, located at 4000 South Drayton Drive, looks its grand opening on December 13, 2016 in Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Kwik Trip's other location in Marshfield is near downtown at the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Central Avenue.

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### 5 legislators aided by expanded per diem rule

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**MADISON** — At least five state legislators have benefited so far from an expansion of travel funding allowed by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, records reviewed by USA TODAY NETWORK Wisconsin show.

The five legislators include four Democrats and one Republican. They have collectively claimed about \$2,300 in travel payments that until two weeks ago were prohibited under

Assembly policies.

More than a dozen other legislators, including Vos, could also potentially benefit from greater access to travel funding. Each is at or awaiting limits on travel payments that Vos imposed earlier this year and then quietly lifted.

However, a spokeswoman for Vos pledged Thursday he won't personally benefit from the change. The Assembly distributes travel funding to lawmakers through

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Avery

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Award-winning documentary "Making a Murderer" introduced Avery to a wider audience across the country and beyond. It struck a chord with many people who came to believe that Avery and his nephew Steven Avery were wrongfully convicted in the 2005 death of Halbach.

Law professors have used the series as an instructional tool, and justice advocates have focused on interrogating techniques in the documentary to seek reform and innocence projects and wrongful conviction centers have used it as a rallying cry.

Here is a partial list of key players and contributors in "Making a Murderer," and how they have been affected by the series:

**Maura Dumas and Laura Ricciardi:** The two filmmakers behind "Making a Murderer" have drawn considerable praise for the compelling story about Avery's odyssey in the criminal justice system. The series, including best documentary on nonfiction awards, has won several awards. And new episodes are in the works. "Making a Murderer" has been a massive hit on Netflix, and its success has been impressive. Some, including former prosecutor Ken Kratz, have argued the series was heavily slanted in favor of Avery's defense, and that the evidence and testimony were heavily slanted in favor of the prosecution and heavily slanted in favor of the defense.

**Brendan Dassey:** It's been an eventful year — to put it mildly — for Dassey, who was 16 when he was arrested on charges that he was involved in the murder of Halbach. On Aug. 12, federal magistrate judge in Milwaukee made a stunning ruling by overturning Dassey's conviction on the grounds that his constitutional rights were violated by detectives who elicited his confession. The state appealed the ruling, and the case is now pending at the U.S. Court of Appeals

for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago. Dassey was nearly released from prison in November. The judge who overturned Dassey's conviction in 2017, and that ruling will likely result in Dassey's release, his constitutional implementation of a new trial.

**Joe Rutledge and Dean Strang:** Two Wisconsin lawyers mounted a vigorous defense on behalf of Avery at his 2007 murder trial. They quickly became international celebrities after "Making a Murderer" was released, and Rutledge and Strang went on a multi-city, international tour that lasted for several months. Their presentations have focused largely on inequities in the criminal justice system, including legal representation for poor defendants. In October, Strang took USA TODAY

**NETWORK:** Wisconsin that he never envisioned the Netflix series would spark such a profound worldwide reaction. "We have noticed over time that most of the people who come to hear, and ask questions of us, do not come for entertainment. They come for engagement, for improving the quality of justice. It's about something that connects us with our humanity. Absolutely. Even the chance to do that has been a great gift."

**The Halbach family:** Members of the Halbach family have made no public statements since the murder. But a number of friends, acquaintances and observers have criticized the documentary, the extensive media coverage and the pressure on the prosecution and the defense. They contend the coverage reopens the painful wounds arising from Halbach's death. Among those who have expressed support and sympathy for the Halbachs is Manitowish County Sheriff Robert Hermann, who penned "Making a Murderer" and the planned sequel, "The First One has been a terrible injustice to the area," Hermann said.

**Ken Kratz:** The former Calumet County district attorney who successfully prosecuted Avery and Dassey was thrust back into the limelight thanks to the documentary. Kratz defended

the convictions, despite withering criticism from those who watched "Making a Murderer."

**Federal Magistrate William Duffin:** The Manitowish County judge issued a blockburger ruling in August 2012, sentencing Dassey's conviction to either free him from prison or re-try him. Duffin found that investigation made false promises to Dassey during multiple interviews. The judge's ruling was hailed by those who believe Dassey had nothing to do with the murder. However, the Wisconsin Department of Justice is appealing the ruling, saying the conduct of the detectives did not rise to the level of "coercive police activity." A three-judge panel at the Seventh Circuit in Chicago will review Duffin's ruling. It's anybody's guess when a decision will be issued.

**Andrew Colborn:** The veteran Manitowish County sheriff's deputy became a central figure in the Halbach murder investigation. A few weeks before her death, Colborn was deposited as part of Avery's \$16 million civil lawsuit against the county and Colborn's former boss, Sheriff Tom Kooreck. Colborn helped lead evidence collection efforts on Avery's property. Colborn was inside Avery's bedroom on Nov. 8, 2005, when a police key for Halbach's Toyota RAV4 was spotted near the bed in a small room that had already been searched extensively. Following Avery's arrest, Colborn received a special recognition report from his agency's command staff, praising him for his role in helping secure Avery's arrest. A road patrol shift supervisor in 2005, Colborn was promoted to lieutenant in charge of the detective bureau, one of the highest ranking positions in his department.

**James Leisk:** At the time of Halbach's murder, he was the top detective for Manitowish County. Like Colborn, Leisk came under scrutiny in part of Avery's civil rights lawsuit. Like Colborn, Leisk helped lead the evidence collection efforts against Avery in November 2005. Leisk discovered the spare key for the RAV4 in Avery's bedroom, an area the two men had previously searched. Leisk received a special recognition report from current under-sheriff Gregg Schuster, thanking Leisk for showing in-

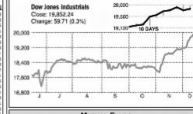
tuitive at Avery Salvage Yard. After Leisk retired in December 2011, Colborn was named head of the detective bureau.

**Michael Griesebach:** An assistant district attorney for Manitowish County, Griesebach was an indirect participant in the courtroom prosecution for Avery's Da- sey. Since the release of the documentary, Griesebach has insisted his fellow county employees get it right in their pursuit of Avery and Halbach's killer. The do- cumentary rekindled interest in Griesebach's ruling was hailed by those who believe Dassey had nothing to do with the murder. However, the Wisconsin Department of Justice is appealing the ruling, saying the conduct of the detectives did not rise to the level of "coercive police activity." A three-judge panel at the Seventh Circuit in Chicago will review Duffin's ruling. It's anybody's guess when a decision will be issued.

**John Kachynsky:** The 63-year-old Kachynsky has been under unyielding criticism since "Making a Murderer" debuted a year ago. He has been featured on social media as his representation of Brendan Dassey in 2006. Kachynsky, who recently retired from private practice but has stayed on as a municipal judge in the Village of Free Crossing (formerly Town of Menasha), says he hasn't dwelled on the criticism. He fell quickly into disfavor for what was viewed as his representation of Dassey for allowing him to be questioned by detectives without an attorney, and for working on a plea deal with prose-

cutors early in the case. Kachynsky acknowledged that he erred by not being present with Dassey when he was questioned in May 2006, but has maintained that he prepared appeal issues by challenging Dassey's current arrest of interest. He granted several interviews with state and national media outlets, suggesting his agency had no motivation to frame Avery or plead his innocence. Hermann also spoke with a national sheriff's association, which provided media relations advice for Hermann in the wake of the foreshadowing outrage. He granted several interviews with state and national media outlets, suggesting his agency had no motivation to frame Avery or plead his innocence. Hermann also spoke with a national sheriff's association, which provided media relations advice for Hermann in the wake of the foreshadowing outrage. He granted several interviews with state and national media outlets, suggesting his agency had no motivation to frame Avery or plead his innocence. Hermann also spoke with a national sheriff's association, which provided media relations advice for Hermann in the wake of the foreshadowing outrage.

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