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### Four injured in Mayville crash between car and tractor

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MAYVILLE — A Dorchester-area woman who was hospitalized after the vehicle she was driving crashed into a tractor Tuesday in the Clark County town of Mayville is listed in fair condition at Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, said Tom Weaver, a spokesman for the hospital.

A condition report was not available for her three children,

ages 3, 6 and 8, who also were hospitalized following the crash.

The 24-year-old woman was southbound on Sandhill Avenue just before 6 p.m. when a tractor pulling a chopper box operated by a 20-year-old Dorchester-area man failed to yield from a stop sign while traveling east on Hickory Road and entered the intersection, the Clark County Sheriff's Department said.

The driver of the car was un-

able to stop and collided with the tractor.

The three children were in the back seat of the car. The 6-year-old was not properly restrained in a child safety seat and the driver was not wearing a seatbelt according to the sheriff's department. The 3- and 8-year-old children were properly restrained.

The tractor operator was not injured.

The crash remains under investigation.



COURTESY OF THE CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
A Dorchester-area woman and her three children were hospitalized following a car vs. tractor crash in the Clark County town of Mayville. The crash occurred at the intersection of Hickory Road and Sandhill Avenue.

### BACK TO SCHOOL



## NEW LIGHTS AIM TO IMPROVE BUS SAFETY

### AMBER SIGNALS DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN

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PULASKI — As familiar yellow buses flood roadways in coming days to gather the most precious of cargo, a new look on the buses aims to keep students safe on their rides to and from school.

Starting this fall, school buses will use an eight-light warning system that includes two amber lights at the front and back of each bus, as well as two red lights on each end of the vehicle. Bus drivers will flash the amber lights when they are preparing to make a stop, and will switch to red when the bus stops. The idea is to give other drivers ample warning and time to slow down or stop when a bus makes a pick-up or drop-off.

Although the system is new to Wisconsin, the Badger State is the last in the U.S. to adopt the safety system, which has been around since the 1970s.

"For Wisconsin, it's been a long time coming," said Alan Wood, fleet manager for the Pulaski School District, which operates 44 school buses. "I'm going to assume it works well in the rest of the country."

The new system is akin to traffic lights at intersections, and Cheri Hines of the Wisconsin



Rick Bogart of Koksorum activates the safety lights on a switch panel inside a bus.



The additional amber lights are intended to warn motorists that buses are about to stop.

Wisconsin school buses will begin using an eight-light system under new safety rules that went into effect in May. The new amber lights warn motorists that the bus is preparing to stop.

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FLEET MANAGER FOR THE PULASKI SCHOOL DISTRICT

### All eyes on Zellner for appeal to free Avery

JOHN FERAK  
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Eight months ago, suburban Chicago attorney Kathleen Zellner turned into an international celebrity by capitalizing on the "Making a Murderer" docuseries on Netflix.

The Zellner Law Firm is looking forward to asking Mr. Avery to his long list of wrongful convictions," Zellner declared in Jan. 6 news releases.

Today, Avery, 54, remains at the state prison in Waupun, serving a life term in connection with the 2005 murder of Teresa Halbach.

Zellner is up against a Monday deadline to file legal briefs to overturn Avery's conviction.

The new court filing for Avery comes on the heels of the Aug. 12 decision by a federal judge in Milwaukee overturning the conviction of

Brendan Dassey, Avery's nephew, who was found guilty in a separate 2007 trial. The judge determined that Dassey's confession was involuntary because of improper interrogation methods by prosecution investigators.

Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel is deciding whether to retry Dassey.

Fans of the "Making a Murderer" series say Zellner has set extraordinarily high expectations for those who believe in Avery's innocence.

"If she didn't have a bombshell whenever she files, it would be a disappointment considering her aggressive tweets on social media," said Rich Donovan, a New Jersey resident who has closely monitored Avery's case.

Donovan added: "I think her primary focus is on planting of evidence and I think it's about the investigation. I don't expect to hear a suspect named in her filings. I don't believe she has narrowed down a specific person yet."

Since she took the world by storm on Twitter in January, Zellner continues to declare that Avery was victimized by a crooked police investigation.

To gauge the direction of Zellner's appeal, USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin reviewed Zellner's social media posts, along with last week's interview with The New York Times.

"There is evidence that already exists in the case that points to a different location and a different suspect," Zellner told the Times. "We've got a combination of forensic evidence and a tip from somebody that we've interviewed multiple times that we think is credible."

The Times also quoted Zellner as saying, "I've never seen a



Zellner

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### Lights

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sin School Bus Association suggests drivers think of them as such.

"Just like when you see a yellow traffic light, you know it's going to change to red, the same holds for bus lights," she said. "Slow down."

The new law requires drivers to activate the amber lights 40 feet prior to stopping when the speed limit is 45 mph or more, and 100 feet before their stop when the speed limit is less than 45 mph.

Drivers are allowed to pass with caution when amber lights are flashing. When they approach a bus with flashing red lights, they should stop at least 20 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the bus moves and the driver turns the flashing reds off.

Motorists traveling in either direction are required to stop not only when "stop sign arm" on the driver's side of the bus comes down, but also when the red lights flash. New signs on the backs of buses remind drivers they must stop when red lights are flashing. The rule does not apply to vehicles traveling in the opposite direction on a divided highway.

Failure to follow these guidelines could result in a fine of at least \$126.50 and



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should not be passing buses when they are slowing down — you never know when a child might run in front of a bus that is stopping," said Bradley Cartwright, transportation manager for the Stevens Point School District.

The new lights are not required on older model buses, but buses built after January 2005 must meet the new specifications, Wood said.

Never buses are designed to accommodate an eight-light system. Until now, Wisconsin school buses typically used all eight lights as red lights. The change means many buses had to have red lights switched to amber lights. Most districts and bus companies will have only a handful of buses without the new system.

"Twenty years ago we would have had to cut holes in buses and add black tape," Wood said. "It would have been much more costly. This allowed us to make the switch much more easily."

District administrators and bus company officials are training drivers and staff on the new system.

"Right now it's a learning curve for our drivers, and it will be for other drivers on the road," Wood said.

Lammers Bus Lines also has spent the summer updating buses and training drivers. In Brown County, the Green Bay-based company serves West De Pere, Green Bay, Ashland, Howard, Waunakee, De Pere and Denmark.

The company at first was resistant to move to the new system, fearing drivers would see amber lights as a sign to hit the gas.

"We've come to appreciate the benefits," Conble said. "It's keeping kids safe. The school bus industry as a whole is very concerned about safety. There's nothing worse for the industry than when a child gets hurt or killed. We're very hard to please."

### Zeller

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more graphic, compelling illustrations of a crime scene that were fabricated.

Here's a look at 20 of Zeller's social media posts that may provide insight into where the appeal is headed:

1. "Calpelt had to remove his own DNA from key so Teresa Halbach's remains in prison. But key on Avery's clothes for state cops. #news"

2. "Third visit to Waupaca prison. Steven Avery thrilled about chance of new forensic tests in innocent men always are."

3. "The 22-car hauler from Avery's garage did not contain Halbach's body. Our expert failed to testify bullet caliber. That bullet was driven to the scene."

4. "One thing perpetrators and evidence planters have in common is leaving signatures at the crime scene. Science always trumps lies."

5. "That rapist Toyota RAV4 key only absorbs DNA of plaintiff (Avery) in civil rights suit against Manitowish County for the owner's 'Mug'."

6. "Police reports: Only Steven Avery was a suspect, but his red flag on others. Must have to do with green evidence."

7. "Trained vision clear in Teresa Halbach case. No DNA taken except from Avery family. No need to take DNA from others when it's planted."

8. "Teresa Halbach's throat was cut (leaving blood), but her RAV4 has her blood. So she was in her vehicle and driven 20 feet to Avery's barn pit?"

9. "Planning Steven Avery, twice results in real rapist and murderer never being charged. Who is being served and protected since the Manitowish County Sheriff's De-



Kathleen Zeller leaves Waupaca Correctional Center with clients Omar Saunders, left, and Larry Oles, right, on Dec. 8, 2015, in Jales, Ill., after their release. Zeller has helped free seven wrongly accused convicts in seven years, and she doesn't even consider herself a defense attorney.

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