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### TEEN SEX ASSAULT SUSPECT FACES NEW CHARGE

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STEVENS POINT - A 17-year-old accused of sexually assaulting a girl at a house party in Stevens Point is facing a new charge after failing a drug test while out of jail on bond.



Butler, who is charged with felony bail jumping, was released last week after signing a \$1,000 signature bond.

Joseph Butler was released from jail in June after signing a \$2500 signature bond in connection with his sexual assault case, but tested positive

for marijuana earlier this month after taking a drug test required as part of his bond.

Butler denied smoking marijuana, but told a deputy he "is around a lot of people who are using," the complaint says.

Butler, who is charged with felony bail jumping, was released last week after signing a \$1,000 signature bond.

Second-degree sexual assault is a felony with a maximum penalty of up to 40 years in prison.

Butler told a detective he had sex with the girl twice at the party, which happened Oct. 10, 2015, at a house party.

Butler is already charged with second-degree sexual assault and

operating a vehicle without the owner's permission.

The girl, who was 16 at the time, talked with a detective the day after the party and said she had been drinking and could not remember what happened the night before, but could recall saying "no, no," the complaint said.

Butler is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 17 for his sexual assault case.

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Jaime Martindale, map and geographic data librarian at the Arthur A. Robinson Map Library at University of Wisconsin-Madison, helped find maps showing the site of a 1966 B-52 bomber crash in Sawyer County.

### Map librarian finds 1966 crash site

Solving mystery led to honoring fallen airmen

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Fifty years ago this November, a B-52 Stratofortress bomber crashed into a hill in Wisconsin's Northwoods, killing all nine people on board.

Residents and hunters gathering for the gun-deer opener the next morning heard and felt the low rumble and crash. A forest fire warden named Roger Langham, whose farm was just west of the site, climbed a lookout tower to help searchers locate the wreckage.

Langham's great-nephew, Tom Sybert, wasn't born until six years later, but he grew up hearing stories about the tragic crash when he visited family living near Hauer in Sawyer County. Sybert is still curious about the plane crash of the gigantic bomber but couldn't find anyone who remembered exactly where the B-52 tumbled into the earth.

After years of searching the internet and scouring Google Earth, Sybert, of Northbrook, Ill., filled out an online request form for a map library in Madison.

It took Jaime Martindale just two hours to do what Sybert couldn't — find the crash site.

The Arthur H. Robinson Map Library in Science Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus has a half-million items in its print collection, including maps, globes, charts and atlases. The print collection includes 250,000 aerial photographs dating to the 1930s.

When Sybert emailed a Google map with a rectangle of the general area, Martindale, a map and geographic data librarian, requested more information. As she waited for a response, she began to do what librarians do best — dig.

"I found some newspaper articles that had been scanned online and local histories of Sawyer County that all described the event and provided details, not only the details of the location but what happened," Martindale said in a phone interview.

She learned that a B-52G bomber from Barkdale Air Force Base in Louisiana was on a low-level terrain avoidance mission on the night of Nov. 18, 1966, when it clipped the tops of trees and crashed northeast of Hayward. She began looking for hills in aerial photos taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has regularly snapped photos since the 1930s to manage and as-

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# ROUNDABOUT REDUCES CRASHES



Whales enter the roundabout at Maple and Post Road in Flover. There have only been four crashes since it was created.

JACOB BYGGA USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

### LOVER - Fewer people are getting hurt in crashes at an intersection transformed about a year ago into Portage County's first roundabout.

The intersection of State 54 and Maple Drive in the village of Flover was the site of at least 14 crashes from 2010 to 2014, according to Brent Matthews, a traffic supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. More than half of those crashes resulted in injuries, including a crash that left a 31-year-old woman dead in November 2011.

The volume and severity of crashes, along with the speed and amount of traffic at the intersection, led officials to rebuild the intersection as a roundabout, Matthews said. "Traffic engineers prefer roundabouts in some situations because they force traffic to slow down and reduce the number of right-angle crashes, as compared with traditional intersections. The project cost about \$2 million and was completed in early September 2015. About a year later, four crashes have been reported in the roundabout, only one of which left someone with

minor injuries, according to crash data requested by USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN. One of the four crashes involved a driver who mistakenly drove across the median of the roundabout and damaged the bottom of his or her vehicle, Matthews said.

"Ever since it's been there, we've heard actually a lot of really good feedback,"

KRISTIN MCHUGH  
DOT SPOKESWOMAN

The DOT plans to build roundabouts as part of a project to improve the Interstate 39 and Highway 66 interchange in Stevens Point, McHugh said. The schedule for construction is years away and

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### Q&A: 10 key issues in the Steven Avery case

Attorney filed motion on Friday asking for new tests on key pieces of evidence

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Steven Avery's attorney, Kathleen Zellner, filed an inch-thick motion in the Manitowish County Clerk of Court's Office on Friday — and with it came more questions about how this case will unfold.

It's a document Zellner hopes will launch her client's eventual exoneration in the

2005 murder of Teresa Halbach.

The filing comes more than seven months after Zellner issued a press release announcing that she was taking up Avery's defense, convinced that he had been wrongfully convicted of the crime.

Last week marked her first substantive court filing in an attempt to prove her theory that an abundance of



STEVEN AVERY AND KATHLEEN ZELLNER  
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Steven Avery attorney Kathleen Zellner walks to the parking lot at the Manitowish County Courthouse after filing a request for evidence to be retested in the Avery case Friday in Manitowish.

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# Teen shooter gets 15 years in mother's death

15-year-old fatally shot girlfriend's mother last year after threatening to kill himself

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**WISCONSIN RAPIDS** — An 15-year-old Wisconsin man convicted of killing his girlfriend's mother last summer will serve 15 years in prison.

Wood County Circuit Judge Greg Potter handed the sentence Monday morning after hearing tearful testimony from members of the victim's family. He rejected both a prosecutor's request for a 25-year sentence and the defense's request for five years behind bars.

Miguel Angel Oertel was found guilty of first-degree reckless homicide during an April trial. The jury rejected Oertel's insanity defense in the shooting death of Theresa C. Coates, 47, of Saratoga. Oertel went to Coates' Saratoga residence on Aug. 17, 2015, after threatening to commit suicide in a social media message to a then 17-year-old girl, according to court documents. When Oertel ar-



Miguel Angel Oertel appears in Wood County Circuit Court for a sentencing hearing in the shooting death of his ex-girlfriend's mother.

rived at the Saratoga home to shoot Oertel, she was shot in the chest. Coates was taken to the hospital and died of her injuries. Miguel Angel Oertel, 15, is currently in the custody of his mother, Theresa C. Coates, 47, of Saratoga. Oertel was arrested on Aug. 17, 2015, after threatening to commit suicide in a social media message to a then 17-year-old girl, according to court documents. When Oertel ar-

ripped and has court-appointed legal guardians since that day. "I never sleep at night I have had very bad dreams," she said. She said she was at a friend's house the night of Aug. 17, 2015, when she heard gunfire. She said she thought Oertel had shot himself and she ran home through the woods to help him. When she arrived home, it was her mother who was on the ground. She heard her mother talk to paramedics and thought Oertel would live, she said. Instead, Coates died shortly after midnight. Oertel cried during the young girl's testimony Monday morning and again when Coates' mother told Oertel about the difficulty of raising Coates' mother about her death. Oertel then stood to speak for more than 20 minutes about the day he killed Coates, his feelings for her, his life and how sorry he is for his actions.

"No one wishes they could take that more than I do," he told Potter. Coates' 10-year-old daughter, a teenager, cried as she told Potter how difficult her life has been since Coates died. She lost both her mother and her grandmother on the day of the shooting and then killed his mother. He said he had no idea she was there. He said he was in the house when she was shot. He said he was in the house when she was shot. He said he was in the house when she was shot.

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sees exploded. It didn't take her long to find it — a 1970 USIA photo showing the mill upon visible gaps in the forest.

"I ended up finding a photo from four years later, but you could still see because it had such a big mark. I pulled a reference photo from 1962 to make sure it wasn't there," she said. Sybert was ecstatic to hear Matthews had solved the mystery. The remote spot where the plane crashed and crashed is partly owned by a friend of Sybert's family and partly by La. Coates Oertel's trial fund.

Sybert paid for a plaque honoring the Air Force members who located the plane.

Curtis E. Robertson, pilot, 1st Lt. Derrick H. Siegmund, co-pilot, Capt. Edward E. Ramph, radar navigator, 1st Lt. Jerome P. Calligari, navigator, Capt. Michael J. D'Amico, electronic warfare officer; Alvin Lee Class Gerald D. Turner, gunner; 1st Col. Jack A. Brown, instructor pilot; Maj. James H. Crow, instructor pilot; and Master Sgt. Leslie Woodard, electronics and maintenance chief. Builders were needed to clear a path to the wreckage in 1966, and artifacts have occasionally turned up there because the crash site is continually eroded.

"It's always been in the area of my mind. My dad and I are rebuilding an old Willys jeep and we figured it would be a good thing to use to find the wreckage and place a memorial piece," said Sybert, who is seeking permission from the landowner to install

hind going up there and plant a plaque memorializing just wanting to remember the day that perished." The map library is named after a professor who taught from 1947 to 1981. Arthur L. Robertson was director of the map division for the Strategic Services, predecessor of the CIA, during World War II and the library has a collection of World War II intelligence maps.

The service Sybert used is popular among members of the public who may not be able to drive to the Robinsons Library in Madison, Wis. Martindale, who has been a volunteer librarian at UW for 43 years. "This was a highlight in my career. I just became engaged and caught up with said Martindale." Zeller was the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office will realize it makes no sense to retry Avery for the murder of Halbach — similar to Avery's 2005 DNA exoneration when DNA evidence excluded Halbach. But instead, the DNA came back as a match for Gregory Allen, a convicted sexual predator.

## Q&A

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Q: How do the Avery and Dasey appeals compare? The efforts to overturn their convictions are on different paths. Avery's case is currently assigned to Judge Judge Angela Slaton, according to the court records. His 2007 jury trial was handled by Manitowish County Circuit Judge Patrick L. Willis, who retired in October 2012. Mark Holter, of the Manitowish County District Attorney, at the time of Halbach's murder, has since filed Willis' conviction on the bench.

Q: What happens next in the circuit court case? Avery's attorneys are waiting on a state response to the motion Zeller filed Friday in Manitowish County Circuit Court, according to Austin Scott, a spokesman for the Midwest Innocence Project, where Zeller's co-counsel, Tricia Bushnell, is the director. "The state will have to

Q: Did Zeller get specific about other suspects who may have committed the crime? Zeller did not specifically name the persons the suspects of killing Theresa Halbach. "As far as we're looking at multiple people, but we have narrowed it very dramatically," Zeller told USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin at the Manitowish County Court filing identified "Individual A" and "Individual B" as being allowed access to the public law enforcement closed access to the public during the Nov. 5, 2005 probe targeting Steven Avery. Both "were untruthful in their police interviews," Zeller said.

Q: Mr. Avery will present his third party report in his post-conviction petition that he will file once he obtains the new trial. Other investigative records in the Halbach murder case show that individual A is Joshua Bladner, whose family owns the Radnaski property behind the Avery Salvage Yard. Individual B is Ryan Hillegas, the ex-boyfriend of the murder victim, who grew up in Hilbert and had previously dated Halbach for about five years.

Q: Is Zeller seeking a new trial for Steven Avery in the death of Theresa Halbach? Zeller has stressed in her social media posts on Twitter that she intends to prove who killed Theresa Halbach. She has indicated in media interviews that she plans to uncover "overwhelming proof of an alternative suspect, evidence that she will present in court. If she achieves her objective, she anticipates that the court will vacate Avery's murder conviction and then kill himself. He said he had not thought anyone would think that way. Oertel said.

Q: What are the most unexpected aspects of Zeller's case? Zeller revealed on Halbach's RAV4 that she and Hillegas made independent false statements to authorities during the early stages of the murder investigation, actions that now heighten suspicion toward both of them. Prior to the discovery of human bones at Avery's barn on the afternoon of Nov. 4, 2005, Bladner claimed he remembered seeing large items in Avery's bedroom under suspicious circumstances. Zeller, who returned to Manitowish County after a fire in Avery's barn barreled into her court records, Zeller's investigation identified Bladner's version of events, calling his own credibility into question. Zeller also introduced evidence that Hillegas used a fake name on at least one occasion to gain access to the Avery property, and the victim's license plates that were found in his abandoned station wagon on the Avery property, may be the same person who deleted several voice mail messages from Halbach's cellphone on the day she went missing and drove to Halbach being reported missing to law enforcement. During Avery's 2007 murder trial, special prosecutor Ken Krutz downplayed the fact that someone with access to Halbach's phone deleted several voice mail messages from the victim's phone. According to Zeller's court filing, someone deleted 16 voice mail messages from Halbach's cellphone between Halbach's disappearance and 7:02 a.m. Nov. 2, 2005. The day before Halbach's mother reported the disappearance to the Calumet County Sheriff's Department that her daughter was missing.

Q: What were the pieces of evidence that Zeller wants to retest? Foremost, Zeller wants to retest the stains found inside Halbach's RAV4. She also seeks the previously obtained fingerprints of James Lenk and Sgt. Andrew Colburn of the Manitowish County Sheriff's Department to compare with the unidentified fingerprints discovered on the victim's vehicle. She also wants to retest the DNA in the space key to Halbach's RAV4 that Lenk and Colburn found under suspicious circumstances. Zeller also wants to conduct DNA tests upon the RAV4's battery cable, the broken trailer light that was pulled into the cargo area, a light-colored fabric that the interior hole revealed, the metal pipe that holds up the victim's head, a pair of purple women's underwear found near a white trailer on the Avery property, and the victim's license plates that were found in his abandoned station wagon on the Avery property. Additionally, Zeller plans to determine the precise age of the blood stains found in the RAV4 back in November 2005 that were identified as fresh blood stains of Avery's salivary glands. Manitowish County already had a test of Avery's blood from around 1996. Blood in the cargo area of the RAV4 was reportedly that of Halbach's. "One of the most compelling scientific facts pointing to a shared blood evidence is that there was no mixture of Ms. Halbach and Mr. Avery's blood despite the blood being three times the amount of her vehicle," Zeller wrote in her last brief.

## Crashes

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depends on funding being available. Pierce Police Chief Dan Aull said drivers needed time to get used to the roadsides, but it seems to have slowed down traffic in the area.

"It minimizes the chance of a fatal accident," he said. "It minimizes the chance that people are seriously hurt or killed or are transported to the hospital between 78 percent and 82 percent, compared to unimproved roads. Traffic signs, according to the state Highway system, has about 10 percent of state-controlled roads that are less than 1 percent of state-controlled roads."

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