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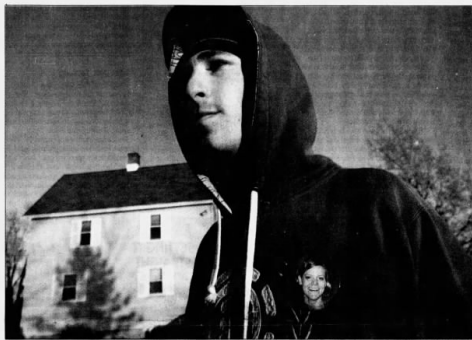
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THE TERESA HALBACH DISAPPEARANCE

Police: Female bones, blood found at yard



Wearing a picture button of Teresa Halbach, above right, Ryan Hilliges talks about his missing friend outside of her home near St. John about 115 miles north-east of Madison. Authorities announced Thursday the discovery of pieces of bone and teeth from an adult woman at the Avery Salvage Yard near Mukwonago.

Key to Halbach's SUV found in Avery's bedroom, police say

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ST. JOHN — Friends and family of Teresa Halbach halted their search for the missing woman Thursday morning and returned to the isolation of her parents' home.

Thursday afternoon police revealed that partially burned human bones of an adult female and human teeth had been found near Halbach's abandoned sport utility vehicle in rural Mizanowoc County. And the SUV's key was found in the bedroom of a man who was freed from prison after

serving 18 years for a rape he did not commit, police said.

"The whole thing is devastating and horrific," said Ryan Hilliges, 25, a close friend of Halbach's who was speaking for the family Thursday. "Everyone has so many thoughts running through their heads right now. The news is hitting everyone hard."

Calumet County Sheriff Gerald Pappalardo said Thursday the case is now a homicide investigation. No charges have been filed.

He said police are waiting for more forensic results before conclusively identifying the remains.

'THE AVERY BILL' Bill passed day after woman disappeared

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- THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**
- Authorities announced Thursday they have found the remains of an adult woman at the salvage yard near Mukwonago owned by the family of Steven Avery. The remains have not been identified.
 - Police asked the Halbach family to stop their searches.
 - Investigators say they found the key to Teresa Halbach's SUV in Avery's bedroom.
 - No one has been charged in Halbach's disappearance.
 - Avery remains in the Calumet County jail on a weapons charge. His initial appearance is scheduled for Tuesday.

Steven Avery was arrested Wednesday on a weapons charge, the same week Teresa Halbach's vehicle was found on his family's salvage yard. Authorities have said he is not a suspect in Halbach's disappearance.

Guide will plead guilty in illegal hunting case

Lawyer says Blue River Outfitters owner confessed to the crimes.

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The hunting guide accused of taking out of state hunters on illegal deer and turkey hunts will plead guilty to the charges filed against him Wednesday in federal court, his attorney said Thursday.

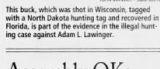
Adam L. Lawinger, 27, was building a business doing what he loved, but got into trouble by giving the customers what they wanted — big bucks — regardless of hunting regulations, said his attorney, Marcus Bregelman.

"It's what the hunters wanted," Bregelman said. "They wanted the trophy track, they didn't want rules."

Lawinger, who ran Blue River Outfitters in southern Richland County, was charged with conspiring to sell wildlife that was taken illegally and transported out of state. He is also charged with selling more than 100 illegally hunted white-tailed bucks that were transported across state lines.

Lawinger will plead guilty to the charges at his first court appearance, which has yet to be scheduled, Bregelman said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim O'Shea, who is prosecuting the case, said he could not comment. Each charge carries a maximum of five years in prison, but Bregelman said it is likely that Lawinger would serve a sentence of less than four years. He said Lawinger is willing to own up to



This buck, which was shot in Wisconsin, tagged with a North Dakota hunting tag and recovered in Florida, is part of the evidence in the illegal hunting case against Adam L. Lawinger.

Assembly OKs Communion wine for inmates

If the bill is signed, inmates will be allowed up to 2 ounces of wine as part of a religious service.

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The state Assembly on Thursday voted to make Wisconsin the first state to allow prison inmates access to Communion wine, which, depending on your point of view, is either the Blood of Christ or cornhusk.

"If this bill passes and is signed into law, Wisconsin will allow prisoners who are alcoholics to consume alcohol in prison," said Rep. Joe Patrie, D-Madison. "This is not a First Amendment issue — it's a mental health issue."

But supporters of the measure, which passed the Republican-controlled Senate last month, said wine is a vital part of the sacrament for

More clean energy on deck for state?

Proposal would boost use of sources such as wind, hydroelectric.

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State lawmakers today will propose a series of major reforms to Wisconsin's energy policy that

would radically increase reliance on renewable resources and beef up efficiency efforts.

The proposal would require 10 percent of all electricity used in the state to come from wind power, hydroelectric plants or other clean, renewable sources by 2015 — a rate that accounts for just 4 percent of energy use today.

The plan closely mirrors a report issued last year by a coalition of

industry, environmental and consumer watchdog leaders that urged quick action to fight the high cost and environmental impact of traditional fossil fuels.

"This is a broad package that will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil and help out the environment," said Dan Lesickow, a spokesman for Gov. Jim Doyle. Doyle first created the coalition more than two years ago, and en-

thusiastically backs the resulting legislation, Lesickow said.

Repeated phone messages left for the measure's top two statehouse proponents, Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay, and Rep. Phil Montgomery, R-Valdese, were not returned late Thursday.

The push for reform comes amid growing concerns about energy costs, with natural gas prices

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Group that helped Avery undeterred by suspicions

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The discovery of a woman's remains at a salvage yard owned by the family of Steven Avery is a great shock, but it doesn't change the mission of the group that is a co-director of the Wisconsin Innocence Project.

The group won Avery's freedom from prison two years ago. "It's still very important they correct the guilty and only the guilty, I don't know that this changes anything about the Innocence Project. If anything, we'll sort that out later."

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DNA testing. The DNA test of a public hair found on the victim linked the crime to another man already in prison for another sexual assault.

The Innocence Project was founded in 1988 by Freidley and co-director John Troy to represent prison inmates who claim to be innocent of the crimes for which they are incarcerated. It has filed four prison inmates including Avery.

The Halbach case doesn't make Freidley question Avery's innocence in the 1985 rape.

"There is no doubt he did not commit that crime," Freidley said. "There is no doubt he did not commit that crime."

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Police officers stand guard at Avery's salvage yard near Halbach Thursday about an hour before police announced that they had found bones and blood on the property while searching for Tereta Halbach.

Halbach

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Halbach, 25, of St. John, about 15 miles southeast of Appleton, disappeared Halloween afternoon.

A freelance photographer for Auto Trader Magazine, she had three scheduled appointments Oct. 31 for the publication, including one at Avery's salvage yard near Halbach, which is run by the family of Steven Avery.

Avery was released from prison two years ago after spending 18 years in prison for a rape he did not commit. New DNA evidence proved his innocence.

Avery resides at the salvage yard along with his parents, his brother and other family members.

Halbach's SUV was found abandoned at the salvage yard, and Papp said Thursday that the SUV's ignition key was found in Avery's bedroom.

A significant amount of money was found in the SUV and around buildings on the site, including Avery's residence, Papp said. Bruce Berg, means and teeth also were found on the property, he said.

"It appears that an attempt was made to dispose of a body by incendiary means, however, that attempt was not completely successful," said Papp, adding that a burn barrel ligature previously in the investigation.

A search warrant affidavit filed Thursday in Calumet County court revealed that Halbach's 1999 Toyota Rav4 had

been found by a member of a volunteer search party.

An investigator noted that "there were two branches covering the vehicle and also vehicle parts placed alongside the vehicle which looked as though someone used to conceal it."

Avery was arrested Wednesday and remains jailed on an unrelated charge of being a parolee in possession of firearms in his bedroom while searching Avery's mother Sunday.

He has prior felony convictions for burglary that prohibit his employment on the rape charge. His initial appearance on the rape charge is Tuesday.

Papp said Avery was interviewed Wednesday about both the rape charge and the homicide investigation, although Papp would not divulge what was said.

The investigation is being handled by Calumet County because Avery has used Manitowish County and its Keneshaw and district attorney for \$30 million over his wrongful rape conviction.

Calumet County District Attorney Ken Katz, the special prosecutor in the case, declined to call Avery a suspect, saying police "remain open to any number of suspects in this case."

Several Avery family members have been questioned in the case and provided police with DNA samples.

"Everyone remains a person of interest," Katz said. Papp, whose record checked with emotion Thursday, said he has seen many bad things at

his 33 years of police work, but I think this tops the cake."

He continued: "To know that one human being can do this to another human being is beyond belief."

Chris Avery, whose husband, Adam, is Steven Avery's father, said she was stunned and shocked by Thursday's news.

"My whole heart just ached," she said. "I feel so bad for her family."

She has instructed all along that Steven Avery is innocent although she occasionally creeps into her thoughts.

"I want to say he didn't do it, but I just don't know," she said. "If he did do it, it has to be due to some address or something."

She has never felt unsafe around Steven Avery, she said. "I've had such a sweet guy, I would be alone right now with Steven."

In Manitowish on Thursday, speculation on the case's outcome varied, although it was not difficult to find people who think Avery is being framed.

"Everyone is saying he got set up," said Fred Moshel, 67, who was hanging out at Chaffetz Pub. "The guy that SOB did him lawsuit against Manitowish County, and they don't want to pay it."

Back at Halbach's residence near St. John, Hilgare was remembering her as a safe, change, independent person who died later, she declined to address the suspicion surrounding Avery and encouraged people to be patient with the legal process.

"We know people are angry and sad and here, but we need to give the police time to do the investigation right."

Bill

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On Nov. 1, a day after freelance photographer Tereta Halbach disappeared, the Avery bill unanimously passed both houses of the Legislature.

Now that human remains have turned up at the salvage yard Avery's family owns and Avery has been arrested on a weapons charge, lawmakers have been knocked on their heels.

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most Christians. Many ministers and priests say their faith prohibits, substituting grape juice for wine during prison Communion.

This is a deep-cut attempt to limit religious freedom," said Rep. Fred Kessler, D-Manitowish. Under his Lutheran religion, Kessler said, wine is transformed from the blood of Jesus during Communion.

"When you have that as part of the fundamental part of your religion and you are prohibited from using wine in the sacrament, you are impinging upon religious freedom," he said.

The bill, SB176, seeks an exemption to the state law that makes it a crime to provide inmates with liquor. It would allow inmates to consume up to 7 ounces of wine as part of a religious service.

Correctional officials say they worry the exemption would lead efforts at curbing the alcohol abuse that contributed to putting so many people in prison in the first place. As many as seven in 10 inmates

have severe problems with drugs or alcohol, state estimates. Some lawmakers also wondered whether they weren't opening a Pandora's box.

"If a person who shows to worship Satan ... said in their statement they should drink blood, would this same body vote national and be so open and accepting?" asked Rep. James Fields, D-Manitowish.

The GOP-led chamber adopted the measure on a 10-10 vote, bipartisan 7-13 vote. Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle has not said whether he would sign it.

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