

**CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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**TYPE OF ACTIVITY:** Interview of:

Dawn N. Pliszka  
DOB 06/05/71  
14774 W. Hidden Creek Ct.  
New Berlin, WI 53146  
Telephone number: 262-244-6399

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:** 11/03/05

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Inv. Mark Wiegert

On 11/03/05, I (Inv. WIEGERT of the CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) made phone contact with DAWN N. PLISZKA. It should be noted DAWN would work for the AUTO TRADER magazine and would be in charge of answering phones and calling their photographers for assignments.

DAWN states she, in fact, had talked with TERESA on Monday morning, 10/31/05. DAWN states they had received a phone call from somebody who identified himself/herself as B. JANDA. DAWN states she knows the JANDAS are basically the AVERY brothers. She states they have done work for them before and she does not know why they give the name of B. JANDA.

DAWN further stated she had called TERESA in the afternoon, she believes, but she is not sure if she actually talked to TERESA or if she left her a message on her voice mail. DAWN states she makes a lot of phone calls during the day and does not remember. DAWN did tell me she commonly leaves messages for her photographers on their voice mail for appointments they are suppose to go out on. She did state when she had talked to TERESA, TERESA had told her she was going to go out to the AVERY property to take the photo. DAWN states TERESA seemed fine on the phone when she had spoken with her. DAWN states TERESA always seems to be a pretty upbeat person when she speaks with her and does not know of any type of problems that TERESA would have.

DAWN did tell me TERESA had confided in her about STEVEN AVERY on one prior occasion. She states STEVEN had come out of the house wearing nothing but a towel one time and TERESA was somewhat concerned by that.

I asked DAWN if TERESA had ever been to the GEORGE ZIPPERER residence before. DAWN stated she did not believe so and TERESA had never mentioned anything about the ZIPPERERS. That was the end of my phone conversation with DAWN.

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Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation  
ACISS Investigative Report

Report Number: 05-1776/7

Report Date: 11/09/2005

Primary Information	
Report Number:	05-1776/7
Report Date:	11/09/2005
Type Of Report:	Investigative
Description:	TERESA MARIE HALBACH Interview / Dawn Pliszka
Occurrence From:	11/06/2005 00:00
Occurrence To:	11/06/2005 00:00
Dissemination Code:	Agency
Reporting LEO:	McGrath, Neil J (Milwaukee Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Approval Status:	Approved
Approved Date:	11/11/2005
Approved By:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)

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**Synopsis**  
On Sunday 11-06-2005 S/A Neil McGrath telephonically interviewed DAWN PLISZKA, a receptionist at Auto Trader Magazine, 5300 S. 108th St., hales Corners, WI 53130. PLISZKA contacted S/A McGrath in response to a message left with her by manager Angle Schuster.

Subject: #1 - Interviewed #1 - Pliszka, Dawn	
Pliszka, Dawn (Interviewed) - Primary Information	
Record Type:	Person
Subject Name:	Pliszka, Dawn
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Juvenile:	No

Record Status Information	
Record Origination Operator:	Blue, Barbara J (Criminal Investigation / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Record Origination Date:	11/09/2005 12:55
Last Update Operator:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Last Update Date:	11/11/2005 12:11

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
McGrath, Neil J (Milwaukee Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)		Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)	11/30/2005

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On Sunday 11-06-2005 at approximately 1:48 p.m., S/A McGrath received a call from DAWN PLISZKA. S/A McGrath informed PLISZKA that he had received information from her manager at Auto Trader Magazine, Angie Schuster, that PLISZKA had spoken with TERESA HALBACH on 10/31/2005 to arrange a photo appointment scheduled that day.

PLISZKA stated that on 10/31/2005, between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. a call came in from a man who was speaking in an unclear manner. PLISZKA stated the man was hard to understand, possibly because he was slurring or he was foreign. PLISZKA wrote the name B. JANDA on the appointment form guessing at the man's name. PLISZKA stated that she was not sure that "B" was the actual first initial of the man, but believed the photographer would find out the person's actual name upon arriving to shoot the photo. DAWN PLISZKA told the man on the telephone that she was unsure if the photographer would be able to take photographs that day, however, she would attempt to get a hold of the photographer. Typically, photographers do not take photos on the same day the request is made. The man on the phone told PLISZKA that the photographer (referred to as "she") had been out to the residence before to take photos.

PLISZKA attempted to call HALBACH and left her a message. HALBACH called back to the office when PLISZKA was out for lunch. PLISZKA called HALBACH again in the afternoon and spoke to HALBACH, who stated she was on her way to the AVERY property to take the photo that had been previously requested by phone that morning. HALBACH was aware that the AVERY brothers lived on the property where she was traveling and told PLISZKA that the family owned two or three houses on the same road. HALBACH and PLISZKA had joked in the past about the AVERY brothers. PLISZKA was told by HALBACH that one of the brothers had come outside dressed only in a bath towel on two prior occasions that HALBACH had been to the property to take photos. PLISZKA stated she got the impression from HALBACH that the AVERY brothers were "weird" or "creepy" and that HALBACH was slightly uncomfortable going to the AVERY property. However, at the time HALBACH told PLISZKA she was on her way to the appointment, it did not seem to PLISZKA that HALBACH had any hesitation about going out to the property to take the photos. This phone conversation was the last time PLISZKA spoke with HALBACH.

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## ACISS Investigative Report

Report Number: 05-1776/157

Report Date: 12/05/2005

### Primary Information

Report Number: 05-1776/157  
 Report Date: 12/05/2005  
 Type Of Report: Investigative  
 Description: TERESA MARIE HALBACH / Interview ANGIE SCHUSTER  
 Occurrence From: 12/01/2005 00:00  
 Occurrence To: 12/01/2005 00:00  
 Dissemination Code: Agency  
 Reporting LEO: McGrath, Nell J (Milwaukee Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)  
 Approval Status: Approved  
 Approved Date: 12/13/2005  
 Approved By: Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)

### Synopsis

On Thursday 12/01/2005, Special Agent Nell J. McGrath went to the Auto Trader Magazine office located at 5300 South 108th Street Suite 15, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, 53130. S/A McGrath contacted Auto Trader Magazine in order to obtain disks containing photos previously taken by TERESA MARIE HALBACH at the AVERY property in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. S/A McGrath also interviewed RACHAEL HIGGS, a customer service representative with Auto Trader Magazine who stated she had received a call from STEVEN AVERY on Thursday, 11/03/2005, regarding TERESA HALBACH.

### Related Subjects

Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	3/22/1980	Victim

### Property

Status	Quantity	Description
---	1	One computer disk containing four digital photos.
---	1	One computer disk containing two digital photos.

### Record Status Information

Record Origination Operator: Blue, Barbara J (Criminal Investigation / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)  
 Record Origination Date: 12/05/2005 13:27  
 Last Update Operator: Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)  
 Last Update Date: 12/13/2005 09:57

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
McGrath, Nell J (Milwaukee Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)		Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)	1/5/2006

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On Thursday 12/01/2005, Special Agent Neil J. McGrath went to the Auto Trader Magazine office located at 5300 South 108<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 15, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, 53130. S/A McGrath had previously arranged an appointment with Office Manager ANGIE SCHUSTER. S/A McGrath arrived at Auto Trader Magazine at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Upon arriving at the Auto Trader Magazine office S/A McGrath interviewed RACHAEL J. HIGGS, W/F, DOB: 11/24/1985. HIGGS stated that she had been working at Auto Trader Magazine for approximately six to seven months and was a Production/Customer Service Representative. HIGGS recalled speaking with an individual who identified himself as STEVE AVERY on approximately Thursday 11/03/2005. HIGGS stated that earlier on that same day TERESA HALBACH's mother had contacted the Auto Trader Magazine office and was concerned about HALBACH's whereabouts. AVERY called the office approximately two hours after HALBACH's mother, possibly between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. AVERY told HIGGS that he had an appointment for a van and a truck to be photographed on 10/31/2005, however he had contacted HALBACH on that day to see if she was still coming and she told him that she was heading in a different direction. AVERY told HIGGS that HALBACH instructed him to contact the office to reschedule the appointment. AVERY also told HIGGS that he had been contacted by a male individual who identified himself as TERESA HALBACH's roommate. This individual told AVERY that they knew HALBACH had been to his residence to take photographs and that they believed AVERY had done something to HALBACH. AVERY stated that he did not appreciate being accused by this person. AVERY had the number of this individual on caller I.D. and told HIGGS he would call her back with this number. AVERY stated that he did not appreciate being accused by this person. HIGGS stated she looked on the computer and did not see a record of STEVEN AVERY having an appointment and stated that she would look into it.

Approximately five to ten minutes later, AVERY re-contacted HIGGS at Auto Trader Magazine and gave her the number of the individual who had called. HIGGS stated that she wrote the number down on a Post-It note and contacted Cahmet County at a later time asking for the person in charge of the TERESA HALBACH investigation. HIGGS spoke to an individual at Cahmet County Sheriff's Department, however was unsure of their name. This individual had to call HIGGS back because the individual was on the phone at the time. HIGGS stated she gave the investigator who called her the information about AVERY calling her.

HIGGS stated this contact was the first time she believed she spoke with STEVE AVERY on the phone. HIGGS is aware who STEVEN AVERY was because HALBACH had mentioned to HIGGS on the telephone that AVERY was "creepy." HALBACH had told HIGGS that on at least two occasions when HALBACH arrived at the AVERY property to shoot photographs of vehicles, AVERY came out of his residence dressed only in a bath towel. HALBACH joked with HIGGS that AVERY was not the type of person you wanted to see dressed in only a towel. HALBACH had also mentioned to HIGGS that AVERY had showed her some kind of display having to do with

females that was posted on his wall. This display was of pictures or names and phone numbers of females, possibly AVERY's girlfriends. AVERY said to HALBACH in a confident manner that some day she would be up on the wall as well. HIGGS did not believe HALBACH was alarmed by this comment, however thought it was strange. HIGGS did not get the indication that HALBACH was uncomfortable going to the AVERY property to take photos, and believed HALBACH viewed AVERY as more of a harmless old man who was "a little out there." HIGGS has only spoken with HALBACH by telephone and had never met her in person, however, felt she knew HALBACH well from frequent phone conversations.

S/A McGrath also spoke with DAWN PLISZKA, a receptionist at Auto Trader Magazine who stated that she recalled a male individual by the name of RON SHICKER (ph). SHICKER was a former sales representative for Auto Trader Magazine in the Appleton area who had recently told PLISZKA he had accompanied HALBACH to AVERY's property on one occasion to take photographs. SHICKER is now believed to work in New Berlin and has a work telephone number of 920-392-1111.

S/A McGrath then interviewed ANGIE SCHUSTER, the manager of Auto Trader Magazine. S/A McGrath inquired about any other photographers who had taken photos at the AVERY property. SCHUSTER believed that KATHY WILLEFORD, a former photographer for Auto Trader Magazine, had taken photos out there on one occasion. WILLEFORD had contacted SCHUSTER after HALBACH's disappearance and stated that she had been out to the AVERY property and that STEVEN AVERY had invited her into the house, however, she declined. SCHUSTER believes that WILLEFORD was employed with the state of Wisconsin and has an address of N3126 Deer Creek, Waukegan, Wisconsin, 53093 and a telephone number of 920-528-7755.

SCHUSTER turned over to S/A McGrath two disks containing photos that had previously been taken by HALBACH at the AVERY and JANDA residences. One disk contained photos from appointments with STEVEN AVERY (account #45860) on 08/22/2005, 08/29/2005, and 10/10/2005. The other disk contained two photographs taken for TOM JANDA (account #47810) on 09/19/2005. SCHUSTER stated she was unable to retrieve photographs taken from an appointment with AVERY on 06/20/2005.

S/A McGrath asked SCHUSTER and HIGGS if they knew the make and model of the digital camera Auto Trader had provided HALBACH. HIGGS told S/A McGrath she believed it was a Canon model digital camera because the files that HALBACH sent in were from a Canon camera. SCHUSTER recalled HALBACH had a larger flash card for her camera which would also be consistent for a Canon model. SCHUSTER stated that there were several models of cameras issued to photographers for Auto Trader Magazine and she was unsure of the exact model HALBACH had been issued. S/A McGrath asked if one of the cameras photographers had been issued was a Canon Power Shot A310. SCHUSTER stated it was very possible that that was a camera the photographers had been issued. SCHUSTER stated that she would do further research on the

matter.

The interview was terminated at approximately 4:38 p.m. at which time S/A McGrath thanked the individuals for their assistance and departed.

S/A McGrath maintained custody of the two disks provided to him by SCHUSTER from Auto Trader Magazine and assigned Property Receipt Number D-6530-1 and D-6530-2 to the submitted evidence. S/A McGrath maintained exclusive custody of this evidence until relinquishing it to Special Agent Kim Skorlinski on 12/07/2005.

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DATE 12-01-2005

CASE NO. 05-1776

This will acknowledge that the following article(s) were obtained from Angie Schwiter - Auto Trader Magazine  
 by authority of Voluntary transfer

ITEM NO.	QUAN-TITY	NAME OF ARTICLE (s)	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE(S) Serial numbers and/or other detailed description (If applicable, state container or contents)
1	1	Computer disk	one (1) 3.5 High Density disk containing four photos of vehicles taken under Steven Avery's account #45860.
2	1	Computer disk	one (1) Imation 2 HD IBM disk containing two photos of vehicles taken under Tom Jander's account #47810.
			Both disks were obtained by S/A McCreath on 12-01-2005 and contain copies of photos stored in Auto Trader records.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER N. McCreath TITLE Special Agent

SIGNATURE OF PARTY FROM WHOM ARTICLES WERE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM NO.	QUAN-TITY	LAB NO.	RELINQUISHED BY (SIGNATURE)	RECEIVED BY (SIGNATURE)	DATE	PLACEMENT
1+2	All		<u>N. McCreath</u>	<u>Kim J. Stroh</u>	12-07-05	Transfer of evd.
1+2	All		<u>Kim J. Stroh</u>	<u>Thomas J. Buehler</u>	12-14-05	ADDCP

FINAL DISPOSITION					
ITEM NO.	QUAN-TITY	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	AUTHORIZED BY	ACTION TAKEN BY (SIGNATURE)

REMARKS:

# Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation

## ACISS Investigative Report

Report Number: 05-1776/235

Report Date: 02/21/2006

Primary Information	
Report Number:	05-1776/235
Report Date:	02/21/2006
Type Of Report:	Investigative
Description:	TERESA MARIE HALBACH: Follow-up Interview with Dawn Pliszke (Auto Trader)
Occurence From:	02/20/2006 20:50
Occurence To:	02/20/2006 00:00
Dissemination Code:	Agency
Reporting LEO:	Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Approval Status:	Approved
Approved Date:	02/22/2006
Approved By:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)

Related Subjects					
Name	Type	Sex	Race	DOB	Relationship
Auto Trader	Business	—	—	—	Mentioned
Halbach, Teresa Marie	Person	Female	White	3/22/1980	Deceased
Pliszka, Dawn	Person	Female	White	—	Interviewed
Higgs, Rachael J	Person	Female	Unknown	11/24/1985	Mentioned
Janda, Daniel J	Person	Male	White	10/2/1938	Mentioned
Oven, Karma	Person	Female	Unknown	—	Mentioned
Schuster, Angela M	Person	Female	White	9/6/1964	Mentioned
Avery, Steven Allen Sr	Person	Male	White	7/9/1962	Suspect

Related Telephones	
Telephone Number	Relationship Number Called
(262) 244-6399	

Record Status Information	
Record Origination Operator:	Price, Denise (Criminal Investigation / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Record Origination Date:	02/21/2006 11:13
Last Update Operator:	Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)
Last Update Date:	02/22/2006 15:00

Reporting LEO	Date	Supervisor	Date
Fassbender, Thomas J (Appleton Special Assignments / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)		Kelly, Carolyn S (Madison Arson / Wisconsin DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation)	2/24/2006

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On Monday, February 20, 2006, at approximately 8:50 p.m., S/A Thomas J. Fassbender had telephone contact with Dawn Pliszke, former employee of Auto Trader, in Hales Corners, WI. Pliszke was actually returning S/A Fassbender's call from earlier that evening. S/A Fassbender had left a voice message for Pliszke at her home phone of 262-244-6399.

Upon making contact with Pliszke, S/A Fassbender identified himself and advised he was doing some follow-up on the Teresa Halbach investigation and that S/A Fassbender wanted to ask some additional questions.

S/A Fassbender went over some of the information Pliszke had provided in an earlier interview with S/A Neil McGrath. Pliszke agreed that on Monday, October 31, 2005, a male subject had called Auto Trader between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., wanting a photograph taken of a vehicle. The subject provided the name of B. Janda. Pliszke agreed that after taking that phone call, she attempted to contact Teresa Halbach and ended up leaving a voicemail message for Halbach. S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke how long after her call with the male subject, purported to be B. Janda, did she call Halbach. Pliszke said as soon as she probably could. Pliszke indicated that early in the morning she's there handling most of the calls and may have been a little busy at first. Pliszke believed she probably called Halbach around 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. S/A Fassbender asked what type of information she left for Halbach in her message. Pliszke stated she believed she said to Halbach that there is a guy that wanted her to come out that day to take a photo of a vehicle. Pliszke said she gave the subject's telephone number and she thought probably the address too. Pliszke said she also stated that the subject said she had been out there before. Pliszke said she then just told Halbach to call her back.

Pliszke advised that she had previously spoken with Halbach and Halbach told her that she only worked the Manitowoc/Sheboygan County areas one day a week (Monday) so Auto Trader could schedule as much as they can on that one day.

S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke if she remembered a second call from that same male subject or from Steven Avery later that morning. Pliszke stated she did not remember another call. S/A Fassbender advised that according to the Auto Trader phone records for their toll free number, a call came in at 11:04 a.m., from Steven Avery's home telephone. Pliszke advised she would have been at lunch already. Pliszke advised she normally goes to lunch at 11:00 a.m., and gets back a little after 12:00 p.m., noon. Pliszke advised the call would have been taken by either Rachel Higgs or Karma Oven or possibly, Angie Schuster.

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Pliszke confirmed that she called Halbach in the afternoon and did ultimately make contact with her. S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke what they talked about during that contact. Pliszke said they engaged in some personal talk and Pliszke told Halbach about her son. Pliszke advised that was common when she spoke with Halbach. Pliszke advised that Halbach then said something to the effect of "Oh, by the way, it was the Avery brothers and I'm going there now."

S/A Fassbender reminded Pliszke about Halbach telling her about Steven Avery coming to the door dressed only in a towel. Pliszke stated she remembered Halbach telling her that. S/A Fassbender asked if Halbach indicated how many times Avery had done this and Pliszke stated at least a couple of times. S/A Fassbender asked if Halbach personally told Pliszke about it and she advised yes. S/A Fassbender asked how many times she spoke to Halbach when Halbach mentioned Avery doing this. Pliszke advised a couple of times or two to three times, not a lot. Pliszke advised they also talked about other photo shoots and customers.

S/A Fassbender asked Pliszke if she had thought of anything else that she may not have told to S/A McGrath. Pliszke advised she had not. Pliszke advised she now has S/A Fassbender's phone number and if she remembered anything else she would contact him. S/A Fassbender thanked Pliszke and the contact was concluded.