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**TYPE OF ACTIVITY:** Interview of Jodi Stachowski  
**DATE OF ACTIVITY:** 08/31/06 at 10:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Sheriff's Dept.  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Inv. Mark Wiegert

On 08/31/06, I (Inv. MARK WIEGERT of the CALUMET CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.) went to the MANITOWOC CO. JAIL. At approximately 10:20 a.m., I did go into the lobby of the jail. Approximately three minutes after arriving in the lobby of the jail, I observed a female that is known to me by the name of JODI STACHOWSKI walking out of the secure portion of the jail and the lobby. When JODI walked out she immediately recognized me and said, "I suppose you're here to talk to me." At that time JODI and I both walked outside. I asked JODI if she had a few minutes, if she would be willing to talk to me. JODI then requested that I provide her with a cigarette, which I did. JODI then stated she had a few minutes but could not talk long because she had a ride waiting for her.

I informed JODI at that time that she was not under arrest, and did not have to speak with me if she did not want to. JODI indicated to me she understood this and still agreed to speak with me.

While standing outside, I told JODI that we would go up to the investigators' area in the sheriff's department so that we could sit down and do the interview. JODI agreed to go with me to the sheriff's department at that time.

Upon arrival at the sheriff's department, I did meet with JODI in an interview room which is audio and videotaped. Again when I met with JODI, I informed her that she was not under arrest, that she did not have to speak with me and she could get up and leave at any time. JODI indicated she understood this.

The following will be a transcript of the videotaped interview of JODI:

WIEGERT: All right. So when did ya get put in?

JODI: Tuesday.

WIEGERT: Tuesday. I just wanna make it clear to you, you're not under arrest or anything,

JODI: No.

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WIEGERT: You don't have ta talk to me. You understand that? You can get up and walk out anytime. Okay? Why don't ya try the door just to prove.

JODI: I-----'m not worried.

WIEGERT: Okay. So you can walk outta here anytime. You know that.

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: You don't have ta talk to me.

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: All right. 31<sup>st</sup> today already? Huh?

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: Okay. You want me to show you the phone calls first?

JODI: Yep.

WIEGERT: And see how many there are?

JODI: Well there's probably quite a few.

WIEGERT: Yeah, there is. I suppose now it's shut down on me because it was sittin' in here too long. See if it comes back up or I gotta restart it. Looks like I gotta restart it.

JODI: (laughing)

WIEGERT: So ..... a minute or two. Making noise, that's a good thing.

JODI: Yeah, it is.

WIEGERT: Me and computers usually don't get along very well.

JODI: No?

WIEGERT: No.

JODI: I'm good with computers.

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WIEGERT: Are you?

JODI: Yeah. And seeing I got ya here,

WIEGERT: Sure.

JODI: Can I come down there and get my stuff?

WIEGERT: Come down where?

JODI: Wherever you have my stuff?

WIEGERT: What do we have of yours yet?

JODI: Chilton.

WIEGERT: Do you know?

JODI: The bed, lot of stuff in the filing cabinet, my dog's ashes, if you still have those

WIEGERT: If we took it, we have it.

JODI: my daughter's grass skirt and I don't know what else. I've never seen a list actually of everything you took yet.

WIEGERT: Well why don't you do this. Put together a list of what we, you think we took

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: and, um, I'll see what we can do about getting that back for ya, how's that?

JODI: Okay.

WIEGERT: All right. Come on over and take a look. ....this thing shuts off ..... 667, that's all Debbie's.

JODI: Mm hum.

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WIEGERT: Here's the date, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the 16<sup>th</sup>, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, ah let's see there's 17<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> again, and that's as far as I've got. He's, I got the other one but I didn't bring it along.

JODI: Mmkay.

WIEGERT: Matter of fact ah, up until day before yesterday he had made a phone call to her.

JODI: Yeah, I believe it.

WIEGERT: You wanna listen to any of um or?

JODI: The last two.

WIEGERT: Okay. We'll put the last one on here and see what it sounds like.

(Jodi listening to phone conversation)

JODI: So she's takin' him money huh? Why would he ask me to bring him money then?

WIEGERT: She's taking him money.

JODI: Well good, she can keep takin' him money.

WIEGERT: Want ta keep listening or is that enough?

(Jodi listening to phone conversation.)

JODI: That's good I guess.

(Jodi listening to phone conversation.)

WIEGERT: Well, I just thought you should know what's been going on

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Cuz you're

JODI: I had a feeling he was still talkin' to her.

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WIEGERT: You're kind of in the dark now ... cause you have to stop contact and everything with him and

JODI: Mm hum

WIEGERT: So, um

JODI: And she won't even lift the contact so I can tell him, you know, face to face that it's over.

WIEGERT: Mm hum.

JODI: I want nothin' ta do with him.

WIEGERT: Mm hum. Well the problem is, is the, from my understanding in talking to the, your agent, when the pastor and him talk they talk about you once in a while.

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: What you're doing and the money you're making and things like that. So that's, that's who, that's what got ya put in there the day before yesterday. Okay.

JODI: Actually I believed it was because last Tuesday when he had court, I had ta come ta town too and we passed him.

WIEGERT: Mm hum.

JODI: That's what I thought it was for.

WIEGERT: And she talks, they talk about that on the phone too. It was for that as well. Which was contact which you're not suppose ta have.

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Again, and whether you knew it was gonna happen or not.

JODI: No, I didn't know.

WIEGERT: Okay. Okay. How long did you, did you guys follow them from Chilton or what?

JODI: Yeah.

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WIEGERT:           Where did you meet up with um.

JODI:                On Hwy 151, I guess. I don't know. I was sleepin' and all of a sudden she slammed on the brakes, I opened my eyes and there was a cop car in front of us.

WIEGERT:           Okay. Well previous conversations that we've had Jodi and, and from talkin' to other people you'd indicated again that if you want ta bury him, you could. What does that mean?

JODI:                I got a lot dirt on um.

WIEGERT:           Well whatta ya mean dirt? I'm gonna ask you right out. Do you have any information about

JODI:                The murder.

WIEGERT:           the murder.

JODI:                No, I don't.

WIEGERT:           Has he ever talked to you about that?

JODI:                No, he hasn't.

WIEGERT:           Okay.

JODI:                And believe me I've tried.

WIEGERT:           What do you think happened? Knowing all the evidence

JODI:                I don't know.

WIEGERT:           that's out there. In your heart.

JODI:                I'm not lying, I think he coulda done it.

WIEGERT:           Think he's capable of that?

JODI:                To a certain extent.

WIEGERT:           Okay. What do you mean by to a certain extent?

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JODI: He's got a bad temper.

WIEGERT: That's pretty evident from things you've told me before that he's done to yah. Let's just real quickly, I don't wanna get really in deep into it again cuz I know you gotta get going.

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: I don't wanna keep you here any longer than ..... Like I said you, you can walk out any time you wanna end this ...

JODI: I do need another card though.

WIEGERT: Of mine?

JODI: Of yours, yah

WIEGERT: Sure.

JODI: because mine are still out at his mom's.

WIEGERT: Absolutely. I'll give yah that right now.

JODI: And I'm gettin' a cell phone tomorrow morning so I can

WIEGERT: I'll do that.

JODI: call that number.

WIEGERT: I'll put my pager number on here.

JODI: Okay.

WIEGERT: You know how these work?

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: Call and then you just punch your number in and then I call yah back.

JODI: Yep.

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WIEGERT: Okay. I got this with me 24 hours a day.

JODI: Mmkay.

WIEGERT: So you can give me a page any time you'd like to.

JODI: Thank you.

WIEGERT: So you said he's got a bad temper. Give me an example of his bad temper.

JODI: Well, one day we were cleaning the garage

WIEGERT: Mm hum.

JODI: and he pushed all the dirt onto a cardboard box that he had opened up to use. And because I didn't jump when he said help me, he got mad and smashed the windshield on the boat. Cuz, I didn't do it right when he wanted to.

WIEGERT: Did he come after you then too?

JODI: No.

WIEGERT: Was that before or after you had him arrested that time for when he choked you and things?

JODI: After.

WIEGERT: It was after that?

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: Maybe that's why he didn't come after you, because he got arrested the last time or, who knows, huh?

JODI: Who knows.

WIEGERT: Okay. Let's go over that real quickly, um, you were over at a friend's house or somethin' you were at the races, is that right?

JODI: I was at the races.

WIEGERT: Okay, and how did that happen again?



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JODI: He went up north and I told him that I was planning on goin' to the races because my mom and daughter were there.

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: But then I had changed my mind and then I called him and said well I changed my mind again I am gonna go and he didn't want me goin', he threw a fit I guess while I was at the races he called the house and left what did he say 18 messages and before I got home, he raced home from up north erased them all and was hiding outside when I got home.

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: I went in the house and I think I called him ta tell him I was home or he called first, I don't remember how it went, and he asked me what I was wearing, and for some reason I knew he was around. I said, you know you can see me and I turned around and he was standing right behind me.

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: And we got in a fight and he called me a

WIEGERT: Describe the fight again. How did that, what happened during that? He called yah something. I sorry I didn't mean ta interrupt.

JODI: He called me a slut and all this other stuff.

WIEGERT: Mm hum.

JODI: .... He was just pissed cuz I went ta the races and he thought I was cheatin' on him or whatever or what not.

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: And he choked me and I passed out and, er before that he hit me or somethin' and started choking me and then he walked away and I called the cops and he got mad and he choked me and I passed out and woke up he was draggin' me out the door.

WIEGERT: So he choked you with his hands, sh--just kinda show me how he did that.

JODI: I don't remember. Grabbed me like that.

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WIEGERT: Like that?

JODI: I don't

WIEGERT: Okay. Until you passed out?

JODI: ....

WIEGERT: And then you, your woke up and he was draggin' you outta of the house?

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: And how was he draggin' you, by what?

JODI: My arm.

WIEGERT: Okay. Where was he gonna take you, er was he gonna take you somewhere or what was he gonna do? Do you know?

JODI: He wanted me ta leave because he knew the cops was gonna come.

WIEGERT: Okay. So what happens when ya come to?

JODI: He was still dragging me so I told him, you know, let go, let go, I'm not going with you and he made me go with him.

WIEGERT: So you got in the car with him then or?

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: How did the cops finally catch up with you, or what happens?

JODI: They were parked you know how Avery Rd. comes out, and they were parked across the street.

WIEGERT: Okay. So when you pulled out they pulled him over?

JODI: Yep.

WIEGERT: Okay. That was only one time, right?

JODI: Mm hum.

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WIEGERT: I mean things like that happened before?

JODI: Not that bad.

WIEGERT: That was the worst time?

JODI: Yep.

WIEGERT: Okay. Did he ever say he was gonna hurt you, kill you, anything like that?

JODI: I'd rather have my lawyer here for that.

WIEGERT: Okay. That's fine.

JODI: But I will work it out, and we will talk.

WIEGERT: You have a lawyer?

JODI: Yep.

WIEGERT: Okay, who is that?

JODI: Don Chewning.

WIEGERT: Don Chewning. Are you saying that you want your lawyer now? While we're talking now or?

JODI: No, not now, we'll, I'll work it out and we will talk again.

WIEGERT: So you're okay with this, talking a little bit right now.

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Okay. How, I gotta ask yah, how could you afford a lawyer?

JODI: Dean paid for um.

WIEGERT: Dean who?

JODI: Strang, Steven's lawyer.

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WIEGERT: Dean Strang paid for him? Okay. Where does Dean Strang get the money ta pay for your lawyer?

JODI: I don't know. I never asked.

WIEGERT: What do yah think?

JODI: Steven's money.

WIEGERT: Okay. Again you had said that you could bury him. Is this the kind of stuff you're talkin' about with what you're telling me?

JODI: I never said I could bury him. I kinda said

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: I could hurt him.

WIEGERT: Okay. Um, you said you didn't want ta talk about the, if he ever threatened to kill you

JODI: Mm hum.

WIEGERT: without your attorney. Okay. You're here on your own free will, right? You're not under arrest. Is that right?

JODI: Yep.

WIEGERT: We told you, you can leave at any time.

JODI: ...

WIEGERT: Right?

JODI:

WIEGERT: You're not being charged with anything.

JODI: No.

WIEGERT: Okay. If Mr. Chewning is being paid by Dean Strang, do you think he's going ta let you talk with me?

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JODI: Well, yeah.

WIEGERT: He will.

JODI: He's my attorney.

WIEGERT: Okay. When do you think we could arrange that for?

JODI: I don't know. I'm suppose ta call him when I get home.

WIEGERT: Okay. Well where ever I'd be more than glad ta meet with you and Mr. Chewing at any time.

JODI: Okay.

WIEGERT: mmm. That's not a problem. I'll come over ta Oshkosh where ever your going ta be living. I don't know where your going ta be living.

JODI: .....

WIEGERT: Do you know yet?

JODI: I have no idea.

WIEGERT: Okay. You have friends over in Oshkosh that you can stay with?

JODI: I have nobody there.

WIEGERT: Okay. What, is your probation agent gonna set something up for you or?

JODI: I told her if I had ta move, I'd get a motel room for now.

WIEGERT: Okay. So your gonna call your PO today, too, when you get, get outta here?

JODI: Well they told me I had to go see her.

WIEGERT: Okay. Well if you want, I'll call for you over there and it's up to you, your decision, I can call before we leave here to see if she wants to see you or what.

JODI: Well she told me she was gonna be doing home visits today.

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WIEGERT: Okay. I can call for you. It's up to you. I can even bring the phone in and you can talk ta. If she's not there, her supervisor, Joy, would most likely be there.

JODI: Naa, we'll just drive over there.

WIEGERT: Okay. That's fine. Umm, is Steve, did Steve to you ever threaten to kill anybody else?

JODI: Not that I've ever heard.

WIEGERT: Okay, but you don't wanna to answer that about yourself.

JODI: Umhm.

WIEGERT: Okay, that's fair. Um, let's talk about October 31<sup>st</sup> of last year, Halloween. You were here in jail, right?

JODI: Umm

WIEGERT: Did you have phone contact with Steve that night?

JODI: Umhm.

WIEGERT: Do you know how many times?

JODI: Twice.

WIEGERT. Twice. How did that conversation go?

JODI: As far as I can remember, it went good.

WIEGERT: Did he seem different at all?

JODI: No.

WIEGERT: . . . anything he might have told ya, anything regarding Brendan, or him or?

JODI: I can't even remember.

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WIEGERT: You don't remember. Okay. What was Brendan's and Steve's relationship like?

JODI: Good at times, at other times Brendan was mad at him.

WIEGERT: Did Steve kinda take him under his wing, take him places, that kinda relationship, or

JODI: We always took him to Wal-Mart with us and then Blaine.

WIEGERT: Okay. Ta did Brendan spend a lot of time with Steve?

JODI: Not really.

WIEGERT: No. Over at the trailer or anything like that? Go up north, anything?

JODI: They went up north together. He'd come over if Steven called him and said he had work for him ta do,

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: but other than that

WIEGERT: Let me ask you this and this might be kind of embarrassing for you, but ah we've talked about this already, um, from my recollection of the last time we called, and again I haven't looked at those reports or anything in a long time, but my recollection of when we talked the last time is Steve had, for lack of a better word, quite a healthy sex appetite, is that correct?

JODI: Umhm.

WIEGERT: And from my recollection, you'd said that he would want it three, four, five times a day, is that true?

JODI: Umhm, when we first started dating two years ago.

WIEGERT: Okay. Tell me about that a little bit, I mean, put it in your own words, I don't wanna put words in your mouth.

JODI: I dunno, when we started dating, what, two years ago, it was right after he got out of prison.

WIEGERT: Okay.

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JODI: We always had sex, five, six times a day.

WIEGERT: Was it, were you always willing to do that?

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Okay. Again

JODI: and then later on it just slowed down.

WIEGERT: Okay. Again, this might be kind of embarrassing but three, four, five times day, ever get sore from that?

JODI: Oh yeah.

WIEGERT: And you'd still be okay with it?

JODI: Yeah.

WIEGERT: He didn't care that it was hurting you at all or?

JODI: I don't know.

WIEGERT: Did you ever tell him, you know, maybe not today Steve, it-it's kinda hurtin', did you ever tell him that or anything.

JODI: I think I did. I know when, whenever I did say it was hurtin' he would stop.

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: It's been so long ago, it's

WIEGERT: Yeah, I understand, it, it's quite a while ago. What was it like, I mean when you were livin' there, he would be at work. Would he ever come home from work during the day? Never?

JODI: No.

WIEGERT: Okay, so he'd stay



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JODI: Once, maybe twice he came home.

WIEGERT: Otherwise he'd stay at work all day?

JODI: Uhhuh. He'd eat up at his mom's and stay there.

WIEGERT: He'd have lunch at his mom's and he'd go back to work.

JODI: Mmhm.

WIEGERT: And after he was done working?

JODI: He'd come home and do whatever outside

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: I do gotta go though.

WIEGERT: You wanna go?

JODI: Yeah, I got to.

WIEGERT: Okay.

JODI: If we leave at 11, I'd get home at 1 and I gotta go see her.

WIEGERT: That's fine.

JODI: And I gotta tell her

WIEGERT: You got my pager number

JODI: Yes I do and I will use it.

WIEGERT: Give me a call.

JODI: I will.

WIEGERT: I'd, I'd be more than glad to sit down, and you said you have an attorney, I'd be more than glad to sit down with Mr. Chewning (ph) and yourself and talk, um, any time, any place, anywhere

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JODI: Okay

WIEGERT: And like I said I got my pager with me 24 hours a day, just give me a holler.

JODI: I will.

WIEGERT: Okay. Try not to have any third party contacts

JODI: I'm trying not to, I don't want, I'm sick of this place

WIEGERT: I don't

JODI: I gotta good job and I don't wanna to lose it.

WIEGERT: That's good and I, I don't want to see you lose it either, a and no matter what you think of me and I hope um, you don't think that I'm trying to get you fired from your job or anything like that, I'm not

JODI: Oh, I don't think you are, I just think they are.

WIEGERT: Okay. I can't answer for that but um, I don't want to see you get fired from your job, I, I

JODI: It's a great job. I love it.

WIEGERT: Good. That's good. Well let's get you outta here.

JODI: And I will call you. I'll

WIEGERT: I hope so.

JODI: I'll get my cell phone tomorrow.

WIEGERT: I appreciate that. I will wait to hear from you

JODI: . . . even Saturday

WIEGERT: Great, I will wait to hear from you

JODI: They'll charge it for me tonight after work

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WIEGERT:            Sure.

(End of Tape)

Investigation continues.

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