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**TYPE OF ACTIVITY:** Interview of Lori A. Dassey

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:** 11/10/05

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Inv. Wendy Baldwin

**CITIZEN CONTACT:** Lori A. Dassey, DOB [REDACTED]/61  
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On 11/10/05 at approximately 1523 hours, I (Inv. WENDY BALDWIN of the CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT) along with Special Agent LISA WILSON made contact with LORI A. DASSEY at her residence. I asked LORI to discuss her past and marriage with STEVEN AVERY. LORI said that prior to and when they just had gotten married. STEVEN had an obsession and was stalking one of his ex-girlfriends by the name of WENDY PATTER (ph). LORI said he would follow her wherever she went and was obsessed with a vehicle that she had junked in their yard. He said there was another female by the name of ANNE WEBER (ph) that he was also infatuated with and would obsess over her.

LORI said they got married in July of 1982 at the MANITOWOC COUNTY COURTHOUSE. LORI thought that STEVEN was a rather nice guy until they got married. After they married, they moved to the address on Old County Y and from there it was very rocky with a lot of domestics and physical and verbal abuse. LORI said their oldest daughter, RACHEL, was born in March of the next year. She described the relationship as being very physical and violent, consisting of choking, hitting and punching. LORI said in the verbal abuse situations, he would tell her that if she ever left him he would kill her, her children and her family and nobody would want her anyway. She said he was always with her and would never let her go anywhere without him. She said if he would leave and she would be home alone, he would take the phone with him so she could not call anybody.

LORI said while she was on the phone with her sister, she looked out the window and saw a cat running around the yard on fire. LORI said STEVEN had several of his friends with him and they were laughing about it and thought it was a big joke. LORI said at that time, her sister had called the police which she said was better for her because she probably would have had to suffer consequences if she would have been the one to call the police.

LORI thought the entire family was strange and STEVEN could be capable of this crime. LORI said STEVEN was also a man that would never take no for an answer.

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LORI stated he would be very persuasive with her for sex, however, she said he never forced her to have sex. LORI said she feels she would not be here if STEVEN didn't go to prison. LORI said she would never fight back in the arguments they had and he was very verbally degrading and threatening to her.

LORI said he always gets what he wants and is very violent when he is angry. She did say in one year they went through 12 vehicles because he would blow up the engine or smash up the vehicle. LORI said he would damage furniture and cars and one never knew what would set him off. LORI stated he never attended any anger classes in prison as he refused to do that.

LORI stated he made her help out in the yard with the cars while she was pregnant with her twins.

LORI remembers one incident, while she was driving a vehicle, when he had gotten mad at her and smashed the windshield because she wasn't steering right. LORI also recalled an incident with her oldest son, JASON, who was not STEVEN's biological son. LORI said she started working outside of the home; and if she wasn't there for her children, he would start acting out on them. LORI stated one evening when she came home, JASON had two front teeth missing and STEVEN said he ran into one of the 2 X 4's in the house while they were remodeling. LORI, however, found out several years later that STEVEN had slugged JASON in the mouth for smarting off.

LORI said her oldest daughter, RACHEL, was six months old already when he got out of jail so there was never a very close connection. LORI said RACHEL was a very happy baby until STEVEN would enter the room and she would begin to cry and be very upset. LORI said he was stricter with her as far as punishment than with his other daughter, JENNIFER, who was born shortly after he got out of jail.

LORI said in approximately February of 1988, she had divorced STEVEN. LORI said after the divorce, he would send threatening letters in the mail, threatening to kill her and her family. He would also send letters in the mail threatening her life addressed to her two-year-old children.

LORI said the court did order that she had to take her twin boys to see him in prison; however, he would send letters with them to give to her, threatening to hurt or kill her. LORI did say a Court Order was denied and that she no longer had to take them to prison to visit him.

LORI said she and her husband feared STEVEN when he got out of prison. LORI stated they locked everything up and were very cautious after he got out of prison. LORI stated she does still see him from time to time driving by her house to check up on her. LORI said the last time they were out there was in September on Labor Day weekend and nothing at that time seemed to be out of order or not normal.

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I asked LORI if she could describe the other two brothers and their personalities, traits, hobbies or things they liked to do.

LORI said CHUCK was a lot like STEVEN, very abusive with women and would beat his ex-wife, DONNA. She said when you first meet CHUCK, he seems very calm, however, he also had a bad temper. She has also seen CHUCK rip off refrigerator doors and furniture. LORI describes CHUCK as walking on eggshells and never knowing what would set him off. LORI said he would stand up for his brothers and you never want to cross that family. LORI stated CHUCK had also made sexual advances toward her while she was pregnant. LORI did state she felt CHUCK and STEVEN were closer because they worked together in the yard quite a bit. LORI feels perhaps lately he is learning to control his anger through the divorces he has had and some of the counseling.

LORI described EARL as being mild mannered and willing to help others. She said she never had any problems with EARL, however, he was in his teens when she left STEVEN. LORI said when STEVEN was locked up in jail, EARL helped her out quite a bit.

LORI said any one of them could be capable of doing something like this and she felt a body could have been dumped somewhere or taken up north. LORI did say all the boys in that family had a hard time taking no for an answer and they were very street smart.

LORI described DOLORES as also being abused and beaten by her husband, ALLAN. She said that she would support, protect, and stick up for her kids no matter what happened. LORI also said DOLORES would never step in, in the middle of a fight, when one of her boys would be beating up a wife or girlfriend. LORI said that would be ALLAN's place to keep peace with the boys. LORI also said ALLAN was a big drinker as well as the rest of the boys. LORI said they had a tapper in the garage with a keg inside and all the kids, except for maybe EARL, did do drugs.

LORI said BARBARA was very protective of her brothers as well. LORI doesn't think she would have anything to do with it, but she would cover everything up or be a person to drive the car away. LORI stated she does recall, STEVEN and ALLAN beating her up and dragging her around by the hair. LORI said she has strong suspicions about possibly CHARLES or STEVEN being involved with this.

The interview was concluded at approximately 1703 hours.

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