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TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Interview of:

Donna M. Avery
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Mishicot, WI 54228
Phone: [REDACTED]

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 11/11/05

REPORTING OFFICER: Inv. Wendy Baldwin

On 11/11/05 at approximately 1315 hours, Special Agent LISA WILSON of the STATE OF WI DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION and I (Inv. BALDWIN) made contact with DONNA M. AVERY at her residence of [REDACTED], Mishicot. When I spoke to DONNA at her front door, she had informed me two cops had talked to her earlier in the week and she did not know why I needed to speak with her. I informed DONNA I would like to ask some follow-up questions with her if she wouldn't mind taking a few minutes to talk with us. DONNA did invite us in to her home to speak with her.

DONNA said on Wednesday, 11/09/05, CHARLES, STEVEN and BLANE had come over to her residence. She thought it was very strange that they would come over for no reason. DONNA said her ex-husband, CHARLES, had always told her he would never step foot in her house; however, that evening they came inside and sat down at her kitchen table. She said she still does not understand why they were there because they did not have a purpose in coming over to ask or discuss anything. DONNA said when they sat down, the three of them kept staring at the door in the kitchen. She said again she thought it was very strange that they came over. The only thing she can recall that they had talked about of any importance was this case and how STEVEN had told them he was innocent and he was being framed. She had thought maybe they were there to say good-bye.

DONNA describes STEVEN as being very cool with no emotion in regards to this, which she thought was a little strange. DONNA said CHARLES looked extremely tired and just wanted to get this over with. DONNA described STEVEN as having a smart mouth with women and making a lot of rotten comments. She said after the divorce, STEVEN would make comments like, why don't you come over by me baby and now that CHARLES is done with you, I'll take a try. DONNA said he never got out of hand; however, she does not feel anybody has ever fought back physically with STEVEN, that he would always get what he wanted.

DONNA described CHARLES as physical with her at times as well. She said she was married to CHARLES for about 17 years. She said when she started to move out and file for divorce, her phone lines were cut. DONNA said she could not prove that it was CHARLES who cut her

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phone lines, but knew that he had done it. DONNA said after the divorce, she was living in her apartment and somehow CHARLES would crawl in through the window and she would wake up with him standing over her in her bed in the middle of the night. She said at that time she did not feel scared of him; however, thinks that something bad has happened in their childhood because of EARL's, CHARLES' and STEVEN's sexual issues.

At approximately 1330 hours, while I was talking with DONNA, a press release was shown on the news and I asked DONNA to sit down and watch the press release on the information on this case. After watching the press conference, she said she cannot believe this has happened and she is scared now because he could have done that to her. DONNA said STEVEN deserves it if he had done this. DONNA said she does feel STEVEN is very capable of doing this and it would not surprise her. She said she did hear a rumor there was a jawbone and some teeth found in the aluminum melter and if that was true, two people had to operate that machine. She said STEVEN would not have been able to do that by himself. She said if that was not true, STEVEN could have done it by himself and nobody would have helped him. DONNA said STEVEN is a control freak and he liked to control and manipulate people. DONNA said CHARLES, on the other hand, has changed a lot because of going to jail and getting some counseling. DONNA said she was shocked by the new information that came out about this case and was very concerned about what was going to happen in the future.

The interview with DONNA was concluded at approximately 1430 hours.

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