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TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Interview of:

J. A. R.

Two Rivers, WI 54241

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 01/20/06

REPORTING OFFICER: Inv. Mark Wiegert

On 01/20/06 at approximately 10:50 a.m., I (Inv. WIEGERT of the CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT), along with Inv. STEIER of the CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, went to the [REDACTED] in the City of Manitowoc to interview [REDACTED] where she would be employed.

Upon arrival, we did meet with [REDACTED] in a manager's office. I informed [REDACTED] that we were there to speak with her in reference to the HALBACH homicide. I asked her if she had known STEVEN. [REDACTED] stated she knew STEVEN since they were little kids. She indicated she went to school with the AVERYS and in 1979 was in high school in the Village of Mishicot with the AVERY family. According to [REDACTED] she had lived with STEVEN AVERY and his wife, LORI AVERY, and their kids at the time, and believes that it was in 1982 or 1983. [REDACTED] described STEVEN as being an "okay guy" but had a temper." I asked her if she had ever seen STEVEN physically abuse anybody including LORI. She told me she would see STEVEN hit LORI now and again.

[REDACTED] went on to tell us that she remembers one night when STEVEN and LORI had gone to ROLLIE JOHNSON's birthday party. She remembers STEVEN and LORI arriving home between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. in the morning and they had been drinking. [REDACTED] stated when they got home, LORI went upstairs and at that time, STEVEN forced himself on her. [REDACTED] stated, "That's when I lost my virginity." [REDACTED] remembers she was 19 or 20 years old and it was in the house where STEVEN was when he got arrested for the BEERNTSEN thing. I asked [REDACTED] if she could describe it for me to which she stated she had gotten done putting the kids to sleep and went and laid on the couch and was sleeping and remembers hearing them walk in the house. She stated STEVEN had come over by her on the couch and started fondling her. [REDACTED] states she told STEVEN at that time no. According to [REDACTED] she stated she believes STEVEN thought that she was his wife. At that time, STEVEN put his hand over [REDACTED]'s mouth and told her that if you yell or scream there is going to be trouble.

I had [REDACTED] describe what happened to her in her own words to which she stated, "He put his pee pee in my private." [REDACTED] states she told him no and that is when he put his hand over her

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mouth. She stated the whole incident took between 15 and 20 minutes. I asked her what she was wearing at the time. She stated she was wearing a nightgown. She went on to tell me how she remembers it very well because he was on top of her and she could hardly breathe because he was very heavy. [REDACTED] told me that was the only time he had ever done this to her.

[REDACTED] went on to say how when it happened it hurt like somebody was putting a knife into her. I asked her if she had ever told anyone about it to which she stated she had told some of her family members but did not report it to the police because she did not want anyone to think that she was a slut. [REDACTED] stated LORI was pregnant shortly thereafter; and prior to LORI having the baby, she had made her (meaning [REDACTED] move out of the house and go to her mom's house. LORI had made the statement that she did not want [REDACTED] to be in bed with her husband while she was in the hospital.

After this had happened to [REDACTED] she stated she thinks she lived there about a month or two after.

I asked [REDACTED] if she has seen STEVEN since he had gotten out of prison to which she stated she would occasionally see him at [REDACTED] where she works. [REDACTED] stated she never went back and lived with STEVEN since that incident and her leaving the house.

We thanked [REDACTED] for her cooperation and ended the interview at 11:10 a.m.

Investigation continues.

Inv. Mark Wiegert
Calumet Co. Sheriff's Dept.
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