

# CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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05-0157-955

**TYPE OF ACTIVITY:** Interview of Pamela A. Sturm and Nikole E. Sturm

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

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Inv. John Dederling

## DOCUMENTS

**GENERATED:** Two One-Page Written Statements

On Saturday, 11/05/05 at approximately 1140 hrs., I (DEDERING) did speak with the following two individuals regarding them locating TERESA HALBACH's vehicle:

NIKOLE E. STURM

DOB [REDACTED]77

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

And her mother:

PAMELA A. STURM

DOB [REDACTED]/54

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

NIKOLE and PAMELA were the individuals who had contacted the CALUMET SHERIFF's DEPT. via cell phone to indicate that they had possibly located TERESA HALBACH's unit. They stated that they had been granted permission by a co-owner in the AVERY'S AUTO SALVAGE business, that being EARL AVERY, to search for the vehicle. They stated that just prior to contacting our agency via cellular phone, they had located a dark blue or teal colored Toyota RAV4 parked in an area in the southeast corner of the salvage yard. NIKOLE indicated that she had taken photos prior to calling our agency. The STURMS indicated that they had used tissues in an attempt to determine whether the vehicle was secure and found the doors to be locked.

At 11:50 a.m., I did obtain the following written statement from NIKOLE STURM:

- "At approximately 10 am on Nov. 5, 2005 we (Pam Sturm & myself) asked Earl Avery permission to look around the property. He granted us permission and we (Pam & myself) began on foot. Walking south of the main office we (Pam & myself) separated and began looking into salvaged vehicles. At approximately 10:20 am., Pam called me over to look at a blue/green Toyota Rav 4 that was covered in brush and other salvaged

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*vehicle parts. Pam immediately called dispatch to help identify the vehicle. I took pictures with a digital camera before the phone call. While Pam was on the phone with dispatch, I tried all the vehicle doors (using a tissue to avoid contact) which were locked. Dispatch indicated to check the driver's front windshield panel for the VIN. I was only able to verify a few of the VIN digits. Dispatch took our phone number and we moved away from the vehicle. Three Spanish speaking individuals were in the vicinity (approx 100 yards) from the Toyota. We awaited arrival of Manitowoc PD and remained about 1000 feet from the vehicle, but keeping it in constant visual contact."*

This statement was signed by NIKOLE E. STURM in my presence at 12:00 noon on 11/05/05.

I also obtained the following written statement from PAMELA STURM:

- *"Today's date is November 5, 2005. At approximately 10:00 A.M., I, Pamela Sturm, & my daughter, Nikole Sturm obtained permission from Earl Avery, co-owner of Avery Salvage to search the salvage yard for Teresa Halbach's missing RAV 4 Toyota vehicle. We searched several vehicles inside & out. I found a RAV 4 Toyota in the back quarry at 10:20 AM. The vehicle was covered with an old hood, plywood & several large branches. I called over my daughter Nikole to read the VIN#. She took some digital pictures quickly in case we were told to leave. No license plates were on vehicle. I called Sheriff Pagel's # to report vehicle. We read VIN# to Pagel. He told us to stay away from the vehicle & wait for police to arrive. Three men dressed in old clothing walking around while we were searching. They all talked Spanish. Inside the vehicle were plastic soda bottles."*

This statement was signed by PAMELA STURM in my presence at 12:00 noon on 11/05/05.

After the completion of the statements, I did give the STURMS a ride back to their vehicle, which was parked, in the parking area of AVERY'S AUTO SALVAGE.

The camera used by the STURMS to capture digital images of the RAV4 was turned over to Sheriff PAGEL by me.

Investigation continues.

John Dederling, Inv.  
Calumet Co. Sheriff Dept.  
JD/ds