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April 14, 2006

Mr. Brendan R. Dassey
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527 N. 6th Street
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**Re: State of Wisconsin v. Brendan R. Dassey
Manitowoc County Case No. 06 CF 88**

Dear Brendan:

The polygraph examiner, Michael O'Kelley, will conduct his exam on Sunday morning (April 16, 2006) at 8:00 a.m. The exam will last about 3 hours. It will start with a pretest interview. During that interview, Mike will demonstrate to you how the graphs work by using some test questions. These questions will show that when you lie that the graphs react in certain ways.

He will then ask you some questions designed to determine which, if any of the statements you gave to the police in November 2005, February 27, 2006 or March 1, 2006 are true. He may ask, for example, if you sexually assaulted and/or stabbed Theresa Halbach. Another issue will be if you helped burn Theresa Halbach's body. After O'Kelly finishes the exam, he will not tell you the results. He will tell those only to me. I will visit you personally next week to tell you the results and discuss further developments in the case.

From a recent discussion with your mother, I get the impression that someone may have told you my goal in your case is to get a quick plea and drop it. That is incorrect. My goal is to figure out the best course of action for you. That may be different that what your mother and Steve's relatives want. However, you should realize that you case will not be over until at least **after** Steve's trial. Steve's trial is scheduled for September but probably will be delayed because he may appeal yesterday's ruling and he has declined to file a change of venue. Steve has the legal right to be tried in Manitowoc County by Manitowoc County jurors but he may not file that request in order to insure that he gets the delays he wants.

My primary focus at this point is on the motion to keep your statement out of evidence. At the hearing on May 4, I expect to call your mother and someone from the Michicot school district as witnesses. We can probably avoid you needing to testify. More on that later as the

school psychologist was on vacation this week. However, I did send her and some of your teachers an e-mail.

Allen Avery indicated that he would be willing to post property as part of the \$250,000 bond in your case if Judge Fox permits. I will be working on getting the documentation for that in time for it to be heard on May 4, 2006.

Finally, I wish to let you know that it could cause major complications in your case if you tell anyone the results of the polygraph examination, regardless of what those are. I strongly urge you not to do so after I tell you what they are next week. I am not telling anyone except you and neither should you.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Kachinsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Len Kachinsky