

NOTES REGARDING REVIEW OF DASSEY STATEMENTS

4-16-06 (see pages 439-483 of CCSD Report)

Reviewed Tape 1 of 2-27-06 (2 tracks of about 31 minutes each). At Michicot High School Told Brendan that taping discussion. Did not advise of rights. Talked about how things were going. What bothering you. Close to Steve. Someone put something in fire. Saw parts of cabinet in fire. Didn't see nothing in fire. Opportunity to tell your side. You are potentially facing charges. Did Steve get you out there. We know you saw something. Steve has to deal with that. I don't believe Steve intended to kill. Garbage bag out there. This is hard. For someone your age. I know that would hurt me too. Think about Halbach's. This is bothering you. We can talk to your mom after this. We will stand behind you. We are here to help you. Won't leave you sitting high and dry. We are more interested in what you saw in that fire. The evidence speaks for itself. See hand, foot or something in fire? Go around with the cart.

Got home from school. Fire going real good. Branches, etc. in it. Home about 9:30 p.m. Home when Blaine got home. Pushed Suzuki. In garage, moped in there. No other vehicle. Carried garbage bags out. Girlfriend broke up. We want to be able to tell people you were the good guy. You are not being totally honest with us. You are going to go places in this life. Steve doesn't care about you. He just cares about himself. We know you saw something. You are blocking it out. We'll go to bat for you but you have to be honest with us. You are starting to get hot now OK? Where did clothes come from? It's not your fault. Did you help put body in the fire. If you did it is OK. Out there about 9 p.m. Go right by fire. Saw tires. Got car seat and tires. Saw hands and forehead. He told you how he did it and that he was angry with her. Tried to cover her Jeep with branches. Stabbed her. Took her into the pit. Stabbed her in the truck. Knife is under the seat of truck. Did he tell you about stuff. Denied having anything to do with death of Halbach. Steve stabbed her. Stabbed her inside the truck and drove truck to pit.

3-23-06

Reviewed Tape 2. Takes about 12-14 minutes for Dassey to write out statement of 2-27-06. Officer asks Dassey more questions. Brendan says that came back from school. Play station for 3 hours, then joined Steve in bonfire. Steve admits stabbing her. Says he tied her up. Was angry. Statement about shirts. Steve going to leave house and go as far as he could. Brendan's voice soft. At end of statement, they reminded Brendan of need to tell the truth. Brendan said he did not tell anyone else. Was afraid of what would happen if he told. Offered chance to go back to class. Offered to call mother to pick him up. Asked Brendan if all right. Wanted to be sure he would not hurt self. Advised not to talk to anyone "I'm proud of you." 1400 hours interview terminated.

Tape 1 of 2-27-06. Appears to be pre-written statement interview Discussion about fire. You can make it hard. Someone killed someone. Police talks to Brendan about being alone and appeals to conscience. Claimed to know a lot. You can't escape what you saw. Talk about being there when there was a fire going on. Helped push vehicle somewhere. Carried garbage bags. Asked what was bothering him. What did Steve tell you tell police? Asked him to be honest to get over it. Not like Steve. Told him from their experience he was not being honest. Need to care about self and being hung out to dry. How would you feel if that was your sister. We know you saw something and are trying to block it out. You've got to tell us the truth.. We

are not going to go back to your grandpa and grandma. Talk about clothes in garage. You are starting to get hot now. Things Steve got out of garage. We have a feeling you saw more. It is not your fault. Need to get this off your chest so that you do not feel guilty. See body parts? Tired. It's not easy. Were body parts connected? Did you help put body in fire? If you did, that's OK. Went out there about 9 p.m. and go by fire. See tires, garbage can, branches. Burning already. Get car seat. Then see body parts. Feet, hands and forehead. Saw clothes being placed on fire. Clothes from garage. Steve told me not to say anyone. Did not know who it was. Steve said he got angry. Saw bones and asked Steve why he did it. Saw her car in there. I also heard he told you how he did it. Tied her up. Where? Tried to hide it (her car). Covered with branches. Tied her up and stabbed her (not shot). Took her to the pit. Stabbed in truck. Asked where knife was. Brendan asked how they knew. Responded that they could not discuss that. Knife by Chuck's house. Chuck doesn't know. Did this when. When got home from school, saw her truck by driveway around 3:45. Go inside. Come out around 9 p.m. and see fire. Plans by Steve for car. Hid knife in car. Try to have sex with her? We have heard he might have told you that. Any blood on him? Steve's clothes. Heard he told you that. If he did OK but you need to tell us. We heard he told you he cut himself while stabbing her. Everything you told me the truth. Have anything who did with death of Theresa Halbach. No. Steve did by stabbing her. Gun not involved. Done in her truck. Stabbed here there. Truck in pit by driving it there. By Chuck's house. Did Chuck see him? No. Might crush or start truck on fire. Told me the clothes were from her. Steve sort of threatened me. Or going to stab you also. Offered break with soda. 5 minute break. Will do statement after. You did the right thing Brendan. Be right back.

3-25-06

Statement of March 1, 2006

1010 a.m. Signs Miranda No mention of offense suspected of. Talks about jeans w/bleach stains Gave permission to get jeans from house. Talked about snow and blizzard. Going to Manitowoc Co. Sheriff Department.

During trip there.

1018 a.m. Get jeans from inside house. Talks about staying overnight at Fox Hills. Talk about snow. Offered food (chips, donut) while driving also. Talk about golf and food at school. Girlfriend (Emily) knows about it. Brendan did not know her last name. Talked to her on phone. Talk about fishing.

Arrives at Sheriff Department Branden takes seat.. Offered soda and water. Shuts tape off when set up at Manitowoc Total tape was about 41 minutes.

Videotape of 3-1-06 at Mant. Co Sheriff Dept.

Soft chair.

10:57 Still wanted to talk. 10:58 Held back. Afraid of being implicated. Said one of the best things is tell the whole truth. Best to give whole story even if it makes you look bad in some aspects. Don't make anything up. Obvious things were left out where you left things out.

We're there for you. We know what Steven did. You will be comfortable. It will be easier on you at trial. Steven is already saying some things. Eventually he will drop stuff on you. We want you to fill in gaps. You are being the good guy. It is helping you. Honest person will get you the best deal. Honesty will set you free. Some things are left out. It's ok if you did things.

We know you were in garage. Was in the garage. About 6 or 6:30.

At 3:45 get home on bus. Saw her car on other side of road from my house near trees. "She was talking" "we already know what happened that day. We can tell when you are not being honest. Saw him talking to her on porch. Blaine did not see that probably.

He wearing white shirt with red shorts. Walked into my house. Just talking. In house. To my room. Mother told me to clean room. Played Playstation 2. Brother (Blaine) on phone with friend. Talking about trick or treating. Jason would pick up at 7. Ate in living room and watching TV. Steve called me on house phone. 6-6:30. Wanted help to fix car to help me find car. Cut something. In garage with Monte. Suzuki on side. Fire not started yet.

"We know fire already started. No Monte in there. Blood in there. Brendan—be honest. We already know what happened. Your Mom said you would be honest with us. We are in your corner. That morning he wanted me to come over about 6:30. "Whose car in the garage?" We already know. Her Jeep in the garage. Green-ish blue. Backed in. Showed me the knife and rope. "be honest" In the back of jeep ""dead" She laying there with small blanket over her. Clothes on. She tied up already. Rope around body. Blood on Steve's fingers. Drips of blood on floor. Told me he stabbed her. Got there at 6:45 p.m. I didn't touch her. Threatened me if I said anything. "we already know but we need to hear it from you. Needed help to get rid of body.

Steve comes to house to ask for help moving something. Big garage door open. Steve opens back door and tells me to help him. This is a girl he was peed off at. Theresa Halbach. Steven not holding back on you. We already know. If I would say anything he would stab me like he did to her. Last time she was there. Opens last door to truck. Her body laying there. Not covered up. We already knew. White t-shirt and pants. Clothes ripped. Button up shirt. Black shirt. Don't remember color. Help get rid of body. Really likes me and trusts me to say nothing. Told me to grab feet. Took to back and put in fire pit. Lifted out of jeep and put in "creeper" that in garage. Got her feet. Steve had head and shoulders. Took clothes off. Was tied up. Wrapped around her 3 to 4 times. Tied up with rope. White and blue. Stomach injured. Stabbed. All bleeding and that. Stabbed once. Also raped her. Ripped off her clothes. She tried to get away but he too strong and he raped her. Not there when this happened. "I feel we know how you know that. Was outside riding bike. Could hear it (screaming). "Help me" Ging up driveway to get mail. About 4 or 4:30. Screaming coming from house. Got mail and into house. Her vehicle there. By big trees. Did not go to her house then. Put bike away. Brian there working on car. If wanted help would get me. Brian could not hear screaming due to radio. Into house and sat down. Watched TV. Mom came home about 4:30 or 5. She asked me if got mail. More TV. Steven came over and asked for help.

We are close to truth. Something is missing. Something in mail had his name on it. Knocked on door. Steven answered. She in room could see her. Was handcuffed to bed. Was alive. "it's alright" Screaming for help. Handcuffed to posts. Got mail. Heard something Had letter for Steve. By other camper when first heard screaming. Could not make out words. We need it in

your words. We already know. Knocked 3 times and Steve came to door. Heard words "Help me." Steve had on white shirt with red shorts. All sweaty. No blood. Walked me into kitchen. Steve offered soda. Had it. Wants to keep on doing it—raping her. Wanted to fuck her so hard. Could not see her. "What next. We need to hear it from you. We already know Its OK" Does he ask you? "want some pussy. You can get some. We know you were back there. Showed me a naked body. She talking. Asked Steve why you would do something like that. She sees me. Chained up to bed face up. No clothes on. Handcuffs. Regular silver leg irons. Legs spread apart. "we know what happened be truthful" "I didn't do nothing" What did Steven make you do It is not your fault." Steve told me to screw her. Steven watched me do it. Had clothese on. Stuck dick/penis into vagina. Took 5 minutes. Put clothese back on Steve stood by door. Steve tole me I did a good job. Nothing covering her mouth. She asked me not to do it. To do the right thing. Asked me not to do it and to unhook her. Crying. Closed door. Watched TV 15 minutes. Discussed situation. That is how you do it. Did it feel good. Talked about getting rid of her body. Need to burn her after what happened. She alive.

I told Steve I had to leave. "We know you were there. Don't lie to us now." Was with Steve when he stabbed her in stomach. Tied her up after stabbed her. She screamed. Stabbed once. Choked her with hands until she could not breath anymore. Demonstrated. She screaming. Helped tie her up. Had to unhook hands and tie up. Got key for lock and unlocked it. Grabbed right arm and put on side. Held feet down and Steve tied feet up. He choked her when had handcuffs on. Stabbed before choked. Stabbed in ribs with knife from kitchen. Threatened her with knife. Told her.

11:57 Investigator pats Brendan on knee. "We know he made you do something else." Cut off hair Removed with knife. Punched her. "He made you do something so he would not be the only peron." Cut her on throat. Made me cut her on throat after Steve stabbed her. She still breathing. Told me to cut her throat and pull back. Used same knife that stabbed her.

"Who shot her in the head" He did . Shot her with .22 outside. After brought outside to throw her in fire. Helped tie her up. Cut throat Cut off some of hair. Not sure if alive when shot her. He shot twice in head. Then shot in stomach. Denied shooting her. Felt bad about cat being shot.

In the bedroom. Not in garage . At side of garage. Carried to fire. Had to hurry up. People coming over. Car still up front. "We know there's some things your are not telling us. Steve drives car into garage. Once in fire, threw tires and branches over her. Fire started before I got there. Wanted me to go into garage and move jeep. Steve got gun from room. Not sure where got shells.

"Your doing a very good job at this point" 12:09. We know things happened in that car and garage. Put her in back of jeep. Talked of putting her in river. Then came up with burning. She was shot in garage after put in the truck. Steve shot her. "we found shell casings in the garage. 12:11.

12:19 took plates off car and put them in car. Put key in dresser. Knife left in Jeep. Set on floor in middle of seats. Got scratch on finger while under hood. Went to trailer and wanted to talk to me about it. Steve glad that he helped him. Steve got small cut. Did not talk about Theresa. Them Mom called house on cellphone. Had to be home by 10. She called about 9:30.

Watched TV until 9:50. Clean place up. Burnt bedsheets. Blood on them. Hid key for Jeep in dresser. Cleaned up and put clothes on fire. Not true that shirt had holdes and blood on it. Put gas and fluid to clean up. Then bleach. Blood on lawn mower and where jeep was. 2x2 by rear wheel of jeep. Cleaned up two spots. Could show where. Bleach from bathroom. Not there when Jody called. Steve bleeding on finger. Got bandaid. Steve said going to crush car. 12:27 Asked for Coke when offered. Break taken. Offered food and bathroom but declines.

Tape 2

12:29 starts. 12:32 Gets Coke can. 12:53 Officer comes back in. Asks about going to school at 1:29. Had project in school. Police promise to be back in 2 minutes. 12:57 Resumes. Brendan still feels ok. Told Brendan to get truth out of the way.

When got home from school, with Blaine. Saw Steve on porch. "Steve and I question that." "Time periods not adding up." "We know when Theresa got there... Car really out there then? Getting serious now" 1:00 Did not see Steve and her on porch. Went to garage. Saw Theresa's vehicle. Front end out of door. Went to house. Blaine using phone. Called Travis. In house 20-30 min. Then went to get to mail on bike. On way back, saw Steve's mail. Went there. Heard screaming. Knocked on door 3 times. 5 min. for Steve to get on door. Heard things from inside. About 5-5:30 p.m. Don't remember if garage door open. Her car not in the driveway when got there. Steve got 1 or 2 calls. From Jody. Told her he cares about her. 5-5:30 the first call. On cellphone. 2nd call 10 min. later. From Jody again.

Burn barrel out front full of stuff. Was burning. Purse, camera and cell phone—not sure what happened. "It's OK to tell us the hard part is over." Looked inside of burn barrel and saw purse and stuff Buried under garbage bag. Saw cellphone, camera and purse before came there with mail. Was full and usually ain't so looked in there. Did not see Steve go to the burn barrel with anything.

In house, Steve asked me if wanted to fuck. I told him that not old enough. Steve kept egging me on. "Come and try it for me." Steve told me that Theresa Halbach there and that chained on bed. "Help me. Tell me not to do it any more. Steve said he fucked her." Did not see Steve have sex with her. Nothing stuck in her. Left bedroom and went to living room. Steve told me that did a good job and was proud of me.

"Think of video in head" Went in there, cuffs off, tied her up. He stabbed her. Told me to cut here throat and cut hair off. Never touched hair. Steve never told me what did with it. Handcuffs off. Put her on floor and shot 10 times. Then threw in fire.

"We find you are lying, we can't believe you are sorry this happened." No blood on me. In garge, right into Jeep. Got rifle in bedroom hanging on wall. Gun rack on there. On left side wall of Steve's bedroom

1:19 Could draw pictures. 1:23 Police comes back in. Going to throw in pond. Burning faster to get rid of evidence. Fire going because going to have bonfire anyway for Halloween. Then Blaine and someone else couldn't come. Shot her ten times in head, belly, etc. 3 times in head on left side. In body, Steve was calm. Steve sorry for me to see stuff. Denies Steve told to shoot her. When got home from school, fire going on and when went into Steve's trailer.

Still light out when knocked on door to Steve's trailer. No ropes or bindings in garage. Use creeper thing. Carried it. Similar to ambulance. Still unclothed. About 5:30 Light out. Put her on fire and other stuff over her. Did not help Steve start fire. Tires and branches there already to put on fire over her. Then back in house and going to take Jeep to pit. Covered it with branches in woods. Car seat came from somewhere. Transported it with golf cart from house. Also got cabinet from back of garage. Got tires and wood to put in fire. Also got clothes from garage. Shovel and rake used to pile stuff on there. Did not use those. Could see forehead, hands and feet and a little bit of belly in fire.

1:33 Did not see anyone else come there. From when I cut her on neck to get her in garage, about 10 minutes. About 9:30, went home. Steve out there and was going to watch fire until burnt down more. After burned, did nothing with body. Steve might have tried to bury it or something. Took body out of fire pit and tried to take bones apart and buried them 2 or 3 feet away towards the garage. Just heard it from Steve. Some bones near steep hill near pit. Steve told me. Had bones in bucket. Radon's pit. Can show you that. Did not help with disposal. No other fires that week. Smelt bad when she was on there. Don't know if Steve called Chuck that night. When first got to house, Steve wearing white shirt and red shirt. Steve sitting on computer chair when Jody called. Theresa already dead then. Steve didn't say why cut hair. Don't know where underwear went.

1:40 I had no blood on me in spite of cutting on throat. Had Friar Tuck's jacket on. Still in house. Had on old red shoes. "Starters" Steve was not angry. Was thinking Steve wanted to go back to jail. Real world too big for him—Brendan speculating. Nothing other than rope used on Theresa. Lots of blood on her. Don't know if blood soaked onto mattress. Noting happened outside. All in the bedroom. "Steve is going to have his time to tell." Steve did not vacuum or wipe anything down while I was there. Knife probably in knife drawer in kitchen. Think it is in there because would not let knife go. Was pretty nice knife. Use paper towel to wipe off and burnt paper towel. Was like for deer. **Investigator sat on couch with Brendan.** Made picture of knife. Then drew bedroom. 1:51 Draws garage. Drew the fire pit. 1:57 **Officer get off couch with Brendan.** Asks to describe garage and pit. We have the gun. Denied touching gun. Shot dead body to make sure she dead. Steve did not say. Steve very calm. Was breathing in bedroom. Not screaming when cut throat. Screaming for help and crying when cut her throat. Steve strangled her after I cut her throat.

In room. Had sex with her. Steve stabbed her. I cut her throat. Steve choked. I cut off her hair. Cut as long as the knife. When Steve cut when in a lot. Just a little when I cut throat (1 inch). Steve got blood off hands in bathroom. Used paper towel. She barely alive when cut her throat. Breathing a little bit. Quit breathing when took her outside. Belly not moving. Steve's idea to get car seat and cabinet on fire. Threw just wood that found on fire. Skitzter in salvage yard. Don't know if that used.

~~Did not talk about this up north. Steve talked about getting away from cops. No threats to me. After this, Steve didn't want to leave because that showed he did it.~~

2:08 Theresa's body. Don't recall tattoos or scars. Had pubic hair. Her hair was brown. Breasts were medium. Eyes. No jewelry. Did not recall tattoo on stomach.

2:10 Feel really sad that helped him. Sorry for her family that lost daughter. If could change things, probably would stop it. Not sure while a part of this. Wanted to see how sex felt. Thought about stopping Steven. Felt he would try to kill me. Steven did not threaten me but felt that he could beat me up. Steve bigger. 2:13 Brendan yawns. Steve did not tell not to tell. Thought about calling police. Worried about police and sweated when up north. Steve told me to say nothing and that lawyers said not to say anything. If Steve said you did all this, not true. Offered restroom. Accepted offer of sandwich. **Officers go out 2:15.** Brendan starts to eat sandwich.

Tape 3—Reviewed on 3-27-06

Dassey sits in room unattended until 3:05

What do you think is going to happen? We have to arrest you. Your mom knows and is here. You did the right thing. At least you can sleep at night. Your cooperation will work in your favor. We appreciate your continued cooperation. Talked to Mom about going to house to get a few items. Shoes and jacket.

Mom comes in at 3:09 “Why didn’t you tell me? Did he make you do it. I would have walked out.” “You knew it was wrong” “do you know you can’t come home?” The court will assign him an attorney since he can’t pay for it. 3:14 Why didn’t you tell me?” “I don’t keep secrets from you.” “Why? What did he do to you to make you do it?” “Do you regret that now?” Barb wonders if there is any way to talk to Steve. Were you pressuring him? We have been in this business a long time and we can tell when someone is telling the truth. If he didn’t tell someone, Brendan could not live with that and Brendan knows that.”

Not a good idea to live out there or for Brendan to go back there. Brendan, did you do it willingly? Steven told me once that one or two of my kids would not graduate. I’m so angry. My oldest son is going to flip. This will be on the media tonight. 3:28 Mom and Weigart leave. 3:29 Offered another water. 3:32 Mom returns and hugs Brendan. 3:38 Patted down. 3:52 Leaves for the Sheboygan Co. Jail.

Dassey photo review 4-5-06

Blood stains on headboard of Steve-s bed. ProbablyTheresa's. Cleaning job not through.

A1: Reviewed pictures of Rav4. and Pontiac. Also golf cart. Avery porn pictures.

A 2: Shotgun casings and cell phone spent shells and knife More pictures of Lori Stachowski?

A3 Pictures of clothes, ammunition. Carpet?

A4 rifles and cellphone

A5 Knives, phone and weapons

A6 Pictures during search

C-1 through D-4 Pictures of car

D5-D7: Arial photos

D8 Burn Barrel

D9 Pictures of car

D10 Pictures of field with marker

E1 Pictures of crime lab

F1 Pictures of salvage yard

H1 and H2 Pictures of body with measurements and of digsite (in salvage yard).

H3 and H4. Pictures of salvage yard office

H5 and H6 Pictures of more stuff from residence taken during search.

H7 and H8 More pictures taken from salvage yard.

H9 and H10 Pictures of Dassey residence.

Z photos shot from a digital camera and similar in character to others. Includes Theresa's residence