

**MISHICOT POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPLAINT REPORT**

REPORT # 04-318/S04-8031

DAY/ DATE: 9/4/04

TIME: 11:41 p.m.

HOW REC'D:

CLASSIFICATION: 911 Hang-ups/MTSO Assist

CODE: V= victim S= suspect W= witness O= Other C= complainant

S- Avery, Steven A. \*\*\*

V- Stachowski, Jodi M. \*\*\* 12932 Avery Road, Mishicot, WI 54228 (755-2408)

On 9/4/04 at approximately 11:41 p.m., I, Chief Gilbert was requested by Lt. Hermann of the Sheriff's Department to assist with a 911 hang-up at 12932 Avery Road, Mishicot. The Sheriff's Department requested that I stand-by at the intersection of Avery Road and HWY 147 to monitor for any vehicles leaving the area.

On arrival, I observed a vehicle with plate #**948-GFR** leaving the Avery Road area turning SB on HWY 147. Upon running the plates, it did come back to a Steven Avery. While I was behind the vehicle it crossed the white fog line of the roadway onto the shoulder approximately 3 times. I informed the Sheriff's Department of this and was informed to stop the vehicle.

Upon stopping the vehicle on Cherney Road at HWY 147, I made contact with the operator who was identified by his Wisconsin driver's license as Steven A. Avery. While speaking to Avery, I observed a female subject in the passenger side of the vehicle who appeared to be teary eyed and visually upset. I asked Steven if there was a problem tonight with those two and he stated that he and his girlfriend just had a disagreement. At this time, I asked the female party to exit the vehicle and step to the rear of it to talk to me.

Once at the rear of my patrol vehicle, I informed the female subject who was identified as Jodi M. Stachowski that we are there to help her and she needs to inform us what is really going on this evening. Jodi was very hesitant to provide any information stating to this officer that she is "Afraid" of Steven. Jodi informed this officer that she thought that her house was broken into and that is why she dialed 911. I informed Jodi that it is this officer belief that is not the correct story of what happened tonight and she again

informed me that she is afraid of Steven and that he will hurt her. After a short time of talking to Jodi, she stated that earlier this evening she had called Steven's sister to find out when he would be back from up north and that upset Steven that she was checking on him. Jodi informed this officer that Steven did punch her in the right rib area and punched her in the right temple area. Jodi stated to this officer that Steven then choked her and then she passed out. Jodi indicates that she did wake up at which time he was dragging out of the house by her arms stating "I should get the gun and kill you". I asked Jodi if there were guns in the residence and she stated there is a gun hanging on the wall that belongs to a Roland Johnson. Jodi states that the house actually belongs to Roland Johnson and she is just staying there taking care of it.

At this time, I informed Deputy Cummings and State Patrol Officer Hyer to take the Steven party into custody based on the information that I received from this person. This officer did look at the right temple of Jodi and did not notice any bruising or red marks from being struck. Jodi also did show this officer the right rib area where she states she was struck and I again did not see any redness or bruising. This officer did observe a ripped right shoulder area of her shirt to which she indicates Steven did that also.

Upon speaking with Deputy Cummings, he informed me that Steven indicated he admitted that he pushed her onto a couch but denied any other altercation.

At this time, the investigation was turned over to Deputy Cummings and he did collect written statements from Jodi reference this incident. I, Chief Gilbert then did transport Jodi back to her residence on Avery Road. A copy of this report will be forward to MTSO officer Deputy Cummings to be attached to his report. No further action taken.

Chief Ryan Gilbert  
Mishicot Police Department