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Interview of: Brendan Dassey
 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department
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Reporting Officers: Inv. Mark Wigert
 Special Agent Tom Fassbender

The following will be a transcript of the audio and videotaped portion of the interview with
BRENDAN R. DASSEY:

WIEGERT: Brendan, I'm just gonna to read you this form, it's your Miranda Rights
and then we'll talk about that a little bit, OK? The law requires you be advised you of the
following rights:

- You have the right to remain silent
- Anything you say can and will be used against you in court
- You have the right to consult a lawyer and have him present with you while you're being
questioned. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one will be appointed to represent
you before any questioning.
- You have the right to stop answering questions at any time.

WIEGERT: Now you gotta speak up so this thing picks up your voice, OK? I just got
two questions to ask you from there: Do you know and understand each of these rights, your
rights, which I have explained?

BRENDAN: Yeah

WIEGERT: Understanding these rights, do you want to talk with us?

BRENDAN: Yeah

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WIEGERT: OK. And I'm gonna have, I'm gonna sign here and I need you to sign by the X.

(phone rings)

WIEGERT: (apparently speaking on phone) Hello, um, call Dederling, I can't talk right now.

FASSBENDER: Thank you Brendan

WIEGERT: All right, ah, so like I told you, we're going to take a ride over to the a Manitowoc Sheriff's Dept. They've gotta a nice quiet room there, there's no kids running in and out and stuff, so, and if you play it right, who knows, maybe we'll get you back as soon as we can. If we, we all get over there as soon as we can. Um, I'm just gonna have you initial actually also um here and here, saying that I read you those and then that you agreed to talk with us, OK? (Pause) All right.

FASSBENDER: I think we told you Brendan, we talked to mom and mom is, is OK with this and good with this and she just wants to talk to ya when we're, we're done.

WIEGERT: Um, I just, one question I had for you real quick Brendan is um, those jeans that Tom had talked to you about the other night with the bleach stains on 'em, do you still have those?

BRENDAN: Yeah

WIEGERT: Where are those?

BRENDAN: They're at my house.

WIEGERT: Do you know where in your house they would be?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Where would they be?

BRENDAN: They're, by the kitchen table.

WIEGERT: By the kitchen table, like laying on the floor or on a

BRENDAN: I looked at 'em and then put 'em on a chair

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WIEGERT: They're sitting on a chair at the kitchen table?

BRENDAN: Yeah

WIEGERT: Oh OK. Is anybody at your house right now?

BRENDAN: Not that I know of, I think Bobbie was there, but he left.

WIEGERT: It's, is, is your house locked?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: No?

BRENDAN: Would you give us permission to go in and get those jeans?

BRENDAN: Yeah

WIEGERT: Just to grab the jeans and leave?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: That's a yes?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: You have to speak up in here.

BRENDAN: Yeah

WIEGERT: You give us permission to go in your house and get the jeans?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: OK. Well I'm just gonna make a phone call quick and let one of our guys know that they can just stop and pick those up, OK.

FASSBENDER: We're not gonna go do it? We're gonna grab

WIEGERT: Actually, we-we're this close, we could just grab 'em, how's that?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

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WIEGERT: Tha-that makes more sense.

FASSBENDER: And they could meet us wherever they want to meet us.

WIEGERT: Sure

FASSBENDER: If we need 'em.

WIEGERT: We'll just go over and verify that they're there and grab um and ah then we'll call 'em and tell 'em what they look like and all that so.

WIEGERT: So, you like snow?

BRENDAN: all right

WIEGERT: Or would you rather have it warm up?

BRENDAN: ...

WIEGERT: No?

BRENDAN:We got five in the garage

FASSBENDER: Do we turn here.....?

WIEGERT: So you can get out of school (cough) so you can get outta school. Yeah (pause) Yeah I remember being your age, waitin' for that snow day. That was a, that was a great thing.

FASSBENDER: In that last snow, did you have a snow day?

BRENDAN: No

FASSBENDER: You didn't get outta school that day?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: On my gosh.

WIEGERT: During that blizzard, you didn't? You guys had school here?

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BRENDAN: ...

WIEGERT: Really?

FASSBENDER: Well mine got out. (pause) I (pause)

WIEGERT: Do you have to ride the bus to school or, that's, that's how you get to school right?

BRENDAN: Yeah

FASSBENDER: Does Blaine drive yet, Brendan?

BRENDAN: He's got his license but he ain't got a car to drive.

WIEGERT: What about you?

BRENDAN: I gotta do one more thing with the instructor

WIEGERT? You gotta do one more thing with the instructor?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: Looking forward to that?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: I'm sure you could find yourself a car out here somewhere.

FASSBENDER: (laugh)

(pause)

FASSBENDER: I imagine this drifts over pretty much.

WIEGERT: I'll bet you get some drifts in this driveway, huh?

BRENDAN: Yeah

FASSBENDER: At least the holes gettin' filled in with ice. (pause) ..bad in the winter.

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WIEGERT: Um, we're out at Brendan's at 10:18 a.m. ah Brendan and I and Tom will go in and get those jeans, is that OK?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: OK.

(pause)

WIEGERT: OK, we're out of Brendan's residence, um he did give us the jeans 10:21 a.m. Sorry but I gotta narrate for this silly machine here.

BRENDAN: Yeah

WIEGERT: You know how it is.

FASSBENDER: Jeans were located in the kitchen area at the kitchen table area.

WIEGERT: (apparently on phone) Hey Wendy, it's Mark. Can you go um go up by John, he's not answering his cell phone. I left him a me-voicemail, an important voicemail I described everything on there, um, I can't talk about it right now, but

(pause)

OK, as soon as he's back um cuz we got that stuff. You guys don't need to pick those jeans up, we picked 'em up. Yeah. Yup. At Brendan's house. Brendan gave us permission to go get 'em, he's with us right now, so um, I pretty much got everything on his voicemail. Tell him to listen to his cell phone voicemail. An if you guys got any questions, call me back. Thank you. Bye.

FASSBENDER: Now what your quickest way?

WIEGERT: What's the quickest way to Manitowoc from here?

BRENDAN: I don't know.

WIEGERT: You don't know? OK, let's a, let's go right. Taking the interstate seems to take forever. We'll go down to B and then head in on B, that's the quickest way that I know of.

FASSBENDER: Did Travis tell you that I talked to him?

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BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: He seems like a pretty cool kid.

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: I like him. (pause) You go over there quite a bit on the weekends huh? Seems like a nice place to be. So how'd the night go in the motel room.

BRENDAN: Pretty good.

WIEGERT: It's a pretty nice place there, Fox Hills, isn't it?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Yeah. (pause) The sky, it looks like it could snow a little bit today.

FASSBENDER: I'm more worried about the a freezin' rain that's supposed to come in later. They're sayin' it's supposed to go up to 40 something today.

WIEGERT: I think they lied.

FASSBENDER: They always lie.

WIEGERT: When we get into Mishicot, we'll turn right.

FASSBENDER: Brendan, you hungry at all?

BRENDAN: Not really.

FASSBENDER: Drink, anything, bag a chips or something cuz this may you know be a little while.

BRENDAN: Naw.

FASSBENDER: OK, donut?

BRENDAN: No.

(pause)

WIEGERT: Did you ever go there to eat?

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BRENDAN: Once

WIEGERT: Once?

WIEGERT: Do you golf at all?

BRENDAN: Sometimes..

WIEGERT: Do you come out here to Fox Hills?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: Condos eh?

(pause)

WIEGERT: You eats lunch at school normally? er?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Yeah. How's the food there?

BRENDAN: Pretty good.

WIEGERT: Pretty good. (pause) I just wanna put a windmill up at my, by my house.

FASSBENDER: They probably wouldn't let ya.

WIEGERT: Probably.

FASSBENDER: City'd say that's an eyesore.

WIEGERT: So I'd move it out.

FASSBENDER: So how ya doin' Brendan since ah the last time we talked to you?

BRENDAN: Pretty good.

FASSBENDER: Everyone being decent to you?

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BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: OK.

BRENDAN: Talked to my girlfriend like eight hours ..yesterday.

FASSBENDER: Oh yeah? Have you told her a-about this.

BRENDAN: She knows a little bit.

WIEGERT: Where does your girlfriend live?

BRENDAN: Manitowoc

WIEGERT: Manitowoc. Do you talk to her on the Internet or what?

BRENDAN:on the phone...

WIEGERT: You have ta speak up, I can't hear you.

BRENDAN: On MSN and the phone.

WIEGERT: On MSN and on, and on the phone. (pause) You got a Webcam or anything like that?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: No.

(pause)

WIEGERT: This car sounds like it's falling apart.

FASSBENDER: It's, it's not a, a very good car.

WIEGERT: Just keep on going until you get to the stop sign and turn right. (pause)
Do you fish at all?

BRENDAN: Somewhat.

WIEGERT: Somewhat. Ever come down here?

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BRENDAN: Once in a while.

FASSBENDER: Looks like a nice place, I don't know.

WIEGERT: It's not open anymore.

FASSBENDER: Oh isn't it?

WIEGERT: No. Used to be many a weddings there over the years. (pause) What's your girlfriend's name?

BRENDAN: Emily

WIEGERT: Emily. Do you know her last name?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: No.

FASSBENDER: When's their basketball game? Valders win? Was it yesterday or today?

WIEGERT: Ahhh, yeah they won, I think it was last night. They play, I just heard, Appleton or a Sheboygan Christians or Sheboygan Christian. I think they play them at home, I didn't catch the date though.

FASSBENDER: I wonder how bad Menasha got beat.

WIEGERT: They did?

FASSBENDER: I wonder how bad

WIEGERT: Oh.

FASSBENDER: I'm just assuming they did.

(pause)

WIEGERT: (Apparently on a telephone conversation) Hi this is Mark. Yeah. Ahh, within ten minutes. Yep. We're in, just, we're just, just coming in on B. All right. Bye.

FASSBENDER: Who was that?

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WIEGERT: Det. Remiker

FASSBENDER: Now, now he's available, where the hell was he?

WIEGERT: He had called me before. He had just got in to work.

FASSBENDER: Oh. OK.

WIEGERT: We're gonna go straight through the lights. (Apparently another telephone conversation) Hi, this is Mark. No you can try again. OK. Bye. (pause) That's a big water tower. (pause) You'll turn right. And then you'll wanna grab the left lane. Turn left here.

FASSBENDER: This car will not get an award for quietest car.

(pause) (cough) (mumble)

WIEGERT: Stay in this lane, just (pause)through the lights (pause) Now as soon as this car gets by you, you'll wanna get in that left lane and we'll turn left at the lights. And you know where we are? It's right there, yeah.

FASSBENDER: Not sure where we

WIEGERT: Go up another, ah you coulda turned there, but a, we'll just to up to the lights and then turn right and come around. (pause) Just go right at the next, not here but go over there, park right in front. (pause) Turn right at the stop sign and we can park right in front. (pause) Right by the pickup 10:43 a.m., we're gonna go inside and use an interview room.

(pause) (whistling)

UNKNOWN VOICE: You here for the meeting?

WIEGERT: Um, actually no, I'm here for Det. Remiker, he's waiting for me now.

UNKNOWN VOICE: OK. And you are?

WIEGERT: Inv. Wiegert, Calumet Sheriff

UNKNOWN VOICE: All Right.

FASSBENDER: Does seem like it would have been a lot longer on the Interstate for some reason.

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WIEGERT: Yeah, well the Interstate kinda goes out away from the lake.

FASSBENDER: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Bends out that way.

UNKNOWN VOICE:

WIEGERT: OK

FASSBENDER: Bathroom or anything?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Pizza?

WIEGERT: How was that pizza, any good?

BRENDAN:

WIEGERT: Yeah

FASSBENDER: We had one there.

WIEGERT: Yeah I guess we did, didn't we?

FASSBENDER: We were up here before. It was pretty good

.....

WIEGERT: Good morning sheriff.

VOICE (Possibly sheriff's and/or Det Remiker): How ya doin'? How are ya? Behavin'?
Brendan? Brandon?

WIEGERT: Brendan.

VOICE: Brendan

WIEGERT: I'm sorry, let me just scoot through, there you go.

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REMIKER: Good. Come on in.

(pause)

WIEGERT: This door Dave?

VOICE: Yup, take right. Up the stairs.

(pause and background voices)

WIEGERT: Mornin'

VOICE: Mornin'

VOICE: Mornin'

VOICE: Mark Anderson would like to chat with you if you had a chance.

WIEGERT: Sure, absolutely.

UNKNOWN

VOICE: Mornin', good to see ya.

WIEGERT: Why don't you just, just you have a seat Brendan. Tom and I just gotta stop out for a minute and then we'll be right in, OK?

BRENDAN: (nods "yes") OK.

INV. WIEGERT: All right.

(door open & closes)

(pause)

Background Voice: You guys want coffee or anything? Water?

FASSBENDER: Soda? Water? (Brendan shakes head "no") You sure?

BRENDAN: Well water maybe (nods "yes").

FASSBENDER: OK.

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(background voices)

(long pause)

WIEGERT: All right. How you doin' buddy?

BRENDAN: Good

FASSBENDER: Brendan, Brendan. Here you go.

WIEGERT: I'm just gonna shut this audio off, be-OK, 'cuz there's audio in the room
(Brendan nods "yes") here

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Just so you know. OK. Um, I just wanted to just, just go over this real
quick again. Do you remember these rights, your Miranda Rights that I read to you? (Brendan
nods "yes")

BRENDAN: Yeah. (nods "yes")

WIEGERT: Um, you still want to talk to us.

BRENDAN: Yeah. (nods "yes")

WIEGERT: OK. Just wanted to make sure of that. (Brendan nods "yes")

FASSBENDER: Brendan, I want you ta, to relax. OK. Um, a little more comfortable here
and stuff and what we'd like, you had a couple days since we last talked now which was Monday
and you had a chance to reflect and breathe, I imagine, this and (Brendan nods "yes")

WIEGERT: You have a pen on you?

FASSBENDER: We, um

WIEGERT: I seem to have lost mine. Is this your only one. I

FASSBENDER: I got more here.

WIEGERT: OK.

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