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**TYPE OF ACTIVITY:** Interview of Brendan Dassey at Two Rivers Police Dept

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:** 02/27/06

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Inv. Mark Wiegert

**WIEGERT:** All right, Brendan, um, one thing I'm going to ask you to do is when we start talking, you're going to have to speak up right now like I am so the mikes, they won't pick up real well. But before we ask any question Brendan, um, I have to read you your rights. It's just what we have to do ...steps OK. Before we ask you any questions you must understand your rights. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. You have the right to, you have the right to talk, to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and have him with you during questioning. You have this right to the advice and presence of a lawyer even though you cannot afford to hire one. We have no way of getting you a lawyer but one will be appointed for you if you wish and if and when you go to court. If you wish to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you have the right to stop answering questions any time. You also have the right to stop answering questions at any time until you talk to a lawyer. I have read the above statement of my rights I understand what my rights are, I am willing to answer questions and to make statements. I do not want a lawyer. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure of any kind has been used against me. Do you agree with that?

**BRENDAN:** Yeah.

**WIEGERT:** You have to speak up a little bit.

**BRENDAN:** Yeah.

**WIEGERT:** Yes?

**BRENDAN:** Yes.

**WIEGERT:** Then if you agree with making a statement, I need you to sign right there and if you wanna read it, you can read it there. (pause) Why don't you put your initials here and put your initials here. These are the two things I read to you. (pause) OK, and I'm just going to put the place up here, Two Rivers Police Department, and the date is 2/27/06, and the time is approximately 3:21 p.m. OK. Let's put that over there for now. Um, Brendan, just a few things. OK, we're going to talk about what you had initially told us earlier, OK. Um, can you state your full name with middle initial and date of birth?

**BRENDAN:** Brendan Ray Dassey and then 10/19/ of 89.

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WIEGERT: How old are you?

BRENDAN: 16

WIEGERT: OK. What's your address Brendan?

BRENDAN: 12930A Avery Rd.

WIEGERT: What city?

BRENDAN: Wisconsin.

WIEGERT: OK. Um, Brendan do you know the difference between a truth and a lie?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: What does the truth mean to you.

BRENDAN: The truth is something that is, like somethin' that's true, like something that really happened.

WIEGERT: OK. And you have to speak up again OK? And what's a lie?

BRENDAN: It's somethin' that's false.

WIEGERT: OK. So if I said that I was wearing a red shirt, would that be a truth or a lie?

BRENDAN: A lie.

WIEGERT: And if I said that Tom has a green tie on, is that a truth or a lie.

BRENDAN: Truth.

WIEGERT: OK. Do you agree to tell us the truth today?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: And if we ask you something you don't know the answer to, just tell us you don't know.

BRENDAN: Yeah.

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WIEGERT: OK. Who do you all live with Brendan?

BRENDAN: My mom and my three brothers.

WIEGERT: Your mom and your three brothers? What are your three brothers' names?  
Blaine, Bobby and Bryan.

WIEGERT: OK. Who lived next door to you?

BRENDAN: Steven.

WIEGERT: Steven who?

BRENDAN: Avery.

WIEGERT: OK. And how is he related to you.

BRENDAN: Um, my sister's brother.

WIEGERT: So that makes him what to you?

BRENDAN: My uncle.

WIEGERT: OK. Well what we want to talk to you about Brendan, like we had talked about before, is October 31<sup>st</sup> of 2005. OK. Do you remember that day?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: OK. Tell us about that day when you came home from school, OK? Let's start with when you came home from school. How did you get home from school?

BRENDAN: I got off the bus at 3:45 and I walked, I seen a jeep down by our house and I went into my house and I played Playstation 2 for two hour, three hours. I ate at 8:00 and I got a phone from Steven, a phone call from Steven and he asked me if I wanted ta go to the bonfire next to Dassey's garage and I said yeah and then he told me to bring the golf cart over so I did and then he drove us, drove me around to find some stuff and I got the van seat and some wood and I seen her toe when I, when we dropped the, the seat off and later on, I seen her forehead and her belly.

WIEGERT: OK. I'm just gonna stop you there. You said when you got home, you saw her jeep. Whose jeep was that do you think?

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BRENDAN: Her's.

WIEGERT: Who's her?

BRENDAN: Teresa Halbach.

WIEGERT: OK. Do you remember what it looked like?

BRENDAN: Green and ...good shape

WIEGERT: OK. So then you went outside later on that night after you got a call from Steven you said?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: What time was that?

BRENDAN: At 9:30.

WIEGERT: 9:30 at night?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: And what date was that on?

BRENDAN: October the 31<sup>st</sup>.

WIEGERT: OK, and was there a fire going already at that time?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: And who was at the fire at that time?

BRENDAN: Steven

WIEGERT: Anybody else?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: OK. So from there you said you went and got some things. What kind of things did you get?

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BRENDAN: Like some wood and some, like a broken cabinet.

WIEGERT: And how did you pick those up?

BRENDAN: We picked 'em up with our hands and put 'em in a golf cart.

WIEGERT: OK. And where did you take 'em?

BRENDAN: Over by the fire and we set it on the ground.

WIEGERT: OK, now you said before you saw something in the fire. What did you see?

BRENDAN: Her foot, her, her, her toes.

WIEGERT: You have to speak a little louder.

BRENDAN: I seen her toes.

WIEGERT: OK.

FASSBENDER: Describe where you saw them.

BRENDAN: Like on the side of the fire

FASSBENDER: And where, w-was it under something?

BRENDAN: Under some tires and some branches.

FASSBENDER: OK. Had Steven brought something out to tend the fire with at all?

BRENDAN: Some gas.

FASSBENDER: Did he use gases ta, ta make it go?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: Did he bring some tools out too?

BRENDAN: Like a shovel and a rake.

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FASSBENDER: OK.

WIEGERT: Did you see anything else in the fire besides toes?

BRENDAN: A hand and forehead and a, her belly.

WIEGERT: Did it look like she was in one piece, or did it look like she was chopped up, or what did it look like?

BRENDAN: In one piece.

WIEGERT: When you say you saw her belly, how do you know it was her belly?

BRENDAN: It l-look some fat or somethin'.

WIEGERT: How did you know it was a forehead?

BRENDAN: Because there's like some ziggly lines on it.

WIEGERT: Who had been in the, if I had you draw a picture, could you draw like that pit area and kinda draw in what you saw and where you saw it? OK. How about if I do that now. I'll give you a pen.

FASSBENDER: This fire pit was located where?

BRENDAN: In the back of his gara, er in behind the garage.

FASSBENDER: Behind Steven's garage?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

(pause)

WIEGERT: OK, put, um an *H* where his house would be and *G* where his garage would be. So what you drew here, can you just explain what you drew here?

BRENDAN: That she's covered with some branches and her, tires.

WIEGERT: Where were you standing when you saw her? Put an *X* there.

BRENDAN: Like right here.

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WIEGERT: And could you put your, your initials so I know that's you. And maybe another X where he was standing.

BRENDAN: Like right there.

WIEGERT: OK.

FASSBENDER: And then you guys put more stuff on the fire?

BRENDAN: Yeah, when it went down.

FASSBENDER: And what did you put on again?

BRENDAN: The van seat.

FASSBENDER: OK, and how was it that you were able to see her. Were things moved around or if just when the fire went down?

BRENDAN: Well, he moved it around and I could see it.

WIEGERT: How did he move it around?

BRENDAN: With a shovel.

WIEGERT: So, explain to me what you mean he moved it around. Tell me what you mean.

BRENDAN: He like shifted it around like kinda s, kinda smoothed it over.

WIEGERT: Do you think you can demonstrate for us what you saw him do?

BRENDAN: Like, like that.

WIEGERT: OK. And when he did that what did you see?

BRENDAN: Her fingers and her head, her forehead.

WIEGERT: OK, what happened next?

BRENDAN: He went over, he went into the garage, I went to his house and got the garbage bags. Right before that we stuck, that was before he stuck the other stuff on there.

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WIEGERT: Did you guys talk about what you saw in there?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: OK. Tell me about that.

BRENDAN: I seen it and he said, he told, he seen me see it so he told me not to say somethin' or else it will, he threatened me a little bit.

FASSBENDER: How did he threaten you? What he say?

BRENDAN: That he would, he would stab me.

FASSBENDER: What else did he tell you about what you saw.

BRENDAN: That (pause) that I shouldn't say nothin'.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you what it was that you saw?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: What did he tell you?

BRENDAN: That it was her body.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you whose body?

BRENDAN: Teresa Halbach's.

WIEGERT: What did he tell you how did it get there?

BRENDAN: That he put it there with like the, he drove it there.

FASSBENDER: With what?

BRENDAN: Like his sled or somethin'.

WIEGERT: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you. Could you say that one more time. With his what?

BRENDAN: His snowmobile sled?



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WIEGERT: Is that what he told ya?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you anything about what happened to her prior to that?

BRENDAN: That he tied her up in her jeep thing and stabbed her in the stomach.

FASSBENDER: And then what did he do?

BRENDAN: Then he put the knife under the seat and tried to hide the jeep.

FASSBENDER: And did he tell you where?

BRENDAN: Behind, in the woods area.

FASSBENDER: In the woods area, where?

BRENDAN: Down in the pit by the lake er pond.

FASSBENDER: Did he tell you what he did to try and hide it?

BRENDAN: He put branches over it and a car hood.

FASSBENDER: You mentioned a sled. Is that a sled that you pull behind something?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: Do you know what he pulled the sled with when he took it over there or did he just pull it himself.

BRENDAN: He pulled it by himself.

WIEGERT: Did you ever see that sled?

BRENDAN: uh uh.

WIEGERT: Does he have a sled?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Where is that sled?

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BRENDAN: I don't know.

WIEGERT: Where does he normally keep it?

BRENDAN: Probably in the, the garage.

WIEGERT: What's it look like?

BRENDAN: Black ...

WIEGERT: I'm sorry, what's it made out of?

BRENDAN: Plastic, err rubber or whatever, like a fishing thing.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you why he did this to Teresa?

BRENDAN: Because he was angry, that he had to take it out on someone.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you why he was angry?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Did he throw anything else on the fire?

BRENDAN: Some garbage.

FASSBENDER: Did he have anything else?

BRENDAN: Some clothes that had blood stain a cuttin' it.

FASSBENDER: Describe the clothes for us.

BRENDAN: The shirt was blue and the pants were I don't know.

FASSBENDER: What did they, what did they look like when, what gender clothing would they have been?

BRENDAN: Girl clothes.

FASSBENDER: Did he say whose clothes they were?

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BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: And whose were they?

BRENDAN: Teresa Halbach's.

FASSBENDER: And you said something about blood on 'em, on what article of clothing was the blood on?

BRENDAN: The shirt.

FASSBENDER: And you said there was a hole in the shirt. About where was that?

BRENDAN: In the stomach.

WIEGERT: Could you just point out where it would have been, like on your shirt?

BRENDAN: Right there.

FASSBENDER: Did he say anything about that hole?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: OK.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you when he did this?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: How has this affected you?

BRENDAN: That I've been sad for the last three, four months.

WIEGERT: What have you been sad about?

BRENDAN: I thought that he didn't do it and felt sorry for Teresa's family.

WIEGERT: Did you have anything to do with the disappearance of Teresa Halbach?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you stab her.

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BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you help put the body in the fire?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did anybody else?

BRENDAN: Not that I know of.

FASSBENDER: Have you told anyone else about this?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Have you told your mother?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Is your mother here today?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Did he say anything else about Teresa?

BRENDAN: Yeah, that she was pretty.

WIEGERT: What else did he say about her, if anything?

BRENDAN: I don't know.

WIEGERT: Do you know what sexual assault means?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Did he say anything about sexual assault with, with her or having sex with her.

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did he say anything about wanting to?

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BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: So just so I'm clear on this. Where did he say that he stabbed her?

BRENDAN: In the stomach.

WIEGERT: And that occurred where? Outside? Inside? In the truck? Where?

BRENDAN: In the jeep.

WIEGERT: The jeep. (pause) Do you remember what color the pants were?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Do you know what color the shirt was?

BRENDAN: Blue.

WIEGERT: What was it, a T-shirt or a button-up shirt or what type of shirt?

BRENDAN: Like a button-up shirt.

WIEGERT: What about shoes. Did you see any shoes at all?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you see any camera or cell phone anywhere?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you anything about that?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: When you saw her in the fire did she have shoes on?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: So you saw, what?

BRENDAN: Her toes and her feet.

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FASSBENDER: Was there still skin on there, on her toes and feet?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: What, what color was it?

BRENDAN: Like peach to white or something like that.

WIEGERT: Like what? You have to speak up a little, I'm sorry.

BRENDAN: Like peach and a little bit of white.

WIEGERT: So just that I'm clear on this. He told you who it was?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: And he told you it was who?

BRENDAN: Teresa Halbach.

WIEGERT: How long were you by the fire?

BRENDAN: About two hours, er one hour.

WIEGERT: Were you scared when you saw what you saw?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Why didn't you tell anybody?

BRENDAN: I was scared to.

WIEGERT: What were you scared about?

BRENDAN: That they would think that I helped him.

WIEGERT: Did you help him?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Is there anything else that you can think of?

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BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you how he got the truck back into the pit?

BRENDAN: He drove it.

WIEGERT: Which way did he drive it?

BRENDAN: Past Chuckie's house.

WIEGERT: And Chuckie's who?

BRENDAN: His brother.

WIEGERT: Did he say when he did that?

BRENDAN: Like the day on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

WIEGERT: You told me before that he, he told you that he stabbed her in the stomach.

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Where did he do that? In the house? In the garage?

BRENDAN: In the jeep.

WIEGERT: In the jeep. And where was the jeep when he did that?

BRENDAN: Down in the pit.

WIEGERT: Do you know how he got her from the pit up to the fire pit?

BRENDAN: By a sled.

WIEGERT: Did he say which way he brought her up?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: And you told me before that he told you he tied her up?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

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WIEGERT: What did he use to tie her up?

BRENDAN: Rope.

WIEGERT: Anything else?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Do you have any questions?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Is there anything we forgot to ask?

BRENDAN: Not that I know of.

FASSBENDER: Was this hard for you to do?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: I can imagine. And there's no doubt in your mind what you saw in that fire? Pardon?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: You know that that was a human body in the fire.

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: When Steven was up north with you that week or at the end of that week that next weekend and the police came up there, what did he say?

BRENDAN: He said that he was gonna try to get a car, try to drive as far as he can to get away.

FASSBENDER: To get away from?

BRENDAN: The cops.

FASSBENDER: OK. Has he said anything else to you since that night?

BRENDAN: No.



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FASSBENDER: When we wanted to talk to you and stuff, did he say anything to you about what you should say?

BRENDAN: That I shouldn't talk because his lawyer told me, told him not to talk to the cops.

FASSBENDER: Has he threatened you since that night or told you not to say anything or anything like that since that night?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Do you know whose knife it was?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Do you know where the knife is now?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: .....

WIEGERT: Would it be OK if we just stepped out for a minute?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: And then came back in and talked with you a little bit more?

BRENDAN: mm huh.

WIEGERT: OK. I think we're gonna do that, OK?

FASSBENDER: Thank you Brendan.

WIEGERT: You just hang in there, all right?

(door opens and closes)

(pause)

(door opens and closes)

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WIEGERT: How ya doin'? Hanging in there? All right. We got a few more questions for ya, OK? Um, do you help him put anything in the garage or take anything out of the garage?

BRENDAN: Yeah, ah, we took the silver cool ah, gray jeep and put it in the garage.

WIEGERT: It's a jeep or?

BRENDAN: It's a Suzuki.

WIEGERT: And where was that located before you put it in the garage?

BRENDAN: On the side of the garage

FASSBENDER: Do you know his um his girlfriend, his fiancée, Steven's?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: What's her name?

BRENDAN: Jodi

FASSBENDER: Jodi and what's the last time you saw Jodi?

BRENDAN: Before she went to the jail

FASSBENDER: Do you remember about what month that was?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: No and when is the last time you talked ta Jodi?

BRENDAN: Like two or three days before she went in.

FASSBENDER: OK. Has Steven said anything to you about her in any relation ta what he did?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: No. Do you know if she knows that he did this?

BRENDAN: No.

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FASSBENDER: Has he blamed her in any way?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: I'm trying to understand what he might have been mad about. Do you have any idea what he was angry about that day?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you ask him?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: You said you were using a golf cart?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: To haul some items around? Whose golf cart were you using?

BRENDAN: My mom's.

WIEGERT: And what's your mom's first name?

BRENDAN: Barb

WIEGERT: Barb

FASSBENDER: So ta understand this, according to Steven and what you just said that Steven said, he had her down in the pit and then brought her up from the pit and put her in the fire.

BRENDAN: Yeah.

FASSBENDER: And he used his sled to do that.

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Do you know where he got the rope from to tie her up?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Could you see that? Could you see that she was tied up or not in the fire?

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BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did he have her wrapped up in anything at any time?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Anything that we're forgetting to ask Brendan?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: No? Cuz now is the time to tell us if there is. Think real hard.

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Are you relieved to get this over with?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: You said you threw some light bags in the fire. What was in those bags?

BRENDAN: Garbage.

FASSBENDER: You said he called you to ask you to come out by the fire. Did he call you on the phone, or yell in the door, or what?

BRENDAN: He called on the phone.

FASSBENDER: The house phone or cell phone?

BRENDAN: The house phone.

WIEGERT: And you stayed at the fire until what time?

BRENDAN: 10:30.

WIEGERT: 10:30. Do you know how long he stayed out there?

BRENDAN: By 11:30.

WIEGERT: How do you know that?

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BRENDAN: Cuz my brother came home and he was still out there.

WIEGERT: Your brother, which brother came home?

BRENDAN: Blaine.

WIEGERT: Blaine. And what did Blaine tell you.

BRENDAN: He said that he was standing out there leaning against the shovel. Blaine just got home from Halloween for trick-or-treating.

WIEGERT: And that was at what time?

BRENDAN: At 11:30

WIEGERT: Do you know what he was going to do with the fire pit?

BRENDAN: He was going ta build up it and then cover it up and start a new one.

WIEGERT: What do you mean build, build up it? What do you mean by that?

BRENDAN: Tryin' to make it level.

WIEGERT: How was he gonna to do that?

BRENDAN: I don't know.

WIEGERT: Just explain to me what you mean by build up it and try to make a new one, was he gonna fill it with dirt or keep burning stuff or exactly what was he gonna do, do you think? From what did he tell you.

BRENDAN: He was gonna keep on burnin' stuff and then bury it and keep on doing that.

WIEGERT: Keep burnin' stuff and bury it?

BRENDAN: Yeah, so that his, his yard would be all flat instead of all lumpy.

WIEGERT: And then he was gonna do what did you say after that?

BRENDAN: He was gonna hide, put the burning pit rr the fire pit behind his house.

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WIEGERT: He was gonna put a new fire pit back there?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Do you think anybody else knows about this.

BRENDAN: Not that I know of.

WIEGERT: Do you think Chuckie may have saw something?

BRENDAN: Probably.

WIEGERT: Why do you think that?

BRENDAN: Because he came down like the next day.

WIEGERT: Who came down the next day?

BRENDAN: Chuckie.

WIEGERT: Came down where?

BRENDAN: Down by Steven and talked to him.

WIEGERT: OK. Were you there?

BRENDAN: No. I seen Chuckie come down with his truck.

WIEGERT: Do you know what they talked about?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you ever ask Chuckie?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did Chuckie ever tell you anything about this?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you ever tell Chuckie anything about this?

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BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: The next day would have been what day? Like November?

BRENDAN: 1<sup>st</sup>

WIEGERT: OK. What time did you see Chuckie come down by Steven?

BRENDAN: 5:30.

WIEGERT: 5:30 at night?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Then where did Chuckie go when he came down by Steven?

BRENDAN: By the garage. Cuz he was working on his Monte.

WIEGERT: Who was working on his Monte?

BRENDAN: Ch ah Steven.

WIEGERT: Steven was working on his Monte? Where was the Monte at that time?

BRENDAN: In the garage.

WIEGERT: How did the Monte get in the garage?

BRENDAN: Well it drives, drive, you can drive it.

WIEGERT: I thought you told us before that the Suzuki was in the garage. You helped him push it in there.

BRENDAN: He had to fix somethin' on it.

WIEGERT: So where was the Suzuki when he was working on the Monte?

BRENDAN: Probably outside.

WIEGERT: So the Monte's inside and Chuckie was in the garage?

BRENDAN: Talkin' to Steven.

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WIEGERT: Are you sure that was the next day?

BRENDAN: mm huh.

WIEGERT: Did you notice any marks on Steven at all?

BRENDAN: On his arm.

WIEGERT: Where on his arm?

BRENDAN: Like right here.

WIEGERT: Do you remember which arm?

BRENDAN: His left.

WIEGERT: His left arm? OK. I'm sorry. I'm gonna keep tellin' you to speak up a little bit because its. How did he get that mark?

BRENDAN: Well, he said that he got it from workin' out by the yard, that he cut himself with glass.

WIEGERT: OK. Did he tell you anything else about that mark?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Did he tell you that at any time that he had been injured when he had killed Teresa?

BRENDAN: N-no. That he got a scratch, I think.

FASSBENDER: Where was that scratch?

BRENDAN: Like on his finger

FASSBENDER: OK.

WIEGERT: How did he say he got that scratch?

BRENDAN: That from a fingernail or somethin'.



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WIEGERT: Did he tell you that?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: So tell me again exactly what he told you.

BRENDAN: That he got it from someone scratched, someone scratchin' um.

WIEGERT: Did he tell you who? Scratched him?

BRENDAN: Teresa.

WIEGERT: How did that come about? I mean did he say was there a struggle or something? Or what did he say?

BRENDAN: Yeah, there was a struggle.

WIEGERT: Tell me about that. What did he tell you?

BRENDAN: When he was trying to tie her up, she tried to get out and scratched 'em tryin' to get away from 'em and she couldn't so he tied her up and stabbed her.

WIEGERT: Did he say if she was yelling or screaming or anything? Did he say anything about that?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: So, he actually showed you the finger?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: And which finger was it?

BRENDAN: The pointer finger.

WIEGERT: Did you see anything on that finger?

BRENDAN: Yeah, a scratch.

WIEGERT: When he's telling you about this stuff, what is he doing? Is he laughing?  
Or what is he doing?

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BRENDAN: He's lookin' down at the ground.

WIEGERT: Did he at any time apologize for doing this to her?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: What did you say to him about this?

(pause)

BRENDAN: Nothin'

(pause)

WIEGERT: How did you feel about it when realized what it was and he told you what he did?

BRENDAN: I felt sad.

WIEGERT: Sad because why?

BRENDAN: That he did it and felt sorry for Teresa's family.

WIEGERT: Did you ever meet Teresa before that?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did Steve ever meet her before that?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: How do you know?

BRENDAN: Cuz we had a Lincoln for sale and wanted to put it in the book so she came again.

WIEGERT: Did you ever see her truck before that day?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you ever go down to the pit to see her truck after he told you where it was?

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BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: Brendan, you may have answered this, at least indirectly, after you saw what you saw and Steven told you what he told you, why didn't you go to the police?

BRENDAN: Because I was scared to, that I would get in trouble too.

WIEGERT: Any other reasons?

BRENDAN: No

(pause)

FASSBENDER: If Steven were to get out on bond tomorrow, would you be scared?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Why?

BRENDAN: Cuz he would probably try ta like kill me or somethin'.

WIEGERT: Why do you think that?

BRENDAN: He would tell me.

WIEGERT: Why do you think he'd try to kill you though? I mean, what would make you think he would do that?

BRENDAN: Because he told me not to say nothin' so, and I did, so he would

WIEGERT: Did he say anything else when he was trying to tie her up? You told me before that she was trying to struggle and get away and that's when he got scratched by her, right?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Did he say if he got kicked by her or anything like that?

BRENDAN: No.

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WIEGERT: Did he say if he took any of her valuables? Any money? Anything like that?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Did you ask him about it?

BRENDAN: No

FASSBENDER: Did you have trouble sleeping that night?

BRENDAN: Sort of.

WIEGERT: Why?

BRENDAN: Tryin' to figure out why he did it.

FASSBENDER: Did you ever ask him after that night? Why he did it?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Are you doing OK? Do you need a soda or something?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Or take a break or anything?

WIEGERT: I have nothing further.

FASSBENDER: Is there anything else you want to say Brendan, to the, you know this is being recorded, to the recording or anything?

BRENDAN: No.

FASSBENDER: I know this was very difficult and you're a brave boy for doing what you did.

WIEGERT: Is everything you told Agent Fassbender and myself the truth?

BRENDAN: Yeah.

WIEGERT: Did you lie at all during this conversation?

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BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: Have you lied to us at all about anything you told us?

BRENDAN: No.

WIEGERT: I appreciate you being honest, all right? We know this was difficult for you. Do you have any questions?

BRENDAN: mm uh

FASSBENDER: Nope, I don't have anything else....

WIEGERT: OK. (pause) I'm going to sign this in front of you as a witness though, OK. Just so you're aware of it. And the date. Wanna put the date in there? And the time. (pause) Thank you, Brendan.

BRENDAN: No problem.

WIEGERT: Brendan, I'm sorry.

**This is the end of the interview with Brendan Dassey at Two Rivers Police Dept.**

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