



# Following the signal

Police used call records from Paul and A.J. Petras' stolen cellphones and surveillance video from downtown businesses to lead them to Jeffrey Lepsch.

**1** **5:24 p.m. Sept. 15, 2012** — Police are called to May's Photo 423/425 Main St. Fatally shot in the head while working inside the store are Paul Petras, 56, and his 19-year-old son, A.J. Missing is more than \$20,000 worth of photo equipment and their cell-phones.

Earlier that day...

**1:52 p.m.** — Surveillance videos from nearby businesses show a man in a gray sweatshirt with a hood over his head carrying a backpack exit a blue Dodge Caravan with an upside down trailer hitch at 400 Main St.

**1:53 p.m.** — The man enters May's.

**2:30 p.m.** — The last employee leaves the store. He tells police Paul Petras was helping a short, white

male with a gray sweatshirt and hood over his head and backpack at the camera counter.

**2:58 p.m.** — The man in the gray sweatshirt leaves May's Photo with four bags including the backpack. He drives off in the van and heads north on Fourth Street.

**2** **3:02 p.m.** — The victims' cellphones are tracked to 100 Copeland Ave.

**3** **3:06 p.m.** — The victims' cellphones are tracked to 1700 Rose St.

**4** **3:25 p.m.** — Lepsch makes a purchase at Best Buy in Onalaska.

**5** **3:36 p.m.** — The victims' cellphones are tracked to Hwy. 16 and Theater Road in

Onalaska.

**6** **3:43 p.m.** — The victims' cellphones are tracked to Hwys. 16 and 157.

**7** **3:45 p.m.** — The victims' cellphones are tracked to Interstate 90 near the town of Campbell.

**8** **Sept. 26** — A state agent finds a blue Dodge Caravan with an upside down trailer hitch at 27317 Fern Glen Road in Dakota, Minn. It's registered to Angie Lepsch, Jeffrey Lepsch's wife.

**Oct. 10** — Police with a warrant search his house and recover 14 pieces of equipment stolen from May's Photo. Lepsch is arrested for two counts of homicide, armed robbery and possession of a firearm by a felon.