

CASSIDY BORTNER DEATH INVESTIGATION

447

Individuals Involved

Victim (V1) - Cassidy Bortner
dob 02/04/99

Mother - Amanda Bortner
[REDACTED]

Boyfriend (R1) - Chad Evans
[REDACTED]

Babysitter (W1) - Jeffrey Marshall
[REDACTED]

Aunt (W2) - Jennifer Connelly

Time Line of Pertinent Events

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| Wed. 11/08/00 | 1530 Hrs. | Amanda drops V1 off at Jeff Marshall's residence. |
| | 1630 Hrs. | Chad calls Jeff Marshall about drop off at Pete's Palace. |
| | 1730 Hrs. | V1 picked up by Chad at Jeff Marshall's. |
| | 1800 Hrs. | 1st call placed to Jeff from Chad. Mobil phone - Dover. |
| | 1900 Hrs. | 2nd call to Jeff from Chad at Rochester residence. |
| | 2000 Hrs. | Call from Amanda to Chad. |
| | 2100 Hrs. | 3rd call to Jeff from Chad at Rochester residence. |
| | ? | Chad calls ex-wife. |
| Thurs. 11/09/00 | 0000 Hrs. | Amanda arrives at Rochester residence. V1 sleeping. New bruise on right eye. Argument with Chad. She goes to bed and Chad stays up on computer. |
| | 0630 Hrs. | V1 cries and Amanda wakes up. |
| | ? | V1 dressed by Amanda and placed on couch. |
| | 0800 Hrs. | V1 dropped off at Jeff Marshall's by Amanda. |
| | 0900 Hrs. | Jennifer leave home for work. |
| | 1000 Hrs. | Marshall checks on V1. |
| | 1100 Hrs. | Marshall checks on V1. |
| | 1230 Hrs. | Marshall finds V1 unresponsive. |
| | ? | Marshall calls Jennifer ref. V1. Jennifer busy. |
| | ? | Marshall calls 411 to find tel. Number for Amanda. Unable to get number. |
| | ? | Marshall calls Chad's cellphone. No answer. |
| | ? | Marshall calls Jennifer back. Advised to call 911. |
| | 1242 Hrs. | 911 call by Jeff Marshall. |

Confirmed Prior Abuse

- Amanda -
1. Cassidy thrown by Evans. Strikes wall, etc. Several times/week.
 2. Evans grabs Cassidy by face.
 3. Evans chokes Amanda and Cassidy a few times.
 4. Chad suggests no day care to hide bruising.
 5. Chad picked up by head.
 6. Chad (11/08) doesn't want to watch Cassidy anymore - retarded, etc.
 7. Jeff spanked Cassidy and left bruising.
 8. Put Cassidy under faucet to stop crying.
 9. Cassidy falls from truck while with Jeff and hits head (2 weeks earlier).
- Chad:
1. Jeff spanks Cassidy and leaves bruising.
 2. "Palming" face and left marks on Cassidy.
 3. Grabbed by head to prevent Cassidy falling.
 4. Splashed water on face to quiet Cassidy.
 5. Hit Cassidy in mouth to stop back-talk.
 6. Cassidy "throws herself" into corner.
 7. Palmed face and pinched nose to stop Cassidy from crying.
- Jeffrey:
1. Constant bruises on face after Chad and Amanda are together.
 2. Cassidy falls from Jeff's pickup truck (2 weeks earlier).
 3. Demeanor in Cassidy changes once Chad in picture.
 4. Marks on Amanda's neck from choking by Chad.
- Jennifer:
1. Demeanor in Cassidy changes once Chad in picture.
 2. Bruises on Cassidy (explanations from Amanda and Chad).
 3. Bruising accelerated over past few weeks. Concerned - but self-denial.
 4. Marks on Amanda's neck from choking by Chad.
 5. Staring at wall during night on one occasion.

Injury Observations

- Amanda - Wed.: Seems fine. Did flash cards. Engaged. Played and watched t.v. Only bruise is on left eye from coffee table fall.
 Thur.: Lethargic (tired and head bobbing like falling asleep). Not sure if ate cereal. Sat on couch with t.v. on. New bruise by right eye.
- Jeffrey - Wed.: Ate spaghetti-o's. Healing mouth area bruises. Walking "funny". Scratches. Not putting hands out when falling.
 Thur.: Not hungry. Several new facial bruises all over. Layed on bed and stayed there all morning.
- Jennifer - Wed.: Left at 9:30 a.m. Did not see child.
 Thur.: Clothed heavily (bundled up). Stayed on bed. Didn't want to be held. Saw left and right eye bruises. More bruising than ever before. Fussy.
- Chad - Wed.: Baseball strike to face. Fall to ground by car. Drooling. Lathargic. Ate banana.
 Thur.: Seemed o.k. Nothing specific mentioned.

Evidence

1. Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine Residence
2. Rochester, New Hampshire Residence
3. Ford Taurus (Evans Vehicle)

Polygraphs

1. Jeffrey Marshall - Tues. Morning (11/14/00)
2. Jennifer Connelly - Pending
3. Amanda Bortner - Pending

To Do

1. Computer evidence - New Hampshire (NHSP)
2. Phone calls - New Hampshire (NHSP)
3. Jeff - Confirm CPR Placement (1216/Polygraph)
4. Time Cards (KPD)
5. Car (1221)
6. Cassidy's last medical exam. Records (1213)
7. Travis (pre-text call with Amanda) (1213/1216 Pending)
8. Aube Re-interview ((1216)
9. Maine DHS records (1214)
10. Interview with Kyle (Pending)
11. Psyc. Eval with Chad through NH DCYF (NHSP)
12. Hinton re-interview (1225)