

**MAINE STATE POLICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION I
SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

INCIDENT #: K20435897 **CASE:** HOMICIDE (KASSIDY BORTNER)

NAME: EMILY L. CONLEY

DO [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 9 Kirk Street, Springvale, ME 04083

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT: Not employed

OFFICER: Det. Jeffrey A. Linscott

I.D. #: 2930

DATE: 11/15/00 **TIME START:** 1450 Hrs. **TIME END:** 1545 Hrs.

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Interview Room, Sanford Police Department

Approved:

EMILY CONLEY stated she has known AMANDA BORTNER for 5 years. She stated they were best friends a few years earlier. CONLEY stated that AMANDA had a rough childhood, that AMANDA was sexually abused by her stepfather but that AMANDA did not provide details of that abuse. CONLEY stated that AMANDA dated GABE SNYDER for years, that he believed for a time that KASSIDY was his child and the knowledge of KASSIDY not being his child is what broke he and AMANDA up. GABE lives with his mother near Babe's Store near Holly Street, and GABE has worked at GNC previously. CONLEY stated that KASSIDY'S biological father was BOBBY SHEHAN, but AMANDA and KASSIDY never had anything to do with him.

CONLEY said she last saw AMANDA about 3 weeks ago and told AMANDA that she didn't want anything to do with her anymore. CONLEY said this decision was based on the quality of AMANDA'S mothering. CONLEY said that AMANDA told her that CHAD was abusive to his ex-wife, TRISTAN, but not to the kids, KYLE and an older boy.

CONLEY stated that AMANDA was very gullible and said when talking about CHAD "He's got money" and AMANDA appeared very impressed that he owned his own house and had a nice car. CONLEY said that AMANDA said that CHAD grabbed AMANDA'S face in anger 5-6 times. CONLEY said she saw bruises on

AMANDA'S face on one occasion. CONLEY said she saw bruises on KASSIDY once also. CONLEY said that 3 weeks ago she saw a burn on the top of KASSIDY'S foot. CONLEY said AMANDA was irresponsible and that she would send over KASSIDY to be babysat very dirty. CONLEY said that a couple of weeks ago AMANDA said that CHAD was a very controlling person and that she wanted to get her own apartment. CONLEY said the bruising she saw on KASSIDY was 3 weeks ago and she saw KASSIDY'S face completely bruised. CONLEY said that AMANDA said CHAD did it to KASSIDY, but said KASSIDY was jumping on the trampoline and CHAD grabbed KASSIDY by the face to keep from getting flung off. CONLEY said she later asked another mutual friend, SHANNON GAGNE, about bruises on KASSIDY and SHANNON said AMANDA said that KASSIDY was on CHAD'S hip and CHAD walked around the corner and hit KASSIDY'S head on the wall or door jam.

CONLEY stated that AMANDA asked her if she would take part in a threesome with CHAD, which CONLEY said she declined. CONLEY said that AMANDA took nude photographs of CRYSTAL MARTIN for CHAD. CONLEY said that AMANDA said CHAD had his ex-wife's wedding cake still in his freezer and that CHAD had a bag of bra's in a drawer of women he had slept with. CONLEY said that AMANDA asked her if she could take some nude photographs of her to share with CHAD and CONLEY said she declined. CONLEY stated she has met CHAD and thinks he is stuck on himself. CONLEY said that CHAD always talked a lot about weight lifting. CONLEY said that CHAD was hard on AMANDA about her looks, that she has been taking diet pills to look good for him. CONLEY said her advice to AMANDA was to get out of the relationship and get her own apartment.

CONLEY said that CRYSTAL MARTIN watched KASSIDY quite a bit as well as JENNIFER, AMANDA'S sister and JEFF. CONLEY said that JENNIFER is not aggressive and was always good with KASSIDY. CONLEY said that she did not know JEFF very well. CONLEY said that she lived with AMANDA, KASSIDY and GABE SNYDER when KASSIDY was just born, before AMANDA lived with her mother. CONLEY stated that AMANDA wanted someone to baby-sit for the whole weekend on CHAD'S birthday because CHAD'S parents were coming to stay with them and she did not want them to see the bruises on KASSIDY. CONLEY said she told AMANDA to tell the parents the trampoline story but AMANDA said the parents would think they abused KASSIDY. CONLEY said that her boyfriend, JOHN PERREAULT, saw the burn on top of KASSIDY'S foot along with her.