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On November 21, 2000, I traveled to the following location:

Anchorage Inn  
417 Woodbury Ave  
Portsmouth, NH 03801  
[REDACTED]

On this date, I retrieved the attached "Guest Folio" regarding:

Jeff Marshall  
51 Rogers Road  
Kittery, ME

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\*\* GUEST FOLIO \*\*

ANCHORAGE INN  
417 WOODBURY AVE.  
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801  
(603)-431-8111

DATE PRINTED: 11/21/00  
PRINTED BY: ERIC

FOLIO NUMBER: 159564-A  
ARRIVAL DATE: 11/09/00  
DEPARTURE DATE: 11/10/00

GUEST: JEFFEREY MARSHALL  
51 ROGERS RD  
KITTERY, ME 03904

DATE	ROOM	DEPARTMENT	CHARGES	CREDITS
11/09/00	250	VISA/MC		75.55
11/09/00	250	ROOM RENT AUTO AUDIT	69.95	
11/09/00	250	ROOM TAX -	5.60	
11/10/00	250	LD 603-332-2379 D:115	13.54	
11/10/00	250	VISA/MC		13.54
Total:			89.09	89.09
			BALANCE DUE:	0.00

GUEST SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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On February 5, 2001 at approximately 2023 hours I received a page from Troop A dispatch. It requested me to call:

Merrill, Cory  
[REDACTED]

at the Strafford County Jail as soon as possible. I called the jail and spoke with Merrill.

Merrill asked me if someone was following Chad Evans or Amanda Bortner. I asked him why he wanted to know. He said he was concerned for Bortner's safety. He had been thinking about Bortner since Sergeant White and I had interviewed him. He said Evans had made some comments to him while they were cell mates that made him think Evans may try to harm Bortner. I advised Merrill, Bortner was safe. I asked him what comments Evans had made. Merrill said he wasn't alone where he was calling from and couldn't really talk.

Merrill said he had spoken to Evans a few times since Sergeant White and I interviewed him. Evans told Merrill he was staying at his parents in Keene and wasn't able to get a job. Merrill didn't want to say anymore because there were others in the room with him. I advised him I would come to the jail the following day and speak with him.

On February 6, 2001 at approximately 1300 hours I spoke with Merrill in an interview room at the Strafford County Jail. I asked Merrill why he wanted to talk now and not the first time Sergeant White and I had interviewed him. Merrill said during our first visit he had a lot going on in his own life and with his own case. He didn't feel comfortable talking with the police at that point. Merrill said he had time to think since the first time he had been interviewed. He felt there were things Evans had discussed with him that he had to tell us (the police).

Merrill said the first time Evans really confided in him was approximately a week before Thanksgiving, because he remembered Evans was released on bail the day before Thanksgiving. Merrill remembered Evans talking about how the baby wouldn't stop crying. Merrill couldn't remember Evans' girlfriend's name. But Merrill said Evans told him when the baby wouldn't stop crying they (Evans and his girlfriend) would spank her. After Evans talked to Merrill about how he disciplined Cassidy, Merrill told me Evans beat Cassidy, he didn't spank her.

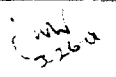

At some point during the first few days Evans was in jail he told Merrill that he walked in on Amanda throwing a baseball at Cassidy. He also told Merrill, he and Amanda were coming back from the babysitters and they dropped the baby on the ground. Merrill said Evans didn't state whether that was on purpose or by accident.

I asked Merrill who was in the cell during these conversations. He said himself, Evans,

Gautreau, Craig E.  
DOB 08/02/1959,

and maybe,

Tuttle, Adam  
DOB 08/24/1979.

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Merrill said Evans talked about suicide a few times while in the cell with him. Merrill and Gautreau both said to Evans, if he didn't do it, why would he kill himself. Evans stated, "Maybe I should just hang it up now." Merrill explained this was jail slang for suicide. Evans told Merrill that he didn't think the police or the prosecutor or whatever have enough evidence on him, but Amanda might try to blame him. This upset Evans and Merrill feared for Amanda's safety.

Merrill said when Evans first came in, the first night, he told Merrill he had picked up the baby in York and said the baby was not responsive when he called her name. It was either the night before she died or that day, Merrill wasn't sure. Evans told Merrill he picked up the baby himself at the babysitters. Evans said he looked over at the baby and she was nodding off. Evans said if he was guilty of anything, it was negligence. Merrill couldn't remember the babysitters name, only that it was a guy. Merrill thought he owned his own company, maybe landscaping.

When Evans got moved into the same cell as Merrill he starting talking about spanking the baby. He also talked about McDonalds. Merrill told Evans he might need a job when he got out. Evans said he'd get Merrill a job and a place to stay if he worked hard.

Merrill asked Evans if he and Amanda would get married. Evans said he was in love with Amanda and really loved Kassidy. That he and Amanda were planning on getting married. Evans said he had a few conversations with Amanda while he was here (in jail). A couple of times he came back to the cell bummed out. One time he told Merrill it was because he couldn't have contact with Amanda anymore.

Merrill stated he use to help his cousin take care of her son so he and Evans kind of got to connecting, talking about true feelings. Evans told Merrill he hated to change diapers. Merrill said changing diapers, feeding, whatever, you do it when you care about the kid. The way Evans was talking, he was like, he don't change diapers, feed, that's the mother's duty. He (Evans) was old-fashioned. Merrill told Evans a baby is not put on this earth, a baby is brought into the world by two people, a mutual thing, the baby should see love between two people and be loved. Merrill said he was starting to get angry with Evans. He said Evans could tell because he was raising his voice. He said Evans got nervous and tried to change the subject, tried to talk about Adam Tuttle.

At some point during this conversation Merrill said Evans brought up a baseball or a softball. Evans said he was walking into the house and saw a baseball go flying across the living room and hit the child (Kassidy). Evans didn't tell Merrill where it hit the child. Merrill assumed Amanda threw it, but Evans didn't say she did. This was the incident Merrill had referred to earlier. Evans had told Merrill that Amanda and Kassiday were home so Merrill assumed Amanda must have been the one to throw the ball.

Merrill said Evans talked about spanking several different times. Evans told Merrill he spanked Kassidy with not only his hand but with his belt as well. Evans told Merrill the baby would wake up crying in the middle of the night. Evans said he'd be totally pissed because he worked seventy to eighty hours and needed the extra sleep, so he'd go in and spank the child.

The last time Evans talked to Amanda on the phone was when he talked about the belt. Merrill said he and Evans got to talking about bringing kids up. Merrill told Evans he didn't believe in spanking, a tap on the butt or hand, or putting them in the corner for a half an hour for a time out, that was it. Evans asked Merrill, you never got to the point where the screaming got so bad and you

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wanted to shut that kid up? Merrill told Evans, he got to that point but you don't take it out on a twenty month old baby. Spanking a child or beating it with a belt won't shut the child up. Merrill told Evans, you need to take them in your arms, rock them, try to calm them down.

Where he works so many hours, Evans told Merrill, he said he came home from work, Merrill thought he said the Rochester store, but he walked in one day and the baby was already crying and Evans said he spanked her.

I asked Merrill what happened when Evans spanked her. Evans told Merrill, he'd continue to spank Kassidy while she screamed and cried. After a while she'd eventually stop crying and would just shake. Evans would only stop spanking Kassidy, when she stopped crying. This would occur at night when Kassidy would wake up crying, or during the day when Kassidy would cry.

I asked Merrill if Evans told him if Kassidy ever lost consciousness after he spanked her. Merrill said no, but he thought Evans said she lost consciousness on the ride home from York that time after he picked her up from the babysitters.

Merrill also said when Evans came back from a call once he told Merrill his parents put up their house and he was putting up \$10,000 cash to get out. If it wasn't his parents money, he would run.

Merrill said he had told me everything he could remember. I cleared the jail a short time later.


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On February 7, 2001 I interviewed:

Gautreau, Craig E.  


at the Rockingham County Jail. I asked Gautreau if he could remember anything Chad Evans had told him while they were cell mates. Gautreau said Evans wanted to kill himself. He remembered Evans was released the day before Thanksgiving. He met Evans when Evans was assigned to his jail cell, cell H1. He said Evans was moved out of the cell because everyone wanted to beat him up. Evans was in Gautreau's cell for about a week.

I again asked Gautreau if Evans had said anything to him. Evans told Gautreau it was negligence on his behalf, they should have brought the baby to the hospital. I asked Gautreau if Evans had said this the first day they were in the cell together. Gautreau replied, yeah, Evans told him he had nothing to do with it. Evans was trying to blame the babysitter.

I asked Gautreau if Evans tried to blame Amanda. Gautreau said yes, but it was like Evans was trying to hide something. But Evans wanted to kill himself. He even asked Gautreau to bang him out. Gautreau explained bang out is jail slang for killing someone.

I asked Gautreau if Evans said why he wanted Gautreau to bang him out. Evans again told Gautreau it was negligence on his part. The baby had fallen out of the truck and he didn't take her to the hospital, Evans told Gautreau.

Gautreau said there was a lot Evans wasn't saying. There was a lot going on in the cell at the time. Evans was in a cell by himself for a while and then they brought him into H1 with Gautreau and Merrill. Evans was very teary eyed. He asked Gautreau for a bible and Gautreau gave him one.

Gautreau said at first Evans blamed the babysitter, and then tried to blame the wife. I asked Gautreau if he meant Evans' ex-wife or the mother of the child. Gautreau said the mother of the child. I asked Gautreau how he blamed her. Gautreau said a few days after Evans moved into the cell he blamed his girlfriend. He couldn't remember what Evans said exactly.

I asked Gautreau if Evans ever told him how he disciplined the child. Gautreau couldn't recall. I asked Gautreau if Evans talked to Merrill a lot. He said Evans did talk to Merrill a lot.

I asked Gautreau if he remembered Evans talking about running after he was bailed if his parents hadn't put up the money. Gautreau said he remembered Evans saying that, as well as telling Gautreau he would probably do life. To Gautreau it was like Evans had guilt written all over him.

I asked Gautreau if Evans ever talked to him about being woken up by Kassidy or about spanking Kassidy. Gautreau said yes, but most of the time Evans tried to blame the mother, but then he'd act guilty and get scared because he thought he'd do life in state prison and guys do get killed up there.

I asked Gautreau to tell me what Evans said when he tried to blame Amanda. Gautreau said Evans told him Amanda would spank Kassidy to discipline her.

I asked Gautreau if Evans ever said he spanked Kassidy. Gautreau said no, it was like he was trying to cover his own tracks and blame her. Evans did tell Gautreau he was under a lot of stress at work before Kassidy died, working a lot of hours.

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I asked Gautreau if he thought Evans killed Kassidy. He said, truthfully yes. I asked Gautreau if Evans knew this. He said yes. Gautreau said Evans was teary eyed all the time and didn't talk about it that much. Every time he spoke to Gautreau, Evans blamed the babysitter or Amanda. Gautreau said he was always trying to cover his tracks and blame others. Evans did tell Gautreau there were times he would just let the baby cry.

I asked Gautreau if Evans told him how he felt when the baby cried. Gautreau said no. Gautreau said Evans was mostly teary eyed and reading the bible when they were in the cell together. When Evans first came in, Gautreau said he looked at him like he was a murderer, he knew something wasn't right. Gautreau said he couldn't really remember anything else.

I cleared the jail at the conclusion of the interview.

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On November 9, 2000, at approximately 1800 hours, an interview was conducted with a friend of Chad Evans. This friend was identified as:

Bruce Aub [REDACTED]

AUBE explained during the interview that he has been a friend to EVANS for approximately eight years. AUBE stated that he often goes to the gym with EVANS, and that the two have a close friendship. AUBE advised that he had seen EVANS in the presence of the baby on at least three occasions. I asked AUBE about the location of the bruises that he observed on the baby's face. AUBE advised that the bruises were located on the baby's forehead and the area of her cheeks.

At times during the interview with AUBE, he appeared to be reluctant to offer all of the information that he possessed about the baby and EVAN'S. Often times, AUBE would answer a question offering little if any pertinent information, however AUBE would give more relative information after re-questioning him on certain topics. AUBE did advise that the first time that he had observed the baby, the baby did have bruising. AUBE stated that this encounter was approximately three to four weeks ago. AUBE stated that the baby was in the presence of EVAN" when this encounter took place. AUBE stated that when he first observed the baby, he was curious about what had happened to her. AUBE advised that he was unsure whether or not he asked EVAN'S what had happened to the baby (Regarding the obvious bruises), or if his wife had stated something. AUBE advised that at one point Amanda advised him that the baby had fallen down the stairs. AUBE stated during the interview however that he did not believe that the baby's injuries were consistent with a fall down the stairs.

During a follow-up interview with AUBE, LINSKOTT and I learned that Amanda and Chad were living with AUBE and his parents. AUBE explained that he has not heard any details involving the death, because he told Chad and Amanda not to speak to him about it. AUBE did advise that there was a note at his residence that was written to him by Amanda. In this note, Amanda makes reference to the fact that Chad had picked Cassidy up by the face on a previous occasion. I asked AUBE if he would be willing to produce this note for me. AUBE agreed to this, and I subsequently followed him to The Rochester Police Department. I waited at the police department while AUBE went to his residence to retrieve the note. I had further discussed with AUBE the possibility of wearing a body wire while residing at the house with Amanda and Chad. AUBE stated that he would have to think about it, and we were to discuss that topic when he returned to the police department to meet me.

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AUBE returned to meet me at the police department a short time after traveling to his house. When AUBE returned, he was visibly upset. He stated that Chad had taken the note and given it to his attorney. AUBE also stated that he told Chad and Amanda to leave the residence. As I stood in the parking lot speaking with AUBE, I saw a vehicle circle the police parking lot. AUBE identified a male and a female subject inside the vehicle to be Amanda and Chad. At one point while standing in front of AUBE in the parking lot, he began to cry. He also threw his vehicle keys forcibly to the ground. AUBE identified that he was upset because he had asked Amanda and Chad to move out.

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On December 15, 2000, I observed an interview at The Strafford County Attorney's Office. This interview was conducted by:

Nancy Harris

I watched via video telecast as HARRIS interviewed:

Brent Richards

RICHARDS was extremely hyperactive during the interview, and no new information was gained.

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On 11-16-2000, a search warrant was served in the Town of Rochester, New Hampshire regarding a homicide investigation. The New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit along with members of the Rochester, New Hampshire Police Department and the Maine State Police entered the residence of a one:

Chad Evans  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
191 Milton Road  
Rochester, New Hampshire

Evans was arrested and charged with manslaughter in the death of:

Kassidy Bortner  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 2-04-1999  
191 Milton Road  
Rochester, New Hampshire

Upon securing the residence a systematic crime scene processing began to include all sections of the residence. Shortly after the search commenced I was notified that:

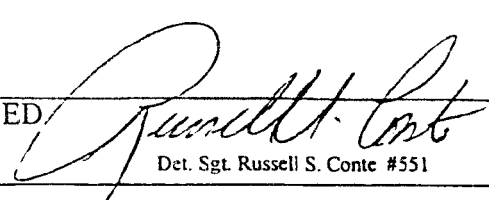
Detective W. Carey Carlberg  
Rochester Police Department

Had located firearm ammunition in the basement of the residence. I responded to the basement and observed a wooden case of live firearm ammunition in an area adjacent to a sun tanning bed. I was advised that Evans was currently under the supervision of the New Hampshire Department of Probation and Parole. Based on my past experience, knowing that the possession of such items could be a violation of the rules of his supervision I contacted:

New Hampshire  
Probation and Parole Officer  
Kevin Callaghan

I advised Callaghan of the circumstances of our contact with Evans and the execution of the court authorized search warrant that followed. I further advised Callaghan of the live ammunition located during the search and its position in the residence. Callaghan advised me that the possession of such items would constitute a violation of the rules of supervision for Evans. Callaghan advised me to leave the item in place and that he would later respond to the residence to secure it.

End of report.

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