

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

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

**NAME:** HEATHER L. HAMILTON      DOB [REDACTED]

**ADDRESS:** 64B Main Street, Eliot, ME 03903

**TELEPHONE:** [REDACTED]

**EMPLOYMENT:** Perfumania, 345 Route 1, Kittery, ME 03904 (Manager)

**OFFICER:** Det. Jeffrey A. Linscott <sup>SAL</sup>      I.D. #: 2930

**DATE:** 11/21/00      **TIME START:** 1435 Hrs.      **TIME END:** 1540 Hrs.

**PLACE OF INTERVIEW:** Conference Room, Kittery Police Department

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HEATHER HAMILTON stated that JENNIFER CONLEY has been employed by the store since August 2000. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, JENNIFER worked 1PM-9PM and HAMILTON worked 7AM-4PM. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, JENNIFER was scheduled to work 9AM-2:30PM and HAMILTON worked 1PM-9PM. HAMILTON said that JENNIFER has been talked to about AMANDA staying too long during her visits. HAMILTON said that during the same week as KASSIDY'S death, AMANDA came to the store at 3PM and her shift did not start at Old Navy until 5PM. HAMILTON stated she has gotten other complaints from employees about the length of AMANDA'S visits and of AMANDA being behind the counter when store policy states that friends or relatives of employees are not allowed behind the counter.

HAMILTON stated she did not speak much with AMANDA because she thought AMANDA was "snobby". HAMILTON stated that CHAD came into the store once and asked to speak with JENNIFER. HAMILTON stated she initially thought he was JENNIFER'S boyfriend, but while HAMILTON was on the telephone nearby, she heard CHAD ask JENNIFER if JENNIFER would ask HAMILTON out for CHAD.

HAMILTON stated that in approximately September, a couple of weeks after CHAD had come into the store, AMANDA came into the store with KASSIDY and

HAMILTON saw bruises on KASSIDY'S face. HAMILTON said she thought the bruises were dirt initially. HAMILTON said she asked AMANDA about the bruises on KASSIDY'S face and AMANDA "laughed it off" and said KASSIDY fell off the trampoline and CHAD caught her by the face. HAMILTON said the bruises looked like a big hand print on KASSIDY'S face and AMANDA'S story did not sound plausible. HAMILTON said AMANDA'S laugh and giggle annoyed her. HAMILTON said that when AMANDA left the store that day, JENNIFER said, "CHAD wasn't a nice guy". HAMILTON said that according to the rules, an employee is authorized a ½ hour break if their shift is over 5 hours. HAMILTON also said that friends and relatives of employees are not allowed to use the store telephone and that there is an access code for long distance calls.

HAMILTON said that on the day of KASSIDY'S death, JENNIFER received a telephone call at work from JEFF about KASSIDY. HAMILTON said that JENNIFER said that JEFF said that KASSIDY'S eyes were rolling back in her head and he was inquiring about taking the baby to the hospital. HAMILTON said that JENNIFER said the baby arrived this morning and had been lying on the bed eating cocoa puffs. HAMILTON stated that JENNIFER held her fingers up as quotation marks and stated "supposedly KASSIDY got hit on the head with a baseball". HAMILTON said that JENNIFER said she thought CHAD caused all the injuries to KASSIDY, including the baseball bruises. HAMILTON stated that JENNIFER told her that she witnessed CHAD put KASSIDY'S head under a water faucet to quiet her down. HAMILTON said that JENNIFER said that JEFF lay KASSIDY on the bed the morning of her death because she looked tired.

HAMILTON stated that she herself has babysat before and she knows that kids don't bruise usually on the face – kids usually have skinned knees and elbows. HAMILTON stated that JENNIFER told her after KASSIDY'S death about CHAD hitting AMANDA. HAMILTON stated she never saw any bruises on AMANDA. HAMILTON stated another store employee had also seen the bruises on KASSIDY – CRYSTAL GRIMES, [REDACTED] who is out of work on maternity leave.