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2089

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On August 14, 2001 an interview was conducted of,

Vanessa Mansson DOB: [REDACTED]
29 Sparrow Lane
Tanglewood Mobile Home Park
Keene, NH
Tel. # [REDACTED]

The interview was conducted by,

Sgt. James White
Major Crime Unit

I assisted Sgt. White with the interview by taking notes and asking follow up questions. The interview was conducted in the conference room of the CHESHIRE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE in Keene. Ms. Mansson is employed by the Cheshire County Attorney's Office. The purpose of the interview was to determine if CHAD EVANS and AMANDA BORTNER had been together since Mr. Evans arrest and subsequent release on bail. The following is a recounting of the interview with Vanessa Mansson.

Ms. Mansson was asked how Chad Evans contacted her after his arrest for the death of Amanda's daughter, KASSIDY BORTNER. Ms. Mansson said that Chad called her the first part of December 2000 and Amanda contacted her closer to Christmas. She went on to say that Chad stopped by her apartment in Keene to see her. They slept together and Chad said to Ms. Mansson, "I can't believe my life has turned into this mess." Ms. Mansson told us that she told Chad he could stay with her and she gave him a key. She advised that the weekend after this he moved in. He would watch Ms. Mansson's children and she said, "He's watched my kids before and I had no reason to distrust him, he's like a brother to me." Ms. Mansson told us that Chad stayed at her apartment several nights with her having full use of the apartment including the telephone. Ms. Mansson said that Chad would help her pay for groceries and help with the telephone bill. Ms. Mansson said that Amanda moved in with her just before Christmas, "I remember her being there the night we decorated the Christmas tree," said Ms. Mansson. "Amanda would come and go, she's a friend but a bit too irresponsible for me, she forgot to pick up my kids a couple of times. She's not

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allowed to watch my kids alone. Amanda has a friend named Mary who comes down from Maine. I let the two of them take my kids."

Ms. Mansson advised that Amanda would use one of Chad's friend's car. She further advised that the friend was named JEREMY and that Chad knew him through working at McDonald's at the coast. Ms. Mansson said that she met Jeremy at Chad's wedding and also at Chad's parent's house.

Ms. Mansson told us that she has worked at the Cheshire County Attorney's Office since January of 2001 and prior to this worked for the Millard Group. She went on to say that she has a daughter, six years old and a son, eight years old. Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson, "What did the kids tell you about Chad and Amanda?" Ms. Mansson replied, "They've said things like, "We want to see Chad and Amanda." Ms. Mansson said she would say, "What do you mean-together?" "No separate." She said the kids would tell her. Sgt. White then asked Ms. Mansson. "Is it possible that Chad and Amanda were together?" Ms. Mansson answered, "I want to say it's possible, but it's none of my business. When Chad stays, it's not like having a house guest, it's like having a family member in the house." Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson when was the last time she saw Amanda. Ms. Mansson told us that she hasn't seen Amanda for at least a couple of months. She said, "I'd be devastated if I lost a child, it wasn't there for her. She didn't have the same feelings for a mother who just lost a child."

Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson when was the last time she saw Chad and Amanda together. She replied, "I saw them at the beginning of August 2000. They seemed really happy. Chad was devastated by his divorce. I said to him, "She seems kinda young!" Chad said, "She's twenty." I said, "She's younger than 20!" Ms. Mansson said that she saw Chad, Amanda and Kassidy together once.

Ms. Mansson told us that Chad attempted to date her in high school. We were like brother and sister. He tried to date her either sophomore or junior year, after he had broken up with BARBARA. She went on to say that Barbara was one of his long time girlfriends. She wasn't sure of Barbara's last name but said, "Barbara Brooks maybe."

Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson, "Have you and Chad ever discussed the case?" She said the following, "The night he got out of jail, he said no when I asked him if he hit that child. I never asked Amanda about it. I said to her at one point, "Are you okay?, you're kinda out there. You don't seem to be reacting. Does it bother you to see my daughter?" Ms. Mansson said that Amanda replied, "No." Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson when the last time she talked to Amanda was. She answered, "Last time I talked to her was when she called me to go dancing about two weeks ago. She said that she was staying with Mary in Maine. Early Spring I went home for lunch, Amanda seemed agitated. I asked her if she was okay. She said, "Yes, she was talking with someone from the state."

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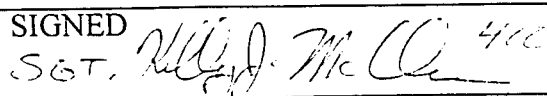
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I don't know where Amanda is now. I expect she'll be contacting me soon. I believe Chad is staying at his parent's house. He called me on Saturday night." (August 11, 2001) Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson if Amanda went over to Chad's parent's house. She replied, "Not that I know." Sgt. White then asked, "Where did Amanda stay when she was not with you?" Ms. Mansson said, "She went to Texas. I dropped her off twice, January and March, at the airport. She also said she went back to Maine to hang out with high school friends. She stayed at Jeremy's. She stayed with friends in Newport and Claremont, a girl named Michelle. I dropped Amanda off at Michelle's house, it's a white house, go past McDonald's."

Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson what she and Amanda talked about when they went dancing. She said, "We talked about kids, the guy I'm seeing. She's flirtatious with other guys." "What does she say about Chad?" asked Sgt. White. "The only thing that she's said was he wouldn't do something like that." Said Ms. Mansson. Ms. Mansson said she did ask Amanda, "When this is all over and done with, do you plan to be with Chad?" Ms. Mansson told us that Amanda said, "I'm young." Ms. Mansson spoke further saying, "I just found out recently that she was nineteen and I warned Chad to be careful. She knows that when she's at my house I'm not going to talk about the case or judge her. I asked Amanda, "Doesn't your mom want you close by?" Amanda said, "No they're mad at me for what happened to KASSIDY." Ms. Mansson then said, "Had Cassidy not lived with Chad I think she'd still be dead. I've seen her explode one time because my son wet her bed. It wasn't her place or concern to say anything about my son!"

Ms. Mansson told us that she moved to the mobile home park the last weekend in May, Memorial Day weekend. I asked Ms. Mansson that earlier she had said if it's all right for them to be together. I asked her what she meant by that. She answered, "Well I read somewhere that they couldn't be together either the Keene Sentinel or online. I think it's unfair."

Sgt. White and I began explaining to Ms. Mansson that we believed that she knew that Chad and Amanda were together after his arrest. We talked about some of the inconsistencies in her relating of the facts. We also told her that she knows what the truth is and that it is her decision alone to decide to tell the truth. We talked in this fashion for several minutes. Ms. Mansson got teary eyed and asked us what the consequences would be if she told the truth. We explained to her that the consequences for not telling the truth certainly outweighed the consequences of doing the right thing and being truthful. After several more minutes of talk and tears, Ms. Mansson said at 1355 hours, "He's stayed at my house with Amanda several times and I knew it. He came over and said he had talked to her on the phone and how much he missed her. That's when I made the offer to Amanda. That's when it started. She's not all there. She'd go off on him for no reason. He hates smoking. She would start yelling and hollering about him not buying her cigarettes. He would walk away from her if she got physical with him. He would say, "I'll go live my parents." I'd say, "I don't know how you do it." In follow up questioning, Ms. Mansson told us that Chad called her and asked if Amanda could stay with him at her residence as well. She further advised that this was sometime around Christmas 2000.

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Ms. Mansson went on to say that she told Chad that he and Amanda staying at her residence was creating too much turmoil.

Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson if Chad would go with them when she and Amanda went dancing. Ms. Mansson said, "No." She did tell us that one time they went to Michelle's together. Ms. Mansson also told us that one time she believes they were at JEREMY HINTON'S together. Sgt. White asked Ms. Mansson if she knew where Amanda was. Ms. Mansson said she didn't know where she was but still receives mail at Ms. Mansson's house. Amanda recently got some mail from the state. She said eventually she will just show up and pick it up. Ms. Mansson said her new boyfriend, LANCE, saw Amanda working at the PIZZA HUT restaurant in Brattleboro. Ms. Mansson said Amanda never worked when she and Chad lived with her, she figured Chad was giving Amanda money.

Sgt. White served a **GRAND JURY SUBPOENA** on Ms. Mansson advising her that it ordered her to appear before the **STRAFFORD COUNTY GRAND JURY** at 9AM on August 17, 2001.

INTERVIEW CONCLUDED AT 1420 HOURS.

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