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On Friday, August 17, 2001, at about 2230 hours, I interviewed,

CATHERINE E. NUERNBERG

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in my cruiser. The purpose of the interview was to determine what information NUERNBERG might possess about the relationship between CHAD EVANS and AMANDA BORTNER. The interview was conducted in my cruiser as I drove NUERNBERG from the Manchester Airport to the Days Inn motel, in Dover, NH. The interview was continued on Monday, August 20, 2001, at the Strafford County Superior Court.

NUERNBERG told me that she and BORTNER became friends when they both lived in Sanford, ME. BORTNER told NUERNBERG that she was set up with EVANS through her sister, JEN CONLEY, and JEN'S boyfriend, JEFF MARSHALL. BORTNER told NUERNBERG that EVANS was going through a divorce. NUERNBERG told me that she told BORTNER to be careful and thought that just the fact EVANS was going through a divorce should have served as a warning sign to BORTNER. NUERNBERG told me that after EVANS and BORTNER dated two or three times, he told BORTNER he had something to tell her. EVANS then related the fact that he had been convicted of beating his ex-wife, TRISTAN. NUERNBERG told me she had met TRISTAN once at EVANS' house when they played a game and she was also aware that EVANS was on probation for assaulting TRISTAN.

I asked NUERNBERG if she was aware of any problems, physical or otherwise, between EVANS and BORTNER. NUERNBERG told me that one time she accompanied BORTNER to EVANS' house so BORTNER could retrieve something. NUERNBERG explained that she, BORTNER, and some other friends were going out for the evening, dancing. BORTNER was in another part of the home with EVANS and then came back and told NUERNBERG that EVANS had just "headbutted" her. NUERNBERG said she didn't notice any marks and BORTNER didn't seem to be hurt. NUERNBERG was not positive about when this occurred but believed it was sometime around August 2000. NUERNBERG told me that EVANS and BORTNER fought often, yelling and stuff, but NUERNBERG never saw anything physical, nor did BORTNER describe any physical assaults to her, other than the headbutt. NUERNBERG said she wouldn't be surprised to learn that there were physical assaults, she said BORTNER knew how to push buttons and probably fought back. NUERNBERG said that BORTNER was not generally a submissive woman. NUERNBERG told me that EVANS came on to her and wanted to have a threesome with she and BORTNER. BORTNER told NUERNBERG that she was willing but knew NUERNBERG wouldn't be. BORTNER also told NUERNBERG that TRISTAN EVANS and EVANS also had threesomes and TRISTAN would recruit others to join in. NUERNBERG recalled EVANS telling her words to the effect of "Cathy any time you want to get naked, go ahead." NUERNBERG said she wasn't

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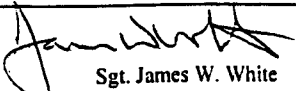
interested in EVANS and she thought he was disgusting. NUERNBERG said she went out socially with EVANS and BORTNER about a half dozen times.

I asked NUERNBERG to characterize the relationship between BORTNER and EVANS. NUERNBERG told me that generally BORTNER controlled the relationships she was involved in but it was just the opposite with she and EVANS, he controlled the relationship. I asked NUERNBERG to explain. She told me that BORTNER was always on eggshells, afraid that she'd be late getting home and make EVANS angry. EVANS didn't like BORTNER to go out "clubbing" so she would lie to him about that. NUERNBERG told me that historically BORTNER did not do anything she did not want to but it was different with EVANS. NUERNBERG told me that BORTNER couldn't cook but she tried to for EVANS, she was always cleaning the house, and she had to check in frequently. NUERNBERG also remembers BORTNER talking about getting breast implants and saying that EVANS would pay for them. NUERNBERG said that her general sense was that BORTNER feared making EVANS angry and did what she could to avoid that.

I asked NUERNBERG about EVANS relationship with KASSIDY. NUERNBERG described several observations. She related that she was at EVANS' house for a get together. KASSIDY wanted to be held by BORTNER. BORTNER was in the kitchen, cooking, and couldn't hold KASSIDY, who became fussy. EVANS grabbed KASSIDY by the shoulder, shook her, and told her she was acting like a brat. NUERNBERG said it made her uneasy. She also told me that to the best of her recollection, MARSHALL and CONLEY were there also.

NUERNBERG said EVANS was a good father to his son, KYLE. She said KYLE always seemed to be good but she didn't know if it was because he was just well behaved or that he was afraid of EVANS and complied out of fear. NUERNBERG said that KASSIDY was a different story. NUERNBERG said that EVANS seemed to be jealous of KASSIDY, like he resented her for the time she required of BORTNER. NUERNBERG said she didn't know if it was just that he didn't like women or if it was because she wasn't his child. NUERNBERG said KASSIDY was independent and didn't comply with what EVANS expected for behavior, which really frustrated EVANS. NUERNBERG said that KASSIDY was somewhat spoiled. She explained that BORTNER was not one to use physical discipline, she would raise her voice and that was about all. NUERNBERG said BORTNER may have spanked KASSIDY but not that she recalls. NUERNBERG said BORTNER didn't like KASSIDY to cry because it made her feel like she was a bad mother.

NUERNBERG related a time she went to EVANS' house to meet BORTNER, and KASSIDY's face was badly bruised and there was what appeared to be a burn on the top of one of her feet. NUERNBERG said she believes it was sometime in September 2000 because she remembers it being close in proximity to the time she returned to San Antonio, TX. NUERNBERG said that she, BORTNER, and KASSIDY left the house, because during that time, TRISTAN didn't want BORTNER there when KYLE was visiting EVANS. NUERNBERG told me that when they left, she confronted BORTNER about the bruises and burn. NUERNBERG said there was a bruise above

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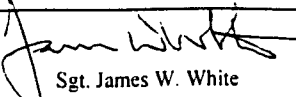
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KASSIDY'S eyebrows. BORTNER explained that EVANS had KASSIDY on his shoulders, was coming down the stairs, and banged her head on the edge of the floor overhang for the stair opening. NUERNBERG also described "grab marks" around KASSIDY'S mouth. NUERNBERG said it was clear to her that it was a grab mark because she could make out the thumb and finger marks. NUERNBERG said she grilled BORTNER for the cause of the grab marks but BORTNER refused to offer an explanation. NUERNBERG also described what appeared to be a burn mark on top of one of KASSIDY'S feet. BORTNER explained that a hair curling iron had landed on KASSIDY'S foot when she was at one of BORTNER'S friend's in Maine. NUERNBERG also said that BORTNER would often say that KASSIDY had fallen off the trampoline. NUERNBERG said she felt it was possible that maybe KASSIDY had fallen off once but certainly not as many times as BORTNER said it happened, particularly because the trampoline was taller than KASSIDY and someone would have had to put her up on it.

NUERNBERG confirmed that BORTNER spent time with her in San Antonio, TX. NUERNBERG said she suspected there was contact between EVANS and BORTNER, based on her cell phone bills and BORTNER telling her that on one trip back to New Hampshire, she had talked to EVANS in a car. NUERNBERG said that BORTNER made at least two trips back to New Hampshire, one in December and one or two others after the first of the year. NUERNBERG said that on BORTNER'S last trip back to Texas, she did not stay with NUERNBERG. NUERNBERG said BORTNER only stayed in Texas for a week or so on that trip. I asked NUERNBERG what BORTNER did for money. NUERNBERG told me that she had some money when she came to Texas, she also sold her car to a "Michelle" in New Hampshire, she got a sizable income tax refund, and she had worked for a short period while in Texas. NUERNBERG said she gave BORTNER money on occasion, and gave her rides or allowed her to use her car. NUERNBERG said that BORTNER told her if she needed money that EVANS would give her some but NUERNBERG did not personally know of any time that she did receive money from him. I asked NUERNBERG if BORTNER ever received any letters from EVANS. NUERNBERG told me that EVANS did write letters to BORTNER but didn't send them to Texas. Instead, BORTNER got them from her friend, MICHELLE, when she returned to New Hampshire. NUERNBERG new about the letters because BORTNER read some of them to NUERNBERG. I asked NUERNBERG if BORTNER dated while she was in Texas. NUERNBERG said that BORTNER was a flirt but she didn't date or have any relationships that NUERNBERG is aware of.

NUERNBERG told me that BORTNER had told her that MARSHALL had spanked KASSIDY once and caused redness to her bottom. BORTNER also said that MARSHALL wasn't the best at keeping KASSIDY fed. BORTNER also said she gave MARSHALL and CONLEY food stamps as payment for babysitting. NUERNBERG said it was clear that even though BORTNER wasn't fond of MARSHALL, she never blamed him for KASSIDY'S death.

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