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On Friday, November 09, 2001, at about 1655 hours, myself and

Detective JEFF LINSOTT  
Maine State Police

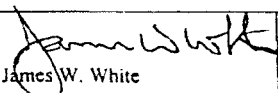
interviewed,

MELISSA CHICK [REDACTED]  
55 Pleasant Street  
Springvale, ME  
[REDACTED]

at her residence.

The purpose of the interview was to determine what information CHICK had about AMANDA and KASSIDY BORTNER, and CHAD EVANS. The interview was audiotaped. See attached transcript, incorporated herein, for details.

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INTERVIEW OF MELISSA CHICK

JW: It's Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. It's about 1655 hours. I'm Sergeant James White, New Hampshire State Police, Major Crime Unit. Also present is Detective Jeff Linscott from the Maine State Police. And Melissa Chick. Ah, Melissa lives at, ah, 55 Pleasant Street in Springvale. And Melissa, what's your date of birth?

MC: [REDACTED]

JW: Melissa, we're here today to, ah, talk about your relationship with Amanda Bortner and, ah, to ask you to provide whatever information you can about, ah, Kassidy and, how, how well you knew her and anything you can tell us about the relationship between Chad and Amanda and, and Chad and Kassidy.

MC: Hm, hm.

JW: Do we have your permission to tape record this conversation?

MC: Yup.

JW: Okay. Can you, ah, tell me, ah, when you met Amanda?

MC: Um, I met her in about seventh, about seventh or eighth grade. I can't remember which grade it was but it was about seventh or eighth grade.

JW: And where was that?

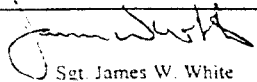
MC: Ss. in Springvale here.

JW: Okay. And you've, have you been friends since that time?

MC: Yes we have we separated as being friends when I quit school in ninth grade. And then she had be, I found out after me quitting school in ninth grade that she had became pregnant and then I just kinda drew away from her.

JW: Okay. Was there a, a point in time when you guys kind of reconnected?

MC: Yup that was, um, January of, um, last year. I, had found out, I, me and my boyfriend were breaking up and, um, I didn't really have anybody to go to so I, my initiative thought was go to my best friend that I had had of years. And I would go over her house often before that anyways but never really, she was never home or she was out

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with different people. But I had gone to her parents house where she'd lived at the time and, I told her about everything that I was going through and I had, I was going through cervical cancer and stuff like that, at the same time so, I went to her. And I met her little baby at the same time. She was really little. Just, just starting to walk around.

JW: Okay, and, ah, when was this you said about a year, ah, January of.

MC: Yeah. January of last year.

JW: Of two thousand?

MC: Yup.

JW: Okay. And, ah, what was her baby's name?

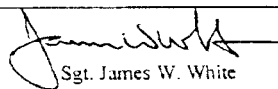
MC: Kassidy Bortner.

JW: Okay. Um. Can you tell me how much contact you had with Amanda and Kassidy? Since that January of 2000 time?

MC: Ah, in the beginning of January we started being, we'd, we'd kinda went slowly with the friendship cuz we just hadn't had any contact for so long. I saw her probably four times that month. And then, after that we started becoming more, better friends cuz her parents were moving up in, um, Auburn. And she had, had a new boyfriend at the time named Seth. And she would stay down with his, stay, stay here in Springvale with him ev, you know every weekend or during the week and I would see her probably twice a week, after that, so, after that month of January. And, after that, we just became closer and then I had found out in March that I had to go to surgery for my cervical cancer and then after I had have my ss, um, my surgery, they'd come over probably three times a week her and Kassidy both. And they had, they, she knew that she could just walk into my apartment so she, her and Kassidy would just walk into my apartment and come see me at anytime cuz me and my boyfriend were broken up and. She just knew that she could come in at anytime she wanted, her and Kassidy had run of my house whenever they needed to.

JW: Okay. Can you, ah, tell me a little bit about Kassidy, what she was like as a child?

MC: Oh when I had first met her in January, she was just a little spunky thing, she just, she was just like a whole, she was oh what almost one she was almost one years old or maybe one. And, um, she just was fully a toddler and she just loved being one, you could tell she was just a little brat. (Laughs) Brat so you'd, you know the toddlers

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are usually brats. And she'd just get into everything and. She was just a typical little baby, that would just get into everything and she just seemed fine to me, then. Why I remember when I had came back and I told my sister that it's like oh my gosh that child she just gets into everything she's a little hellion. (Laughs)

JW: Hm.

MC: But that soon changed after she stopped going out with this guy Seth and then she met this guy Chad, probably a month and a half into the relationship it started to change. I don't know which month that she had met Chad but, it wasn't that long, she was going out with him for five months after, I mean for about five or six months before Kass, before Kassidy had died so.

JW: Okay, so you said in starting in March.

MC: Hm, hm.

JW: You really started seeing Kassidy and Amanda more frequently.

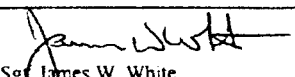
MC: Yeah.

JW: Um, how long. Any sense of when it was that she started dating, Chad, after that March timeframe?

MC: I don't know, I, I just know that they were going out for about five or six months before Kassidy had died so that was, (inaudible).

JW: Okay. How was Amanda with Kassidy?

MC: Well, I do know that she gave up Kassidy when she was, um, born, for a while to her parents. Because, um, she just wasn't ready for it, she was young, she was fifteen, maybe, I think fifteen almost sixteen. She was really young she was in that party stage she was partying a lot that's why I wasn't, I was never really a big partier so I just kinda drew away from her and. Then she finally grew out of it and I think that when she started coming around in January, when I start, went around in January, she, um, had stated to me that she wanted to changed, she wanted to get Kassidy, eh, you know apartment in, and live with Kassidy not with her parents with Kassidy. She seemed like she wanted to do a better job with her baby cuz she hadn't been doing her job for a while, with her baby, she had her parents had it. Had her. And, um. Well. as she was, as we were being friends she just seemed kinda put out with her a lot. Like she would just get frustrated with her. I never seen her hit her, never anything

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like that. But, um, she'd just get frustrated and be just like oh Kassidy, why can't you let me put your sneakers on.

JW: Okay. Did, ah, and, and was that pretty much just the way she just exasperated more than anything you're telling me?

MC: Yeah, yeah.

JW: Ah, was there, did you ever observe any discipline at all?

MC: No, she, um, would just get frustrated with her. Just get frustrated with her, I, I, remember one time when we were over at Chad's house she was getting frustrated with her because, um, she, she couldn't put her sneakers on, and she would just get frustrated about it and she's like oh she says Missy you don't understand having a child is just a lot of work and. She'd just get frustrated a lot.

JW: Okay. Um, you mentioned that, ah, Kassidy was pretty outgoing and rambunctious. ah.

MC: Hm, hm.

JW: And I understand you work in childcare.

MC: Yup.

JW: Um, what, what ages are the kids that you watch now?

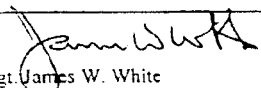
MC: Anywheres from three to six years old. That's, that's the youngest they can be there is three years old so.

JW: Okay.

MC: From three to six. Mostly five year olds I work with but I've, I did have the first year that out, I mean the first six months that I was there, I was working with the, the, um. preschoolers a lot so. But I was only there for two months when I, when I had known Amanda.

JW: Okay.

MC: Until she went to Texas.

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JW: Um. Have you ever, ah, what do you kind of base your opinion on that Kassidy was normal, I mean, outgoing, ah, rambunctious I mean was that just life experience or?

MC: I think that she was, she was normal be, before she had met Chad, she was very normal from what I experienced with children. I, I work with, I'd worked with 'em for two months and you learn a lot by working with a lot of children. And, she seemed very normal. I didn't think that she was a brat but you know that was, the, that was just the way, that's just the way kids are. And she was one of them.

JW: You keep, you said a couple of times that that changed when Chad came into the picture, can you describe what you're talking about?

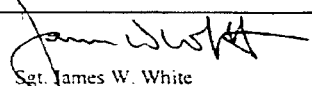
MC: She, you, you couldn't speak to her without her looking right straight at you, right up in your face like, what are you saying I can't believe somebody's talking to me. She just was always in a awe by everything you said or did. And she, she was just, she acted scared all the time. All the time, and she didn't, when my boyfriend would come in the house, she'd get really scared, she wouldn't be in the same room with him. She'd just look at me and she'd start crying and ss, she'd run toward me and, she wouldn't let me go to the bathroom by myself. She would, just did not wanna be in the room with a male. And that was the first time my boyfriend had ever seen the little girl so I, didn't think that he had raised his voice or anything like that at her, anything to do with that because he was very soft spoken to her and I was just like wow she just don't like males, it wasn't a deep voice thing or anything. But.

JW: Anything else you can think of, ah, about her behavior after, um, Amanda started dating Chad?

MC: Very clingy, she'd, she'd, she just clung onto women, hm, a lot, she just didn't like males I don't think.

JW: Did you, ah, ever ask Amanda about that behavior?

MC: No I didn't, I didn't ask her about it. I don't think, I don't really remember, if I had asked her, I was just more concerned about the bruises on her face. I just asked her you know where's she getting them. And if she was sick, take her the doctor's, maybe she's anemic, or leukemia or bone marrow cancer or something you know. Being young she was very petite too so I was thinking maybe she does fall down a lot or. But my initiative thought when I, when I had seen the bruises on her face is that I wanted to take a picture of her. And to be sure. and if something had ev, had ever happened, I wanted to have the picture you know. To, to ss, I remember the day that she slept over my how, the night she slept over my house that I was looking for my camera because that was, toward the end that I had seen her. I was looking for my

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camera just to take a picture of her because I knew there was something going on I just didn't know. There was always an excuse for everything.

JW: Can you, ah, describe the bruises?

MC: Oh, they were all over her face. Like the bruises that were from before they just didn't heal very quickly. That's why I thought she was maybe anemic because they just would stay there. She'd had bruises all over her face on her nose, across her, one looked like something she had got hit with something and Amanda said that she got hit by, um, the, a baseball bat, a plastic baseball bat. From the ear to, um, her chin.

JW: Okay.

MC: She just had bruises all over her face and then. Her, some, some of 'em were on her body and arms, and on her legs. I never had seen the ones on her like mid area until I had given her a bath.

JW: Okay, can you describe those?

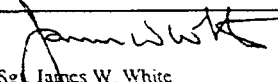
MC: Ah, some of 'em were on her stomach area, on her bottom. They weren't really big but they were probably for about that child's size they, they were a half dollar size. Um. I don't know, um, her knees and stuff like that those were pretty good sizes like she had fallen down or something I, I, didn't know if that was from falling down or bumping her or. But, um, she was, she was always very clumsy. But that was be, I thought because she was still learning to walk and stuff. So.

JW: Okay. Did, ah, you ever ask Amanda about the bruises?

MC: Yeah at that time I had asked her I said look, hm, there's really, you need to take her to the doctor's I said because there's something wrong with her, I said if there's nothing going on with you and Chad or, I said you need to take her to the doctor's there's something wrong with her. And she's like I know she's, I just want, I wish that they'd go away she says because I don't want someone thinking that I abuse my child.

JW: Did she ever give you, ah, any other explanations as to how the bruises got there?

MC: No she just would always make an excuse, the same excuses the kids, the, um, the trampoline, the swings. Stairs, they had stairs in their, their, um, his house. And that she'd fallen down a couple stairs or, and they're, they were carpeted stairs I don't know how she'd get that many bruises just from carpeted stairs. Really thick carpet too.

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JW: Did, ah, you, you mentioned the trampoline, what did Amanda tell you about that?

MC: Um, she told me that Chad was, playing with her on the trampoline and that she was ready to fall off the trampoline as Chad was on here, there with her. He was sitting Indian style on the trampoline and was she kinda bouncing around and she was getting ready to fall off and he had grabbed her to catch her by her face and she ended up falling anyways. And she had, she had had the mark like handprint marks on her face because of that so I had said to her, when I had questioned her about it she, I said that looks like a handprint on her face and she said that it was where Chad had grabbed her by the face while she was falling off the trampoline.

JW: Um, do you know about when that was, do you remember in, in terms of maybe of how long before Kassidy's death?

MC: Probably four weeks before the, um, before Halloween, four weeks before Halloween before she had spent the night at my house.

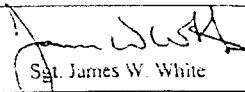
JW: Okay. Ah, when did she spend the night with you?

MC: Um. Three weeks before Halloween. She had spent the night with me. No it was four weeks before Halloween that was the same time she had told me about the brew. I, I had asked her about the bruises on her face. Yup, and. Yeah, she, she had told me about that through, four weeks before Halloween cuz we were suppose to go out Halloween night and that was the last time I had, I had ever talked Amanda until after Kassidy's death. So it was about four aft. before Halloween that she had stayed over my house.

JW: Did, ah, just Kassidy stay or did Amanda and Kassidy stay?

MC: Kassidy and Amanda would stay sometimes. She had stayed one time, Amanda her and Kassidy had stayed one time together, well more than once they had stayed together but one time in particular I remember she said that Chad's parents were coming over from wherever they lived, and they were having dinner over there and she didn't want Chad's parents to see, Kassidy because she had so many bruises on her face. They didn't want them to think that somebody was hitting her or, or abusing her. So she stayed over my house that night. And that's when I started getting a little suspici..., suspicious about the whole thing, that was three weeks before Halloween. That was in the whole timeframe of, um, I had went over her house, that's when she started telling me more and more about how he was kind of abusive to her.

JW: Who?

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MC: And Amand, to Amanda not to a kid, to Kassidy.

JW: Who was abusive?

MC: That Chad was abusive to Amanda. He apparently had grabbed, I had asked Amanda, we had gone over a woman named Tracy's house which lives around the corner from me. Cuz Amanda would stop by my work and I worked with childcare with Tracy's daughter. And, um, she had came over that night, we had both gone over Tracy's house that night that she slept over. And she had told me about when he'd head butted her, he'd grabbed her by the chin and head butted her. I'm getting.

JW: Okay.

MC: He had grabbed her by the chin, held her against the wall but well like held against the wall and, and then he had head butted her that night. But not that night that she slept over but the time that she had the bruise on her chin.

JW: Did she, when was that do you remember?

MC: I don't know, I don't know when he, um, did that to her, to Amanda but, um, that was three weeks before Halloween.

JW: That's when she told you about that.

MC: Yup.

JW: Did she tell you when that incident happened, when she got head butted?

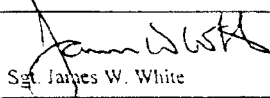
MC: No she didn't tell me when, I didn't, it was, it was kind of an old bruise, it was kinda healing. It was on her chin enough to have makeup covering it a little bit. Could kinda see, see it on her chin area, her jaw.

JW: Okay, we're on tape so we can't see but you're, you're pointing to your, your cheek.

MC: Hm, yeah.

JW: Kinda the jawbone area.

MC: Kinda, yup the jawbone cheek area.

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JW: Okay so you said she was telling you, ah, about some of the abuse by Chad to her, what else did she say?

MC: Well that night that she had slept over, I, I think it was two days afterwards or something like that, that was kinda when I was putting the pressure on her kinda asking her too many questions so she probably thought. That's when I had gone over there and the whole ring incident she had told me to lie to Chad and say that I was looking for my ring the day that I had went over Chad's house and visited Amanda. It was during the week. And he was coming back to get his golfing materials to go golfing. And, um. She told me to lie about, ha, I had lost my ring and that I was leaving, and I hadn't been there for very long and that's when she had told me about, a timeout chair that Kassidy had. That, um, the high chair was her timeout chair. In the, um, dining room, and that whenever she, that she would get, that she would get too rambunctious that, um, Chad would reprimand her and she had said that Chad had grabbed her by the cheek, the cheeks and would yell at her and she, Amanda would kinda rebel to, ah, Chad and say don't yell at my child, it's my baby. And he would tell Amanda that she, she's young, she needs to learn, she's, she's a very wild child, she just doesn't, she walks all over you Amanda and, she needs to learn and she's gonna walk all over you forever if you don't let her, if you don't let her learn. And he'd make her sit there in the, in the high chair and cry. And he'd yell at her until she'd stop crying. And Amanda had told me about that she started like leaking out more and more to me toward the end. And that's when I knew that they would had, there had to have been something going on between Kassidy and Chad.

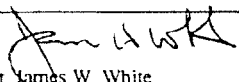
JW: Did she tell you about anything else that, ah, Chad did to Kassidy?

MC: No that was, that was probably the most I ever gotten out of her from Chad and, and Kassidy. That's why when I had first heard that Kassidy died I really thought that Chad did it by the high chair, that's probably what had happened that he grabbed her by the face and probably smacked her against the back of the head with the wall. While she's sitting in the high chair. There was also a booster seat that she, um, had sat in. And sometimes she'd sit her down in the booster seat. It's just a small plastic thing, that doesn't have a back, rest on it, so I was thinking more of that chair that it had hap, it probably could have happened with that he could have grabbed her by the face and was pushing her against the wall or something.

JW: But that's just what you're thinking.

MC: That's just, that's just my opinion.

JW: That's not what Amanda told her?

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MC: Yeah.

JW: Okay.

MC: That's just my opinion.

JL: Now Melissa you met Chad on at least a couple of occasions?

MC: I probably met him a couple times before, eh, ah, well toward the end. Just a couple times, probably three times. And I (unintelligible).

JL: And you were over at, ah, their house in Rochester?

MC: Yup.

JL: Alright and, you know what, what was your observation around the, ah, around the house there?

MC: Like.

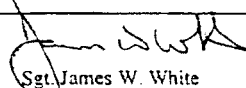
JL: Of, of him, I, I know that one time when, ah, Chad made the, made a statement you know she's scared of me or whatever.

MC: Uh, huh.

JL: Did you ever see anything going on, wrangling going on, pushing, shoving?

MC: No, he would come and just go. He'd meet me and then leave. I never really got to see much of him. Other than the fact he'd, he would meet me and he'd be like oh I met you once before haven't I. And then he'd leave, but he would, but I did hear a conversation over the phone that day that I was over there to supposedly pick up my ring. Um. Her and Chad had, were fighting over the phone because she had dropped outta school. And she had put him on loud speaker so that I could hear how rotten he was being to her over the phone. And, um. He had came over, he had came later on that day to go pick up his golfing stuff and he had left. But I did hear that he was being very rotten to her over the phone. And then other times I would hear while me and Amanda were talking over the phone how he would kinda pick on Kassidy in the background. He would say oh your child's being stupid again she's falling all over the place or, or come get your child she's screaming, she doesn't like me get her away from me.

JL: Did he know that you were listening on, on the speaker phone?

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MC: No he didn't know that I was listening over the speaker phone when the day that I was suppose to pick up my, my ring.

JL: Right so he thought he was having a conversation just with.

MC: With just Amanda.

JL: What, what kind of things if you can remember was he saying, over the phone that?

MC: He was just telling her, he was being very, um, controlling, saying how she needs to go back to school and, she was trying to go back to school. At the time because he wanted her to. And, um. He was just being really controlling about that and saying how I can't believe you lied to me that you said you graduated high school and. And you didn't and he was just being really nasty to her saying that you're a f-ing liar and, I can't be with somebody who's like that and then he'd come back, then she'd hang up on him and then he'd call back and then I wouldn't hear any of the conversation. And then she'd, then she'd, um, say things over the phone like I can't believe you're, you're talking to me like this and. And then she would put him on loud speaker again. And then I'd hear a little bit more of him swearing at her and stuff. And then I wouldn't hear anymore of it. He was just being really rotten to her over the phone, very controlling.

JW: Melissa, you, you talked about a ring incident, I, I guess.

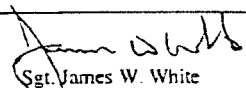
MC: Yeah.

JW: I'm not familiar with that but what are you talking about?

MC: When she, when I had gone over her house that day, she had told me to, um, pretend like I had, I was looking for my ring. That's why I was there, at, at Chad's house. And, cuz I was there visiting her cuz she was home all by herself, she didn't have a job at the time and I had taken the day off from work that day. And, um, she told me that, um, Chad was coming here and that, um, that when he comes here that I was there looking for my ring and I was leaving I hadn't been there for very long, I just got there. I think I.

JW: What, why is that?

MC: I think so that he didn't know that I was hearing the conversation over the phone. So that, cuz when you put a loud speaker on, you hear a little clicking noise probably or,

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or a muffled sound. And I don't think she wanted him to know that I was there the whole time, while she was arguing with him over the phone.

JW: Was that argument all about school?

MC: Yeah, what I know of it I mean just the part that, um, I heard over the loud speaker, I heard the, just the schooling part. But she was on the phone with him for about a half an hour. And I was in the living room for a little while and then she'd, she had hung up on him. And then, um, she said I'm gonna put him on loud speaker she says I want you to hear how, how, how mean he can be. And, um, cuz she was say, she would say before how, um, how he was, he'd just be, he had rude things to say, she had talked about he'd pick on Cassidy and stuff and. And then when I was, eh, when I had heard her over the phone with him she would say did you hear that, did you hear that and I said no I didn't really hear any of it, I just, I, I was in the living room she's like I'm gonna put him on loud speaker next time, she's, cuz he's gonna call back he calls back all the time, every hour. And I was like alright. So I, I listened to it and, he was being very rude to her and very controlling. And then, she'd hang up on him again or he'd hang up on her and he'd call back and, they did this for about a half an hour.

JW: What did, ah, what did she say about him picking on Cassidy?

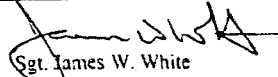
MC: She said that, um. That he would say things like your child's stupid like with, with his friends or something being I don't know if his, ah, or if her sister's boyfriend I know that they were friends. I know that she had said something that he was, he would pick on her too. He, he was just like Chad. That he'd say things like how she was retarded and, she'd fall all, she'd fall all the time and. That, she just, she's just a numb child and, and I member he had called her f-ing idiot over the phone, he's like you fucking idiot child or something like that and I was like oh my God I can't even believe he said that to her, and then Amanda would say don't say that about my child. She'd yell at him for it but. He'd just kinda chuckle in the background like phewf whatever, and he'd walk off. I heard this in the background.

JW: You just mentioned, ah, her sister's boyfriend, do you know who that is?

MC: I don't know his name. I don't really know much about that, I just heard that he would kinda pick on her a little bit too. And, um.

JW: Okay when you say pick on her what do you mean?

MC: Just, just like that they would both call her retarded and stuff like that and then she had asked me she says you don't think my baby's retarded. I was like no, I don't

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think your baby's retarded at all. Cuz I think she had actually started believing maybe there's something wrong with my child or something I said no there's nothing wrong with her I said they're just being mean.

JW: Did.

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JW: Did, ah, did, um, did she if, if Chad and her sister's boyfriend were ever together or was this separate, is she describing separate times?

MC: She, I think, I think she was describing separate times but I'm not sure. I didn't really understand that part of it.

JW: Okay.

JL: Did you ever meet, um, her, ah, sister's, ah, boyfriend, the one who also you say was acting like Chad?

MC: No I never met him until, until the funeral.

JL: Okay.

MC: So.

JL: And what about her, ah, sister, what about Amanda's sister, is she someone you, you know (unintelligible)?

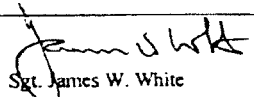
MC: Yeah I knew her very well I knew her about as well as Amanda. But I was more friendly with Amanda than her sister. But they're both ss, almost the same age limit, I'm more, I'm like the same age as her sister but Aman, I had gone to school with Amanda. So, I'd hung around with both of them so.

JL: Hm.

MC: But me and Amanda were best friends.

JW: When did you first notice the bruising on Cassidy?

MC: Oh goodness, that, that was toward the end about four weeks and before Halloween. Four weeks before Halloween I started noticing signific, significant amounts of them. I mean kids have bumps and bruises all the time I mean she had those, just regular

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bumps and bruises but. When I started noticing a lot like a lot of them on her it was four weeks befall, before Halloween.

JW: You keep referring to Halloween is, is there some real significance?

MC: Octob.

JW: Or just?

MC: No I just, I just, that was the last time I had spoken to Amanda we were suppose to go out trick or treating and I just keep backtracking from there, October.

JW: Ah, did you go out trick or treating?

MC: No she, um, said that sh, that Kassidy was sick. And that, um, that she was, that she was falling into her Cheerios she would pass out into her Cheerios. And that there was something wrong with her and I was like well you need to take her to the doctor's she's like well I think she's gonna be okay she's start, she's fine now. And, um, she just said that she didn't feel very well that she was sick and that she couldn't go out and I was like alright.

JW: Did?

MC: I said I hope that she gets better. And that was the last I ever heard from her.

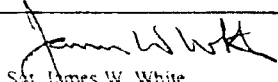
JW: Did she describe what was wrong with her other than falling in the, Cheerios and passing out did she?

MC: I, I'm pretty sure she had said something about that she had fallen out of a truck. From, from her babysitter, her sister's boyfriend's truck. That she had fallen out of the truck and she had bumped her head. And that's why she was kinda not acting right. I don't know if that's, from mixing it up between before or after, sh, her death I'm not really sure about that part there. I'm not remembering sure if she told me that after Kassidy had died or during that time. I just remember her telling me that she was passing out in her Cheerios.

JW: Okay. Ah, when we were getting the tape set up, ah, you had mentioned the time when, ah, Chad said that Kassidy was scared of him. Can you tell us about that?

MC: The day that he had walked in and said that oh she's scared of, scared of me?

JW: Yes.

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MC: Ah, that was the day that I supposedly suppose to be lying about the ring that I had lost at his house, the same time as the phone call incident. Um, he had came back from the phone call when they were fighting over the phone, he told her that well I'm coming over to come get my golf stuff. And she had had it all ready upstairs for him. And, he had came into the house and. She introduced us again. She says oh you remember Missy and she's just here to come, she lost her ring have you seen her ring it's, ah, silver band or blah, blah, blah. And he's like oh nice, I, I, I remember meeting you and then he had gone upstairs to go get his stuff and that, and Amanda was following him be, following behind him up the stairs and, Cassidy was sitting on the couch across from me. And then she kinda ss, sat up right in her couch on the couch and was staring at him the whole time he was walk, he had walked into the room. And then he looked back at Cassidy and he looked at me he goes oh she's just scared of me and he walked, he continued to walk upstairs.

JW: Did you ever ask Amanda about that?

MC: No I didn't. I didn't ask her.

JW: Was there ever any time when I, I know you mentioned earlier on tape that, ah, she seemed to be afraid of men in general, she was afraid of your boyfriend.

MC: Hm. hm. Yup.

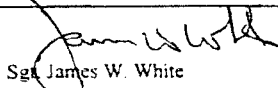
JW: Did Amanda ever say anything about Cassidy being afraid of Chad?

MC: No she said that, um, that she doesn't like to play with him anymore, every time that, um, Chad tries to play with, yes she did, she did say something about that because Chad had said, was saying to Amanda how. He didn't wanna play with her anymore he says your, he says I don't wanna play with her anymore. It makes me feel bad that she doesn't like me anymore. And he wouldn't really have much to do with her after that and Amanda had felt bad for that and, cuz she, she wanted them to have a relationship apparently and, and Cassidy didn't, didn't want one, with him. So.

JW: Did Amanda ever say why their, the relationship wasn't good?

MC: No she didn't. She didn't say why.

JW: After Cassidy's death, did she tell you anything at all, ah, what had gone on since your conversation at Halloween and, and Cassidy's death?

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MC: Yeah she, um, said more about the bruises on the face that, that, um, she thinks that, that probably happened by him too. She did admit that to me she says that probably happened by him and that he was, um, that he was, um, very rough with her, she says he was more rough than I was leading on she's and I don't think and I would always fight with him about it and. And, threatened to break up with him because he was too rough with her. She did admit that he was very rough with her, cuz I remember we were driving to Auburn. And she said that he was very rough with her and that she was, she was trying to cover up for that, she says I wanted them to have a good relationship and that. She said and there, it wasn't, it wasn't a good relationship because he was very rough with her and.

JW: Did she describe what she meant by, by rough?

MC: No she just said that he, he grabbed her face. And that's probably where the bruises came from.

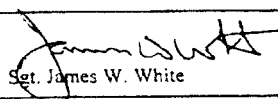
JW: Melissa you had, it sounds like you had pretty frequent contact there, ah, for the, a pretty good period of time. Ah. You, you, did you see bruises every time you saw Cassidy?

MC: Every time, every time there was bruises. Yeah, she was covered, her face was covered in them that's why I had thought she was sick. I, I just, she would had an excuse for everything and I said, I said to Amanda I said she's, she covered in them now. I had given her a bath one night be, bef, one night Cassidy had slept over here by herself, it was me and Cassidy. She had messed on my couch. She had taken her diaper off and she was sitting on the couch and, I had to give her a bath. And that's when I noticed all the bruises all over her, her, not all over but she had a few on her abdomen and on her cheek area and her upper thighs. Places where you normally wouldn't see just her knees down you'd see a child's bruises. But she had had a lot of 'em and I just remember sitting on the edge of my tub looking at her and going oh my God there's something gotta be wrong with her, either she's sick or there's something going on.

JL: You might have covered this when I, when I had to step out but, ah, bruises on Amanda? Did you, ah, is that anything you've ever seen in your contact with Amanda since she was with Chad?

MC: Hm since she was with Chad?

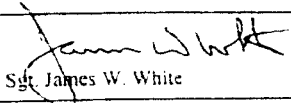
JL: Right.

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- MC: All I know is the bruise that she had on her, her jaw. And I remember she had a couple on her thighs but. I didn't really think too much of those.
- JL: Did she explain the jaw one or at all?
- MC: No she didn't explain that one until I had, I had asked her. But she said that. We were over Tracy's house that night, the night that Amanda had slept over here. And she said that she didn't want her, Chad's parents to see Cassidy's face, and Amanda had a bruise on her face. And we had gone over Tracy's house that night and, we had a few drinks over there. And, she just kinda spilled her beans a little bit to me that night and said that he had grabbed her by the face. And he put the marks on her there. That Chad did. That was the only thing she ever admitted to me far as marks on Amanda.
- JW: You talked about, ah, I mean, the bruising starting you also talked about, ah, her, you know becoming fearful with men. Um. When did you notice, you had contact with her since kinda that March, since March. Describe her demeanor.
- MC: Like when, when she started to get the, the fear of men? I.
- JW: (Unintelligible) Describe if you, if you could, can you kinda go maybe progress from March and, and how it changed through, ah, Halloween when you last saw her?
- MC: Well I didn't really, um, see Cassidy around men until the, my, my boyfriend and we had gone to, um, Olympia Sports. And there was males working there and she'd, kinda drew away from them but the women that worked there she'd be okay with. The men she'd just look up at 'em and just be like huh. But not, not skinny guys. I, I really thought that it was big guys that she was afraid of. Cuz my boyfriend is a fairly big guy. And she was afraid of my boyfriend that was the first time she'd ever met him. And she was afraid of him, he hadn't even spoken to her. And, she was afraid of him. And there was another guy at Olympia Sports, that was kind of skinny, she didn't seem too bad with him, and then there was another guy that was, well he looked like a football player, she was just looking up at him, she just, big guys in general I think.
- JW: How about, how, yeah, how about her demeanor in general, I mean did you notice any change in that at all? Not just around men I'm just talking in, in general terms.
- MC: Oh the way she acted just around people? Yeah she just was very quiet after a while she just kinda. If, if you'd tell her, if you'd ss, kinda raise your voice a little bit like hey Cassidy come in here or, she'd just stop, she just, she wouldn't do much she just, when she slept over my house she was just very, she didn't do anything, she stayed

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right on, she was sleeping almost the whole time, on my chest. And she didn't do hardly anything and then the next day she was kind of little bit better, I had brought out some toys and dolls for her. And she'd sit down and play with them well she wouldn't really play with them, she'd just sit there and hold them and, watch T.V. and look around the room, it was, it wasn't a new place to her. So. She's come over here before she's always been very happy with me. Happy to see me, so I didn't think it had anything to do with her being un, you know, not happy here. But and then, then I was also thinking well maybe she doesn't like not being away from her mother and Amanda had said something about that, that, cuz I had asked her about that I said she just didn't really seem to wanna do much, and she says well she doesn't like being away from me so. But other than that. I didn't really spend too much time with Kassidy alone except for that one time. We, we'd go, we had gone to Olympia Sports and she still was kinda drawn back she'd just kinda, sit around and kinda kicked her feet around waiting for us to be done. Usually kids are running around the store and having a hay day, hiding on ya.

JW: Did, ah, Amanda tell you anything at all about, ah, Kassidy's last days, I know you talked about, a little bit about, ah, that Halloween to, ah, Kassidy's death? Anything else that you can think of that Amanda told you about that time, other than saying that the bruises, ah?

MC: I don't really remember anything.

JW: Came from Chad.

MC: Her telling me after that.

JW: Did she tell you about any conversations she may have had with Chad or, during that time, either before the death of after the death?

MC: Like, what do you mean? Just conversations.

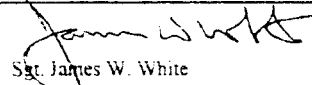
JW: Any, right, any conversations.

MC: Bad conversations or?

JW: Good, good conversations, bad, anything that she may have told you I guess is what I'm, I'm looking for?

MC: I don't really remember anything at the moment.

JW: Did you have any contact with Chad after Kassidy's death?

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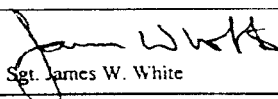
MC: Yeah. Um, after I had spoken to one of the det, one of the detectives, me and a woman named Tracy had gone to the police department and gave our statements. And I hadn't spoken to Amanda since Cassidy had died for like a week, I hadn't got a hold of her I kept calling and calling and leaving answering mach, message on the answering machine. And she would never call back. And then finally I had gotten a call but. She, ah. She, I can't even remember what I was thinking now.

JW: I had asked you.

MC: I just for a blank.

JW: Okay I'd asked you if, ah, you had any contact with Chad after Cassidy's death?

MC: Oh yeah. Um. I, one of the detectives told me to try to do everything possible to get her away from Chad because she was still with Chad at the time. And that's when I was calling and calling and I didn't get any answers. And finally after that week had passed, I'd gotten a hold of her, and we were suppose to go to the mall to pick up Cassidy's, funeral clothes to, so that she'd be buried in. At the Fox Run Mall, I'm pretty sure it was. And, um. Before we had left for the mall, Chad had came there and I was sitting at the kitchen table, and Amanda was trying to get ready and Chad had, sat up on the counter and, and he was just like talking, he didn't really have much to say he just talkings about Amanda saying how sad it was for her to go through this and she's so young, she shouldn't have to go through something like this and, this is a big thing and then he had said. I would never hurt that baby, you don't think I'd hurt that baby do you. He was talking to me like he knew me forever. And, we had only, like I said we had only met, a few times. And, um, he says, he says, I, I just wanna let you know Missy that of all the friends that she has, you're, you're prob, you're the closest friend that she has and she really needs somebody right now and. Like he knew me and he didn't, he doesn't know me. And he just asked me he says you don't think, he kept saying you don't think I'd do something like that and I said, I don't know what happened I said I'm not here to blame anybody but I'm just here for Amanda. And he, and then we ended up leaving. To go to the mall and he said and, she had told him where we were going and, he ended up meeting us up at the mall later on. And he went into the mall with us and we were shopping and Amanda was kinda like, she, we had talked to the detectives that day, Amanda has, had. And the detective had told her that she needed to get away from him and she started believing more that he had done it. So she was kinda bitter toward him in the, um, mall. And, she kinda like, he'd walk behind us. Ah, Chad would walk behind us in the mall and Amanda would be like I just want him to get away from us, I, why can't he leave, why does he have to follow me around everywhere. And, when we were done shopping, he had paid for everything. And she's like I can pay for this and

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he'd just insisted and he paid for everything. And, um, when we were leaving he started crying and we were getting to leave he had his own car. And, um, he started crying and Amanda and him had hugged and. Whatever. And then he came to me, and came up to me and hugged me and he says, she, and he said to me he goes, I would never hurt that baby he says, I would never do anything to harm that baby and you know that right Missy. And I just, I just was appalled by the whole thing and I didn't have much to say except for I'm here for Amanda. That's all I, I'm here for. And I let go and walked off.

JW: Did, ah. As we've talked have you thought of anything else that, ah, Amanda may have told you either about the way, ah, Chad was with her or the way he was with Kassidy? Anything else?

MC: Um. Just other than the fact that she, she just admitted when we, when we were together that he was very abusive to her. To Amanda. And that she started thinking that he probably had done it too that, she says yeah he, he probably did do this and if he did do this then, I shouldn't be with him she kept saying how she shouldn't be with him, she's I need to do that for my baby I can't be with him because if he did this, then I can't be with him. And, um. She just said that he was very abusive and very controlling and that he probably did do it.

JW: Did she give you, say anything more about why she thought he did it?

MC: No just other than the fact that he, he would grab her face and be very abusive, not abusive but very, um. Strict with, ah, with Kassidy, he was very strict with her and, that he was trying to, to make her be a better child so she said. Better behaved.

JW: Did she tell you anything at all about, ah, well let me ask you this, was Amanda working?

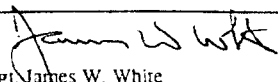
MC: Yes she was.

JW: Ah.

MC: She was working at Old Navy, at the time.

JW: Okay. Ah, who, and who watched Kassidy?

MC: Um, I think I'm pretty sure Chad watched her at nights cuz Amanda walked, worked at nights, when, when she would work at nights Chad would watch her. And when she worked during the day, Amanda's sister's boyfriend would watch her during the day.

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JW: Did, ah, did Amanda every have any reservations about, ah, leaving Kassidy either with Chad or with, ah, her sister, sister's boyfriend that she told you about?

MC: She did say that she wasn't sure she liked leaving Kassidy with her sister's boyfriend because he would pick on Kassidy and stuff. I don't really know too much about that part but she just said she didn't like leaving her there. That they had had, this is after she had died she had told me this part that when she'd left her there that they had had nails on the bottom of, that there was nails on the, on their floor, they would, that were poking up and that she'd always bring slippers with her and. That she didn't like her walking around on the floor, like that. And that she rather leave Kassidy with Chad at nighttime than bring her over there. And then one night, I think it was the night before she, Kassidy had died, Chad had called Amanda up at work and said that, um, that I'm not watching your child anymore, um, Kassidy got hurt again and. She, well, the kids were playing whiffle ball with her and she got smacked in the face with a whiffle ball, and she has a black eye now. And he said that, he says I, I'm not watching your child anymore she's clumsy I just, I'm not watching her anymore. And Amanda was like well what happened is she okay and. And, um, he, he told her that she has a black eye he's like and she just, she acts stupid, I ain't watchin' her anymore and he was just kinda he would be, calling her names again and then Amanda would. She had said over the phone she's what, she's why are you like that to my baby, why do you say mean things like that and, and, and when she came home that night, she went in, went in.

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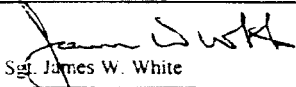
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JW: This is Sergeant White, ah, we just switched to Side B of the tape. By my watch it's about 1741 and, ah, Melissa you were just telling us that, ah, about this conversation that Amanda had with Chad the night before.

MC: Ah, ha.

JW: Kassidy's death.

MC: Um. she had just made the phone call to Chad and said and he was picking on her so I said on the other side and then when she went, came home that evening from work she had went in to go check on Kassidy about the bruise on her eye, and she saw the bruise on her eye and Kassidy was sleeping so she kissed her on the head and just went to bed. And then the next day she was late for work apparently and she was rushing around trying to get stuff done and Kassidy was still sleeping and then she

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had, when she finally got ready, she got Kassidy ready and, Kassidy was tired she said she just kinda really tired and acting and so she didn't really have time to feed Kassidy that morning so she put some fruit, I think Fruity Pebbles in a baggie, some cereal in a baggie and gave it to (clears throat), excuse me, gave it to her in the car seat while she was in the backseat. And then that was the last Amanda had ever seen her and that's the last that Amanda told me, about Kassidy.

JW: Did Amanda ever, ah, talk about putting Kassidy in, in daycare?

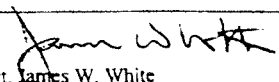
MC: Yes she did. She, um, she, Amanda would come visit me where I work, I work at the YMCA. And, at the time I knew that Amanda was having problems with Chad. Her saying that he would grab her face and that he would, um, just, he would just be kind of abusive with Amanda. And, um, she was kind of getting fed up with it and she didn't know why he would do those things and that she really loved him and she didn't, she wanted to work it out and I would try to get her to get an apartment down below me. And. She, um, and I told her that she can get help, she can take her to the daycares, I said YMCAs offer daycare centers and this and that. And she says well she says I, I just got a job at Old Navy and, and that, um, she wanted to keep her job, and she said I wanna make enough money to get my apartment if, if possible and. But I'll stay with Chad until then. So I told her I said well you can put Kassidy in a daycare, you know probably anywheres up toward that area. And she's like I don't wanna put Kassidy in a daycare she has too many bruises on her face. So. That's when she had brought her to her sister's. And they had babysat her.

JL: Other than, ah, I know you talked about how you were with Amanda and Chad, ah, as you walked around the mall and had that, ah, conversation and everything. Ah, and then the funeral came, ah, shortly thereafter, did you go to the funeral?

MC: Yes I did.

JL: Okay. And then after that, ah, Amanda went to Texas for a short while. How, how much contact did you have with her after the funeral and how long did that continue?

MC: I probably got a hold of her three times after the funeral. Since, since Valentine after, um, after November until Valentine's Day I had talked to her three times. And I had lost the phone number. And she had called me and I, and she called me the first time cuz I had lost the phone number. And she said well how come you haven't called me I, you know I, you know I, I've been here for two weeks now and you hadn't called me. I said Amanda I lost the phone number. And then she had given me the phone number again. And then I called her one night cuz my cat had died, and I called her up and I told her and. And that was the last time I had talked to her. And then the last time she's gotten a hold of me was Valentine's Day she had called me and said hi

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Missy it's Amanda, um, I just wanna say Happy Valentine's Day and then that was it. That's the last time I've ever heard from her.

JL: Hm. And where was she staying after the funeral was it at Chad's?

MC: No she was staying at Tracy's house.

JL: Okay.

MC: Around the corner from where I live. She was staying there for probably what three days, maybe.

JL: Okay what number did you lose? Was it?

MC: I lost the number to, um, she was living with a friend, I forget her name but, um, she was living with a friend in Texas.

JL: Oh okay, Texas.

MC: And that's the number to Texas I had lost the number to Texas. Where she was staying there.

JL: And other than Valentine's Day when she and eventually obviously she, she came back to New Hampshire or Maine or.

MC: I don't know anything about that.

JL: Never.

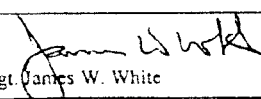
MC: Never heard anything.

JL: Get in contact with ya or.

MC: Nothing. I just heard from it, last thing I've ever heard from her or anything was Valentine's Day and she didn't give me a number or nothing, where she was.

JL: Hm, how about her parents or her sister have you been in, in contact with them at all?

MC: Haven't been into any contact with anybody. Just since the funeral, I saw every, her everybody there. That was the last contact I had with any of 'em. And then she had left to Texas I think the day after the funeral. And that was the last time I ever spoke to her or any of her, not the last time I spoke to Amanda but.

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JL:            Hm.

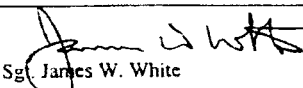
MC:           Last time I spoke to her family members. And Valentine's Day was the last time she made any contact with me. But I didn't get to receive the call.

JW:           Melissa anything else that you can think of?

MC:           Not that, not that I can remember right now.

JW:           Okay. Ah. We'll conclude the interview, by my watch it's 1747.

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