

Sentencing set for today in toddler's death

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DOVER — A Rochester man, who once served on the Keene Board of Education, was to be sentenced this afternoon in Strafford County Superior Court in the beating death of his girlfriend's 21-month-old daughter.

Chad Evans, 30, was convicted in December on a charge of second-degree murder and several felony and misdemeanor counts of assault in connection with Kassidy Bortner's death in November 2000. He faces up to life in prison on the second-degree murder conviction.

Evans and Kassidy's mother, 20-year-old Amanda Bortner, lived together at his 191 Milton Road home in Rochester for about three months prior to the toddler's death. The couple also lived in Keene briefly after her death and before Evans' arrest for bail violations.

According to testimony during Evans' trial, he repeatedly abused Kassidy by grabbing her face, propelling her into the walls of the home and grabbing and twisting her arms and legs.

Kassidy died as a result of blunt force injury to her head and abdomen.