

# **CHAD EVANS WRONGLY CONVICTED COMMITTEE**

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### **Chad Evans Passes Second Lie Detector Test**

On Monday, April 30, Chad Evans passed a voluntary polygraph examination with a result of “No Deception Indicated.” He answered “No” to questions about his responsibility for the death of Kassidy Bortner in Kittery, Maine in 2000.

The examination was conducted by John Healy, a retired New Hampshire State Police Lieutenant who is now a licensed private investigator and polygraphist. Healy was trained at the England Polygraph Institute in Center Harbor, which is directed by David Crawford, a former New Hampshire State Police polygraphist.

Chad Evans passed a Voice Stress Analysis lie detector test in July, 2010, and therefore is likely the only inmate claiming innocence in New Hampshire, and perhaps in the United States, who has passed two lie detector tests.

In April, Evans published on Amazon.com two books of his “Letters from New Hampshire State Prison” to Morrison Bonpasse, his advocate, and Executive Director of the Chad Evans Wrongly Convicted Committee. These two books are Volumes 2 and 3 of the previously published 700 page book by Bonpasse and Evans, EYE CONTACT - The Mysterious Death in 2000 of Kassidy Bortner and the Wrongful Convictions of Chad Evans and Amanda Bortner. All three volumes are available as paperbacks and ebooks on Kindle from Amazon.com, and can also be downloaded as .pdf files from Evans’s website, [www.chadevanswronglyconvicted.org](http://www.chadevanswronglyconvicted.org). Such documentation is believed by Bonpasse to be the most extensive in the United States by any inmate claiming innocence.

Since 2010, Evans has been asking the States of Maine and New Hampshire to re-investigate the death of Kassidy Bortner. Last October, representatives of his committee met with Senior Assistant Attorney General Jeffery Strelzin and presented a list of 46 reasons why the case should be re-investigated. This week’s passing of the polygraph exam adds another reason to that list.

When forwarding Healy’s report of Evans’s examination to Mr. Strelzin, Bonpasse asked that the State of New Hampshire ask the Superior Court to vacate Evans’s conviction because of the substantial doubt now attached to this case. Also, Bonpasse asked that if the State still believes there is enough evidence to present to a jury, it should ask for a retrial where a new jury can hear all the evidence. The original jury did not know of Kassidy’s medical appointments during the period of

Evans's alleged abuse and did not know of blood underneath Cassidy's fingernails. The jury did not see at least 13 photographs of a healthy Cassidy during the period of alleged abuse and the jury did not know of her attendance at a family gathering just four days before she died.

The State of New Hampshire uses polygraphs extensively and all State and local police applicants are required to pass polygraph examinations. The State Police has a Polygraph Unit devoted entirely to administering polygraphs. Such a public investment would not be made of the State didn't believe in the validity of polygraph tests. Although the results of polygraph examinations are not admissible in trials as evidence, they are supported by the courts in other ways. In 2006, the New Hampshire Supreme Court upheld the firing of a New Hampshire State Trooper because she had refused to take a polygraph during an internal investigation.

During the investigation of the death of Cassidy Bortner, polygraphs were planned for three adults closest to Cassidy, but were canceled when a key prosecution witness declined to take his scheduled exam. The police asked Amanda Bortner if Chad Evans would take a polygraph and she advised the police that he was willing, but no request to Evans was ever made to take such a test.

The Chad Evans Wrongly Convicted Committee was established in 2010 to secure Evans's exoneration. It is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation with chapters in Keene and Rochester. The website for the Committee is [www.chadevanswronglyconvicted.org](http://www.chadevanswronglyconvicted.org).

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- Attached:
1. Report of polygraph examination of Chad Evans, 30 April 2012
  2. .pdf file of EYE CONTACT - The Mysterious Death in 2000 of Cassidy Bortner and the Wrongful Convictions of Chad Evans and Amanda Bortner.
  3. .pdf file of Volume 2 of EYE CONTACT.
  4. .pdf file of Volume 3 of EYE CONTACT.
  5. Photograph of Chad Evans, June, 2000.
  6. Photograph of Cassidy Bortner, in Chad's kitchen, October, 2000.

7. WORD copy of this release.

References: New England Polygraph Institute of Center Harbor  
(<http://www.newenglandpolygraphinstitute.com/>)  
John Healy, Litigation Intelligence Services  
<http://www.litigationintelligence.com> and  
<http://www.polygraphnh.com/>.