

CHAD EVANS WRONGLY CONVICTED COMMITTEE

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Re: The wrongful conviction of Chad Evans, and presented copy of the book EYE CONTACT, and list of 1,035 supporters

Maggie Hassan
Governor, State of New Hampshire
State House
by hand

Dear Governor Hassan:

Chad Evans is a wrongly convicted innocent man who has been incarcerated in the New Hampshire State Prison since 2001.

Over the past three years, Chad and others have written to ask to ask the Governor and Attorney General Delaney to re-investigate the Chad Evans case, together with the New Hampshire State Police.

Enclosed are copies of :

- Chad's November 9, 2010 and December 28, 2010 letters to Governor Lynch, Attorney General Delaney and the Governor and Attorney General of Maine.
- Chad's August 25, 2011 letter to Attorney General Delaney, which was copied to Governor Lynch.

I write today to renew that request for a re-investigation to you, despite the Attorney General's disinclination.

More recently, the Corrections Commissioner, supported by the Office of the Attorney General, has declined to permit Chad to take a second privately funded polygraph exam. The details of Chad's request and the State Government's apparent effort to oppose efforts to unveil the truth about his case will be explained in a subsequent letter to you.

With this letter is a copy of the book, "EYE CONTACT - The mysterious death of Cassidy Bortner in 2000 and the Wrongful Convictions of Chad Evans and Amanda Bortner." I hope that you will have a chance to scan, peruse or even read it, and ask yourself how a 600 page book could conclude that a New Hampshire inmate is

innocent while the State Government opposes re-investigating his case and opposes a second polygraph test.

Also presented with this letter is a printout of the list of 1,035 supporters of Chad Evans. The list is compiled from signatures of petitions and from the list of his Facebook "friends" and Twitter followers.

Chad is now in his twelfth year of a 43 years-to-life prison sentence for assaulting and murdering 21-month old Kassidy Bortner in 2000. However, he never hit or spanked Kassidy, with whom he and her mother, Amanda Bortner, lived for five months in 2000. He was sometimes impatient with Kassidy, and he sincerely regrets that impatience; but he never intentionally hurt her.

The title of the book comes from Chad's affirmative belief that direct eye contact ensured better communication. It's safe to say that in our culture, that belief is shared by many people. He sometimes held Kassidy's face to ensure such contact, as parents and their delegates are permitted to do, but that legal justification was not presented to the jury. On three or four occasions Chad's holding Kassidy's face caused bruising on her face, but those bruises had absolutely nothing to do with Kassidy's death. Because Amanda bruised easily, and her mother was anemic, she did not believe it necessary to take Kassidy to the doctor about the bruising. Chad simply resolved not to squeeze so hard.

The book concludes that Chad Evans was wrongly convicted of murder and assault against Kassidy Bortner, and that Amanda Bortner was also wrongly convicted of Child Endangerment, allegedly by watching Chad abuse Kassidy and doing nothing to stop him. The juries that convicted Chad and Amanda did not have critical information about Chad's and Amanda's care for Kassidy, including medical appointments during the periods of the charges against them. The State of Maine performed DNA tests on the blood underneath Kassidy's ten fingernails, but the jury never learned about these tests, or about the blood under the fingernails. The juries saw only one of many photographs of Kassidy alive and well during the period of alleged abuse. Inexplicably, no others were sought or offered.

Chad's jury didn't know of an Evans family gathering on Sunday, November 5, 2000, four days before Kassidy died, where she was observed to have a single, fading bruise on her right cheek.

In short, both juries were deprived of critical information about the case, and some of that information was in the hands of the States of Maine and New Hampshire.

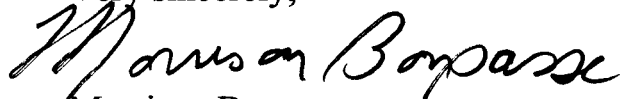
Beginning in mid-July, 2011, e-copies of EYE CONTACT were been sent to law enforcement people in Maine and New Hampshire who were involved in the case, with a request that they read the book and provide their feedback. The goal was to make the book, and Chad's website, www.chadevanswronglyconvicted.org, as accurate and truthful as possible. So far, no errors have been identified, and forwarded to me, which detract from the conclusions of the book.

The Chad Evans and Amanda Bortner cases were notorious in 2000-2001. How could it have been that they were so reviled and found guilty, and yet so innocent? To the extent possible so far, the answers are in the book, and also at Chad's website. Shorter summaries of the case and other key documents are at the bottom of the home page of the website.

Chad's case was investigated and prosecuted by the Executive Branch. All organizations can make mistakes, and the Executive Branch is surely no exception. Please support a re-investigation, just as you would support a request to re-investigate other state actions, such as a bridge inspection, where a reasonable claim of error had been made.

Similarly, we will soon be writing you to ask that you ask the Corrections Commissioner to authorize the scheduling of a second polygraph exam.

Very sincerely,



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Executive Director

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