

PHYSICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN CHAD EVANS AND KASSIDY BORTNER (rev 7/10/11)
during five months period: from 9 June (the day Chad met Kassidy) to 9 November 2000 (the day she died). [Chad Evans' entries were entered in March 2010, and are in *italics*]

TYPE OF CONTACT FREQUENCY and COMMENTS

Nurturing Contacts

- Baths *Kassidy enjoyed baths. Played in the tub with toys. As much or more than regular toys. I probably gave her 5-6 baths, alone. On about 10 other occasions I would join Amanda and Kassidy in the bathroom, but Amanda did most of the washing. Same for a few showers, but Kassidy wasn't a big fan of those.*
- Holding at waist on hip *Daily. Kassidy enjoyed being held.*
- Hugging *Several times a day. Kassidy gave great hugs and would say "Ohhh" when she hugged you, like hugging a baby or a doll.*
- Kissing *I'd kiss her several times a day. Getting up in the morning, leaving for work. Coming home from work. Walking in the room, etc. She was a little cutie that you couldn't resist kissing. Before she died, she was starting to pucker up good, too. I especially loved kissing Kassidy, Kyle and Amanda after a long day at work. This may sound strange, but I loved kissing their foreheads when I first got home. They smelled so good and it was comforting.]*
- Securing into car seat *Several times a week. If we were going somewhere together, sometimes carrying her to Amanda's car, etc.*
- Placing into high chair for eating *Several times a week. At least 2-3 mornings per week, I'd take Kassidy downstairs and feed her breakfast while Amanda slept. It was our special time together. I loved watching her eat. I'd say, "want to go get breakfast and she'd whisper, "yeah" with a big smile. Man, did she love to eat.*
- Other *Holding her watching TV - coloring, reading books.
Playing with toys on the floor.
Cuddling with her and Amanda in bed. Doing ABC's - the Face Name Game.*

Playful Contacts

- Trampoline *An average of 1+ times per week with me, Amanda & the kids. Amanda had them in it much more often. Kassidy liked bouncing up from her butt, liked to run and fall.*
- Slide at park *Helping her to the top of the slide at the park and then catching her when she laughed and slid to the bottom.*

- Swinging by arms *She loved when I would swing her "helicopter style," unless I went too fast. It was hard to know how fast was too fast, because with Kyle, I couldn't go fast enough. Sometimes, I forgot. Spinning her around and dumping her onto the bed. Kyle loved it, too.*
- Swinging by legs *Not very often. She didn't like it as much as Kyle. Although she did like "walking on ceiling." I'd hold the kids upside down and let them walk on the ceiling. She giggled.*
- Piggyback rides on back *Most mornings. Going downstairs for breakfast.*
- On shoulders (legs around neck) *I often carried her like this when we went places.*
- Backyard swing set *We usually played on swings at same time as trampoline. I loved pushing her to as high a point as she wanted to go, but not higher.*
- Other *Wrestling with Kassidy and Kyle. "Horsey Rides" for her and Kyle until my knees were raw.
Taking her for slow rides around the yard on the 3-wheelers.
Playing peek-a-boo.
Holding her in the boat.
Playing with the kitten together.
Playing with Kato and we threw him balls to retrieve.*

Disciplinary Contact

- Obtaining eye contact *Often. My major form of discipline and corrective behavior. I would usually obtain eye contact by saying, "Kassidy, look at me." If that didn't work, then I'd hold her chin or face. [See below, re: holding.] This is hard to quantify. In a recent review of my police interrogation I can see that spoke about eye contact in several different places. If I had to guess a number. I would say I was obtaining eye contact it was every 2-3 days. Every time there was a need for correction of some sort, Kassidy had a hard time making eye contact, at the time, I thought it was a show of defiance but now I think there may have been more to it, perhaps eye contact was a problem for her if she got nervous. Recently I've started reading more about children with ADHD, which Kyle has been diagnosed and Autism, Asperger's Syndrome which Kassidy, in hindsight, showed some of the symptoms. (I'm not saying that Kassidy had either, just that she shared some of the symptoms which would explain some of the spacey-ness and other things that some people described in their interviews.) These children, especially, struggle with eye contact. Kyle never had an issue with it, but that may have been because he was around me since birth and knew when daddy said, "Look me in the eyes," that I either meant business or wanted to explain something to him. Of course, not all of my requests for eye contact had to do with discipline. There were times that I would request that Kassidy look me in the eyes so I could tell her that*

she was a big girl, had done something really well, etc. Each time after there was an issue that required discipline or corrective behavior it was ALWAYS followed by a kiss, hug, an explanation and eye contact. In hindsight, Cassidy would usually look me right in the eye then. It must be that if she sensed any changes in my voice or inflection that she had a problem with eye contact. When things were calm and serene she didn't have a problem. I think Amanda did pick up the eye contact thing as she saw me using it with both the children. She saw that it was an effective tool to communicate with them and get their attention. I recall on several occasions Amanda saying, "Cassidy, look at Mama." It was a bit different than "look into my eyes," but was intended to get the same result.

Hold face with palm of hand and thumb and fingers on cheeks

Probably 12 times. Probably bruised 3-4 times. When I held her face like that and caused red spots, which later became bruises; I would stop, but later forget how easy it could happen, and do it again. The last holding-of-face which caused a bruise is estimated to have occurred in late October 2000.

Hold chin with thumb and forefinger

Usually I held her chin when she was having major temper tantrum, and trying to calm her down. Sometimes I held her chin when washing her face or giving her a kiss also. Again, I thought these temper tantrums were a show of defiance. I probably held her chin in this fashion a dozen times. I don't recall it ever causing a bruise or red mark. It wasn't very forceful. Sometimes I think it was a battle of "wills" between me and Cassidy. Other times, I held her chin or her cheeks in an effort to protect her from herself. There were times that Cassidy would throw herself backwards in a rage if she didn't get her way. She would bang her head off the floor. I had never seen anything like it until recently. I thought this was something that was unique to Cassidy. I have now seen that my niece, Aliza, has the same type of temper. She is only 8 months old so it is on a much smaller scale. Aliza is the happiest, most cuddly baby. But I have seen a few instances where my sister Nicole will take something she shouldn't have or is putting into her mouth during our visits and Aliza will start screaming and throw herself backward. Because she is so young and sitting on the table we are there behind her but the motion is very familiar to me from my time with Cassidy. It is probably something that is common even though I thought it was unique to Cassidy. I had just never seen it with Brent or Kyle.

Flicked her lips with back of fingers

She was just repeating a [bad] word that she had heard one of us adults use. She said it again after I said, "No," so I flicked her mouth with the back of my fingers as hard as you would shoo away a fly hovering over your corn on the cob at dinner. Cassidy didn't cry. It didn't hurt. The goal was to get her attention and for her to realize it was a bad word and it shouldn't be used.

Lead to a corner for time-outs

Usually, I picked her up and placed her in a corner if she was getting time-out. Time-outs, 30-40 seconds in beginning. A minute or two as she got older. When she was having a fit, walking to corner wasn't an option, as it was at other times. In the nearly 6 months we were together I probably sent Cassidy to a corner a maximum of 12-18 times. Probably half of these times I just sent her to the corner and the other half I lead her or picked her up and carried

her. Most of the leading was done early on as she was learning what "time out" was. As Cassidy got older she knew what time out was and I would just say, "You are being naughty and need to go to the corner for time out." She would go to the corner almost running, crying and screaming the entire way. This exact scenario is what I was describing in my interview when I talked about Cassidy on several occasions throwing herself or "launching" herself into the corner. I recall it happening once in the bedroom and Amanda and I were sitting on the bed kind of laughing that we needed to pad the corners for her.

- Carry to upstairs bedroom for time-out. *Not often. I preferred time-outs to be immediate, right where she was. Typically, if I was carrying her upstairs, it was for a nap or bedtime. If I did this at all it was no more than 2-3 times. He had to be something pretty bad for me to get that extreme. I can only recall one time specifically. I think Cassidy was over tired and was really having a hard time with herself. She was playing on the floor in the living room. I walked over to the couch and gave Amanda a kiss, and Cassidy started crying. It was kind of hot that day so I wasn't as patient as I should have been. I told Cassidy to stop being bratty. This made her even more angry and she started throwing herself backward on the floor and kicking her feet at the entertainment center. I told Cassidy to pick herself up, she said, "no" and kept at it, so I picked her up to take her up to the bedroom where I plopped her on her bed. I closed the door behind me. Which made her scream even louder. She pounded on the door for a minute. 4-5 minutes later I went back in to bring her downstairs and she was fast asleep on the floor. I picked her up and put her on the bed where she proceeded to nap for a while. It was clear that she needed it.*
- Spanking *NONE That level of discipline was for Amanda, if at all necessary. I never spanked Cassidy. I saw Amanda spank Cassidy, with only a quick pat on a diaper, only 1-2 times during the five months that I was with Cassidy and Amanda.*
- Hitting *NONE I never hit Cassidy. Not for discipline, nor for any reason.*

Accidental Contact (no frequency. Just Comments)

- Trampoline *Jumped her too high once. Lost balance and almost fell off. I caught her hand. This was the source of the "trampoline story" Amanda and I told some people when asked about a bruise on Cassidy's face. At the time it seemed like a reasonable, and short, way to explain a face bruise. Amanda said Cassidy fell off once when she and Jen [Jennifer Bortner Conley] were jumping.*
- T-Ball hitting Left eye *Hit by Kyle, when I tossed a Tee-ball to him, on Wednesday night, Nov. 8th. In my police interview on 9 November, I described this ball as a "hard rubber ball," and "starter baseball," but it's commonly known as a Tee-ball, as it's used by children learning to play baseball, when a ball is placed on a "Tee" at homeplate.*

- On shoulders *Once in early October, I carried Kassidy downstairs on my shoulders, and I didn't duck enough for the low overhang, and Kassidy hit her head. I think it left a faint bruise on her forehead.*
- On hip *Once, I recall holding Kassidy on my or hip with my hand under her butt. I spun really quickly and she lost her balance and her face hit the corner of a door casing or wall at home.*
- Playing with ball and Kato *Once, Kassidy and I were playing "fetch ball" with Kato, and she was learning to throw the ball for Kato to retrieve. When reaching for the ball or moving toward Kato, Kassidy walked into the glass table in the kitchen and bruised her face.*