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CASE CLASSIFICATION: HOMICIDE

VICTIM: CASSIDY BORTNER, DOB/02-04-99

On Thursday, November 9, 2000 at approximately 12:42 P.M. this investigator responded to a 911 call of an unconscious baby at 51 Rogers Road. Arriving at the scene, I immediately noticed Kittery Patrol Officer Robert Creamer attending to an infant on the front porch of the residence. Ambulance personnel had arrived on scene and were assisting as well. As I approached the front porch, I noticed that the infant was noticeably bruised about the head and face area. At this time my attention was drawn to a male who was on the porch at the side of the infant. This male was visibly shaken and was trying to assist the medical personnel with the care of the infant. This male was subsequently identified as one:

FRANK JEFFREY MARSHALL
AKA: JEFF or JEFFREY MARSHALL

[REDACTED]

DESC/W M 603 180 BRO BRO
51 ROGERS ROAD
KITTERY, MAINE 03904
PHONE: [REDACTED]

Marshall was the caretaker of the child on this day. Also present at the residence at this time was one:

WILLIAM C. PEIRCE

[REDACTED]

DESC/W M 603 200 BRO BLU
6 JOHNSON COURT
KITTERY, MAINE 03904
PHONE: [REDACTED]

This officer, thereafter, initiated an interview of Marshall while Det. Sgt. Ronald Avery conducted an interview of Peirce. At this time the following information was obtained from Jeffrey Marshall:

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Marshall indicated that baby Cassidy had been dropped off at his residence by her mother, one:

AMANDA J. BORTNER
AKA: MANDY BORTNER

[REDACTED]
DESC/W F 506 135 BLN GRN
191 MILTON ROAD
ROCHESTER, N.H. 03868
PHON [REDACTED]

at around 8:30 A.M. that morning. Marshall recalled that the mother, he and his girlfriend, Jennifer Connelly (the baby's aunt), saw a great deal of bruising around the baby's face and head. According to Marshall, the baby's mother, Amanda Bortner, made the statement, "Look at her face." Marshall also indicated that he noticed the baby had a hard time walking. Because of this, the baby was placed in bed to watch T.V. According to Marshall, the baby was wearing red pajamas when dropped off and was eating Coco-Puffs out of a clear baggie.

Marshall stated that he was in the living room watching T.V. when his girlfriend, one:

JENNIFER M. CONNELLY
AKA: JENNIFER M. BORTNER

[REDACTED]
DESC/W F 511 150 BLN GRN
51 ROGERS ROAD
KITTERY, MAINE 03904
PHONE [REDACTED]

left for work that morning. Marshall watched T.V. all morning, but remembered checking on the baby who was still sleeping in the bed in the master bedroom sometime between 9:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. According to Marshall, he went out to get his mail around noontime and upon his return to the house he again went to check on the baby. At this time, Marshall found the baby having difficulty breathing and noticed the baby's eyes were rolled back. Marshall, at this point, took the baby from the bed and checked for a pulse. Finding a slight pulse, he brought the baby into the kitchen sink in an attempt to wake the baby by

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splashing cold water on her face. Marshall indicates that he was unable to revive the baby, so he began to do CPR. Marshall indicates that he called Jennifer at work to get advice from her on what to do. According to Marshall, Jennifer was busy at work and unable to talk long on the phone, but she did tell him to contact Amanda, the baby's mother, at her workplace (Old Navy at the Tidewater Mall in Kittery). Marshall attempted to contact Amanda at Old Navy but was unable to make contact with her. Again, Marshall called Jennifer at work. It was at this time that Jennifer told him that if the baby was that bad that he should call the ambulance. Marshall then called 911. According to Marshall, he kept performing chest compressions on the baby until the police and ambulance arrived.

Through further questioning of Marshall, I learned that Marshall had been watching the baby on and off over the past few weeks while the mother was working. Marshall further indicated that he had watched the baby the day before for approximately one hour (from 4:30 P.M. to about 5:30 P.M.). At this time the mother's live-in boyfriend, one:

CHAD E. EVANS

[REDACTED]
DESC/W M 508 180 BRO BRO
191 MILTON ROAD
ROCHESTER, N.H. 03868
PHONE [REDACTED]

came to pick up the baby at Marshall's Rogers Road address. Marshall indicated that the baby seemed normal and did not have the bruising on her face at that time. Shortly after the baby had been picked-up by Evans, Marshall received a cell phone call from Evans who stated he was calling from the area of the Dover Toll Booth on the Spaulding Turnpike. Evans, at this time, said that the baby was acting weird, kind of out-of-it. Marshall thought this was strange because the baby had just left his residence and, according to him, was acting fine. Marshall received a second call from Evans approximately a half hour to forty-five minutes after the first call. During this second call Evans indicated that when he arrived home he (Evans) had placed the baby on her feet outside the car and when he returned to get her she had fallen face first onto the driveway. This, again, struck Marshall as odd, as he questioned why Evans called him and not the baby's mother to report or explain this. Marshall received a third call from Evans between 9:00 P.M. and 9:15 P.M. During this third call, Evans told Marshall that the baby had been hit in the face with a baseball, but was alright now. Again, Marshall felt that this phone call was strange.

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After interviewing Marshall, the information obtained during the interview was relayed to the Maine State Police C.I.D. Unit.



STEVEN A. HAMEL
DETECTIVE

DATE: 11/09/00