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On Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at about 1000 hours, I interviewed,

**AMANDA BORTNER**

in a conference room, at the Attorney General's Office. The purpose of the interview was to document, in greater detail, some of the information that A. BORTNER had divulged in previous interviews.

A. BORTNER substantially stated the following. When she dropped KASSIDY off at J. MARSHALL'S on Wednesday afternoon, KASSIDY was in substantially good health. A. BORTNER explained that KASSIDY had been a little tired for the previous few days and her appetite was less than normal. A. BORTNER said that, C. EVAN'S son, KYLE EVANS, was getting over a cold or the flu and his behavior had been similar to KASSIDY'S, so A. BORTNER attributed her tiredness and lack of appetite to that. A. BORTNER said that while she was with KASSIDY on Wednesday, KASSIDY was walking, talking and acting fine. A. BORTNER went on to say that KASSIDY'S behavior was radically different on Thursday morning ~~at~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~time~~.

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A. BORTNER said she was awakened by KASSIDY'S crying, in bed, on Thursday morning at about 0630 hours, so A. BORTNER went into KASSIDY'S bedroom to see what was wrong. When A. BORTNER went into KASSIDY'S bedroom, she found KASSIDY lying in bed. KASSIDY was very still, and appeared to be having trouble staying awake. A. BORTNER said KASSIDY was very quiet and clearly not her normal self. A. BORTNER said the crying, in itself, was very unusual, as KASSIDY did not generally cry in the morning but was generally in good spirits and active upon waking. A. BORTNER explained that KASSIDY'S normal morning routine was to walk into the master bedroom upon awakening. A. BORTNER proceeded to change KASSIDY'S messy diaper and dressed her. A. BORTNER said that both while changing her and dressing her, KASSIDY was very still, and although she was not typically squirmy when getting changed or dressed, her behavior was not the norm. A. BORTNER carried KASSIDY downstairs to the living room couch, where she propped KASSIDY up on the couch and turned on the television for her. A. BORTNER said KASSIDY was not talking or walking, whereas she was usually up and around, playing or watching A. BORTNER do her hair and get ready. A. BORTNER said that in general, KASSIDY was cheerful, talkative, active, and had a good appetite in the morning.

A. BORTNER said she showered and dressed. She then gave KYLE'S clothes to C. EVANS and he dressed KYLE. A. BORTNER said that either she or C. EVANS carried KASSIDY to the kitchen counter and sat her there. C. EVANS prepared a baggie of cereal for KASSIDY'S breakfast but A. BORTNER never saw her eat any of it, at any time that morning. A. BORTNER thinks that KASSIDY may have asked for a cookie when she was on the counter, which she typically did, because the cookie jar was close by, but A. BORTNER was not positive. When I asked A. BORTNER if she gave KASSIDY a cookie, she did not recall, but she reiterated that she did not see KASSIDY eat anything that morning. A. BORTNER said she also gave KASSIDY a drink but KASSIDY did not drink any of it. *BAGGIE of Cereal in Car*

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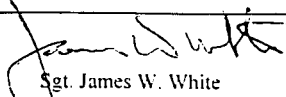
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I asked A. BORTNER what observations she made of marks or bruises on KASSIDY'S body on Wednesday and Thursday. A. BORTNER told me that on Wednesday, she recalled a mark under KASSIDY'S right eye, that she sustained after she fell off the couch and struck the coffee table. She also remembered fading (yellowing) bruises around KASSIDY'S mouth. On Wednesday evening, when A. BORTNER arrived home from work, she checked on KASSIDY, because C. EVANS had told her about KASSIDY falling in the driveway and also getting hit by a ball. A. BORTNER said that KASSIDY was in bed asleep, she was covered up, and the light was not on. A. BORTNER said she observed redness and swelling around KASSIDY'S left eye, that she felt could be consistent with being struck by a ball. A. BORTNER said her observation was brief, she kissed KASSIDY on the cheek, and left the room. A. BORTNER said the swelling wasn't huge, otherwise she would have applied ice. On Thursday morning, A. BORTNER said the left eye area was still red and swollen, and the mark under her right eye was still present. A. BORTNER said she was running late and did not make more detailed observations. A. BORTNER explained that she normally brushes out KASSIDY'S hair and puts it in pigtails, but on Thursday morning she did not have time to do that. A. BORTNER did not examine KASSIDY for any further bruises, nor did she observe any.

A. BORTNER left the house, with KYLE and KASSIDY, at about 0730 hours. She dropped KYLE off at daycare in Dover and drove KASSIDY to J. MARSHALL'S house in Kittery. A. BORTNER said that KASSIDY slept the whole way, which was typical. When A. BORTNER arrived at J.MARSHALL'S, she carried KASSIDY into the house. She carried KASSIDY into the master bedroom and placed her on the bed. A. BORTNER said she commented to J. MARSHALL and J. CONLEY "Her face looks like shit, doesn't it?" I asked A. BORTNER what she meant by the comment. She told me she was referring to the marks around the left eye, the mark under the right eye, and the fading bruises on Kassidy's cheeks. A. BORTNER said she was already late for work, so she did not have much discussion, with J. MARSHALL or J. CONLEY, before leaving for work. A. BORTNER said she was only at the house for a minute or two before leaving.

I asked A. BORTNER what C. EVANS had told her about the alleged Wednesday night occurrences of falling in the driveway and the ball incident. She told me that she called C. EVANS on Wednesday evening, from Perfumania, while she was on break. She asked C. EVANS how KASSIDY was doing. C. EVANS told A. BORTNER that when he arrived home, he went around the car and took KASSIDY out and stood her up in the driveway, he then went back around the car and got KYLE out. When he returned to KASSIDY'S side of the car, he found her laying face down on the driveway. When C. EVANS explained the ball incident, he told her that he was playing ball with KYLE and KASSIDY. C. EVANS pitched the ball (she does not know what type of ball) and KYLE hit it with a plastic whiffle ball bat. The ball struck KASSIDY in the face. A. BORTNER said KYLE could hit the ball pretty consistently, in spite of his age, but he did not hit the ball very powerfully or hard. A. BORTNER said C. EVANS told her words to the effect of; It seems like every time I have her she falls, gets bruised, or something happens. C. EVANS also said "I don't think I want anything to do with her anymore." C. EVANS told A. BORTNER that she should take KASSIDY to the Doctor when the bruises went away but didn't say specifically why. A.

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BORTNER said she was very angry after the telephone call because she was tired of KASSIDY getting bruised when she was with C. EVANS. *2 Times Bullshit*

A. BORTNER told me that after she checked on KASSIDY Wednesday night, she went downstairs and spoke with C. EVANS. An argument developed after she told C. EVANS how tired she was from working so hard. He told her he worked hard too and she responded that at least he didn't have to go up and down ladders all day like she did. She told me they were seated on the couch and he became angrier as the argument developed. C. EVANS then grabbed her by the throat and pinned her down, on her back, on the couch. She pushed him away and then he apologized. He told her that she knew she had to try to work with his temper. He went on to say "You know what makes me mad, it's like you're looking for it. A. BORTNER told C. EVANS she was only joking and that he had taken what she said the wrong way.

I asked A. BORTNER to describe how C. EVANS treated KASSIDY. A. BORTNER told me that KASSIDY was very jealous of anyone who paid attention to A. BORTNER, and KASSIDY would react by crying and fussing. She told me that at the beginning of the relationship between she and C. EVANS, C. EVANS ignored KASSIDY'S jealousy. As the relationship progressed however, he became more and more frustrated, thinking that she should have been getting used to him. A. BORTNER said that C. EVANS began grabbing KASSIDY by the face and yelling at her when he became angry. She told me that he was very big on having KYLE and KASSIDY look him in the eyes when he was disciplining them. A. BORTNER told me that C. EVANS did not grab KYLE by the face because he would do as he was told and look C. EVANS in the eyes, however KASSIDY was a different story, she would not look him in the eyes, so he would get angry and grab her by the face, in an attempt to make her look him in the eyes.

When A. BORTNER would yell at C. EVANS for the actions he took with KASSIDY, he told her if KYLE was like that with her, she'd do the same thing. I asked her to explain. She told me that C. EVANS would be out of control when he disciplined KASSIDY. He would yell and scream at KASSIDY, swear at her and call her names, including "bitch". I asked her if he displayed any of the same behavior with KYLE. A. BORTNER told me that C. EVANS yelled at KYLE also but did not swear at him or call him names. A. BORTNER said she only saw C. EVANS spank KYLE once, while he would grab KASSIDY by the face and/or arms at least once or twice weekly and even more frequently in the weeks before KASSIDY'S death. *Bullshit*

I asked A. BORTNER if C. EVANS ever disciplined KASSIDY in front of KYLE. A. BORTNER said she is sure he did because she recalled KYLE asking her "What's daddy doing to KASSIDY?" A. BORTNER also told me that she saw KYLE try to grab KASSIDY'S face in a manner similar to that used by C. EVANS, so she surmised that he had seen C. EVANS grab KASSIDY. I asked A. BORTNER if KYLE ever caused bruising when he did that. She told me that his hands weren't big enough to grasp KASSIDY'S face the way C. EVANS did, nor was he strong enough to hurt her. *Definitely stays small*

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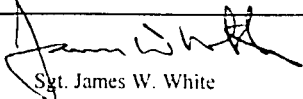
I asked A. BORTNER if she thought KASSIDY was clumsy. She told me that KASSIDY was pigeon-toed and did fall a lot, but A. BORTNER characterized it as normal baby stuff. She said KASSIDY caught herself when she fell and wasn't frequently injured when she fell on her own. A. BORTNER told me that KASSIDY was fearless and trusting, in that she would jump from the counter into A. BORTNER'S arms, and once she jumped partway down the stairs into A. BORTNER'S arms. A. BORTNER said that she doesn't recall KASSIDY ever being injured when doing that.

I asked A. BORTNER about the assertion by C. EVANS that he had to grab KASSIDY by the face at one time, to keep her from falling off of the trampoline. She told me that that assertion was false, it was a story made up by C. EVANS. I asked her to explain. A. BORTNER told me that one day she was planning on driving a friend of hers, EMILY CONLEY, to a doctor's appointment, in Biddeford, ME. C. EVANS told her she couldn't take KASSIDY because of the bruises on her face. She told him she was taking KASSIDY anyway and he had better come up with something. He told her to tell EMILY that he and KASSIDY were jumping on the trampoline and he had to reach out and grab her by the face to keep her from falling off of the trampoline.

I asked A. BORTNER if there were any other times she recalled being assaulted by C. EVANS. She told me of two particular incidents that stuck in her mind. One occurred before she began living with C. EVANS. She told me that he had called her and asked her to spend the day on his boat with him. She told him she might, but then later decided to spend the day with some friends of hers. She stopped at C. EVANS house to pick up some personal items. He became angry when he found out she wasn't going to spend the day with him. While they were in the basement area, C. EVANS grabbed A. BORTNER and head-butted her. She told him he was psycho, or words to that effect and he later apologized. A. BORTNER said she wasn't physically hurt. A. BORTNER also described a time when she and C. EVANS went to a grand opening party for the Exeter McDonald's restaurant. A. BORTNER believed it was at the Exeter Inn. She told me that she and C. EVANS got into an argument, in the car, and he choked her with enough force to cause her to have trouble swallowing for about a week and the choking caused bruising to her neck. A. BORTNER said that C. EVANS had drank a lot that night and was very drunk.

The interview was concluded at about 1150 hours.

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