

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION I
SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

INCIDENT #: K20435897

CASE: HOMICIDE (KASSIDY BORTNER)

NAME: CRYSTAL A. MARTIN DOB: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 13 Gove Street, Sanford, ME 04073

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT: Village by the Sea, Route 1, Wells (Chambermaid)

OFFICER: Det. Jeffrey A. Linscott ^{SAL} **I.D. #: 2930**

DATE: 1/5/01 TIME START: 1600 Hrs. TIME END: 1745 Hrs.

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Interview Room, Sanford Police Department

Approved:

CRYSTAL MARTIN stated she met AMANDA BORTNER approximately 2 years ago. MARTIN said that their children are approximately the same age, that she has a son who is 2 years old. MARTIN said that AMANDA and KASSIDY lived with her for a while. MARTIN said that she babysat KASSIDY overnight 3 weeks to a month before her death because AMANDA and CHAD were going out. MARTIN stated she gave the kids a bath together and she did not notice any bruises or injuries. MARTIN said this was the last time she saw AMANDA before the death. MARTIN said that AMANDA usually is very prompt, but MARTIN dropped KASSIDY off at EMILY CONLEY'S house and AMANDA was late in picking KASSIDY up. MARTIN said that AMANDA called EMILY and told her she couldn't pick KASSIDY up until the next day.

MARTIN said that AMANDA told her that CHAD threw KASSIDY on the bed a little hard. MARTIN said that AMANDA told her that she asked CHAD not to do that again and CHAD said he wouldn't. MARTIN said that AMANDA called her about 3 weeks before KASSIDY'S death and told MARTIN that CHAD told her that he did not want a live-in girlfriend anymore and AMANDA asked MARTIN about getting an apartment together. MARTIN said that AMANDA and CHAD patched things up and they never went further on their apartment plans.

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MARTIN stated she has never seen AMANDA hit or spank KASSIDY. MARTIN said that AMANDA would get frustrated and tell KASSIDY to go away. MARTIN said she has seen AMANDA go without food so KASSIDY could eat. MARTIN said she thought the two stories about how KASSIDY got her bruises, the trampoline story and the story of CHAD dropping her were true at the time, but EMILY and VICKI thought AMANDA was making them up to cover up abuse.

MARTIN said that AMANDA said that CHAD was starting to demonstrate anger and AMANDA was concerned. MARTIN said that AMANDA told her that CHAD gets angry easily and head-butted her once and they got into a small fistfight. MARTIN said that on another occasion, CHAD and his roommate, TRAVIS got high and were making fun of KASSIDY. MARTIN said that AMANDA took KASSIDY upstairs to get away from them.

MARTIN said that AMANDA told her that CHAD said the night before KASSIDY'S death, KASSIDY was hit on the head with a softball. MARTIN said that CHAD told AMANDA this when she got home from work and KASSIDY had already been put to bed. MARTIN said that AMANDA said that KASSIDY was acting tired the next morning when AMANDA dropped her off at the babysitter. MARTIN said that CHAD was a little rough with KASSIDY when he put her in the corner and when he put her on the bed. MARTIN said that CHAD watched KASSIDY a lot lately while AMANDA worked.

MARTIN said that AMANDA told her that JEFF MARSHALL is a possible suspect, that he has a short temper. MARTIN said she saw JEFF yell at AMANDA right after the funeral when AMANDA questioned JEFF about giving KASSIDY'S picture to the press. MARTIN said she used to talk with AMANDA a couple of times a week over the phone. MARTIN stated she saw AMANDA last night in Dover, NH as a dance club called the Inferno. MARTIN stated that VICKI, who works at VIP, brought AMANDA to the dance club. MARTIN said that AMANDA is staying with MARY BULLARD in Sanford and that AMANDA said she is going back to Texas in mid-February. MARTIN said she talked with AMANDA on December 23rd and AMANDA said she had been back in Maine 2 weeks. MARTIN stated she had not seen her until last night at the dance club. MARTIN said that AMANDA said that she had lost her daughter and the mom she loved. MARTIN said AMANDA told her she hasn't seen CHAD since the death and that her family has turned against her.

MARTIN said that AMANDA told her about being sexually perpetrated by her stepfather. MARTIN said that KASSIDY seemed a little slower than other kids did. MARTIN said that when she last babysat KASSIDY, she noticed a burn on KASSIDY'S foot that looked like a curling iron burn. MARTIN said she did not notice it during the bath the night before, but only saw it the next day. MARTIN said the burn could have happened at her house as she sometimes leaves the curling iron on accidentally.

MARTIN stated she spent the night at CHAD'S house in August. MARTIN said she did not see him act abusive toward any children, but the children were already in bed when she was there. MARTIN stated they were having a couple of drinks and CHAD put the drinks in cups because he was on probation. MARTIN said she did not see any temper or violent behavior. MARTIN said she knew CHAD'S probation was for his assault on his ex-wife.

MARTIN said that BOBBY SHEHAN, KASSIDY'S biological father, lives with his brother, JAY VALARIO, close to McDonalds in an apartment below a nursing home. MARTIN said GABE SNYDER works at GNC in Sanford and lives one street over from Holly Street.

(redacted paragraph, not relevant to the death of Cassidy Bortner)