

**MAINE STATE POLICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION I
SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

INCIDENT #: K20435897 **CASE:** HOMICIDE (KASSIDY BORTNER)

NAME: GABE P. SNYDER **DOB:** [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: 10 Pine Avenue, Sanford, ME 04073

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT: General Nutrition Center, 502 Main Street, Sanford, ME 04073
(Manager)

OFFICER: Det. Jeffrey A. Linscott  **I.D. #:** 2930

DATE: 4/3/01 **TIME START:** 1500 Hrs. **TIME END:** 1545 Hrs.

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: General Nutrition Center, Sanford

Approved:

GABE SNYDER stated that he met AMANDA BORTNER in 1996, they dated, she became pregnant, he thought he was the father, they went to birthing class together, she eventually told him the baby might not be his, and he got a paternity test done which showed he was not the father of the baby. SNYDER stated that KASSIDY BORTNER was born in February 1999 and they started living together in April 1999. SNYDER stated the paternity test was done in November or December 1999 and the results came back in January 2000. SNYDER stated they moved out from living together in August or September 1999.

SNYDER said that some of his friends told him that AMANDA had cheated on him, which he did not believe at the time. SNYDER said that AMANDA told him that BOBBY SHEEHAN was the father of the child. SNYDER said that AMANDA told him (SNYDER) that SHEEHAN had only met KASSIDY once, had never held her and had no active role in her life. SNYDER said that he knows BOBBY SHEEHAN and sees him occasionally around town. SNYDER said that SHEEHAN has admitted to him that he slept with AMANDA and has said that "the baby might have been made with his sperm, but he is not the father". SNYDER said his only contact with SHEEHAN lately is when they occasionally meet on the street and their only conversation is in making fun of AMANDA as neither of them like her now. SNYDER said he has been able to disassociate

himself with AMANDA and KASSIDY since finding out he was not the father. SNYDER said that he and AMANDA did not utilize any birth control when dating.

SNYDER stated that he never saw AMANDA get physical with KASSIDY. SNYDER said that AMANDA was a young, immature person who had a baby before she was emotionally ready to have one. SNYDER said that AMANDA got frustrated with KASSIDY at times, but she would leave the room and pass KASSIDY off to SNYDER instead of taking out her anger on KASSIDY. SNYDER stated that he saw KASSIDY fall down twice in the time he lived with them and get bruises. SNYDER stated he was there both times and no injury was inflicted on KASSIDY, all bruising was the result of an accidental fall. SNYDER said that KASSIDY was a tough kid, and that she did not bruise or cry easily.

SNYDER stated he did not have much contact with AMANDA or KASSIDY BORTNER during 2000. SNYDER said that AMANDA brought KASSIDY into the store in March 2000 and they decided to "call it quits" and not have any more contact between them anymore.

SNYDER stated he does not know CHAD EVANS and has never met him before. SNYDER said that when he last spoke with AMANDA around March 2000, she told him that she was dating CHAD EVANS and she was bragging about how rich he was. SNYDER stated that he does know JENNIFER CONLEY, AMANDA'S sister, and JENNIFER'S boyfriend, JEFFEREY MARSHALL. SNYDER stated that he dated AMANDA for four years and knows all of her family and got along with all of them. SNYDER stated that he "hung out" with JEFFEREY MARSHALL and they watched movies together.

SNYDER stated that AMANDA'S mother had KASSIDY most of the time as far as babysitting went. SNYDER said that KASSIDY lived with AMANDA and him until they moved out, and then KASSIDY went to AMANDA'S mother's house to live. SNYDER stated that EMILY CONLEY was their roommate while living together and CONLEY babysat KASSIDY at times. SNYDER said that AMANDA'S mother and stepfather, PAUL, took good care of KASSIDY.

SNYDER said that AMANDA and JENNIFER argued over anything, like clothes, when they were together and SNYDER does not think they got along well or had much to do with each other. SNYDER said that AMANDA never mentioned herself being abused at all. SNYDER stated that AMANDA has hit him in anger in the past. SNYDER said that they would put KASSIDY to bed before they did any fighting. SNYDER stated that he never hit or spanked KASSIDY, citing abuse by his mother's boyfriend which taught him to never hit women or kids. SNYDER said that when he got frustrated with KASSIDY, he would put her in her crib with her pacifier. SNYDER stated that when AMANDA would hit him, he would push her away in self-defense, but he never struck her.