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On October 31, 2001 at approximately 1210 hours, Assistant Attorney General's Wil Delker and Simon Brown and I interviewed;

Travis Hunt

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in the third floor conference room of the Rochester Police Department. The interview was prearranged to review Travis Hunt's prior statements to investigators relating to the death of Cassidy Bortner. Travis Hunt was living in the basement of 191 Milton Road East Rochester, New Hampshire which is the home of Chad Evan's and was present the night before Cassidy Bortner died.

Assistant Attorney General Delker explained to Travis Hunt that the purpose of the interview was to meet him and to go over his statement to investigators. The interview took place at a conference table and it lasted approximately 90 minutes. I was sitting to the right of Travis Hunt and Assistant Attorney General's Delker and Brown were sitting across from us. Travis Hunt was extremely nervous throughout the interview. His legs were shaking. He sighed, swallowed, and took deep breaths several times. He kept his arms crossed and against his torso and his voice was cracked at times.

Travis Hunt told us that he lived at 191 Milton Road since the Summer of 2000. He now lives there with his sister. He said that he was living in the basement which was partially furnished and it did not include a bathroom or kitchen. He was asked to describe the layout of the residence. The first floor contained the kitchen, a living room, a partial bathroom, and an office/den area. The second floor contained bedrooms and a full bath. Travis Hunt stated that he used the first floor bathroom to shave and he uses the second floor bathroom to shower and brush his teeth.

Travis Hunt was asked to recall the evening prior to Cassidy Bortner's death. He told us that he was working at McDonald's Restaurant in Rochester and left work around 1900 hours. He said he arrived home shortly thereafter. He said he entered the house through the kitchen door and heard noises coming from the second floor. He was asked to describe the noises but he was unable to and stated it was just normal noises that people make when they are home. Travis Hunt said after hearing the noises he immediately went upstairs to the second floor bathroom and found Chad Evan's giving Cassidy Bortner a bath. He stated that he and Chad Evans exchanged "hello's". Travis Hunt told us that Cassidy Bortner was splashing in the bath and was "chipper". Attorney Delker asked Travis Hunt to explain "chipper" and he stated she was exhibiting more energy than usual and she was fine. He said that Chad Evans pointed out a red circular injury underneath Cassidy Bortner's eye. Chad Evans told him that he was pitching a ball to his three year old son Kyle and Kyle hit the ball and it struck Cassidy in the face. Travis Hunt believed the ball that struck Cassidy Bortner was a hollow plastic ball.

Travis Hunt was asked how Chad Evans appeared when he saw him in the bathroom and he said Chad was calm and he was sitting on the floor watching Cassidy take her bath. Attorney Delker asked Travis Hunt if Chad Evans showed any concerns for Cassidy's health. He said that Chad Evans told him in the bathroom that when he was driving Cassidy home tonight she appeared to have a convulsion in the car as her eyes rolled up into the back of her head while she was in her car seat. Chad Evans also told him that Cassidy fell on her face when

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she got out of the car at home. He said that he called Jeff Marshall and asked him what happened to Cassidy today. Travis Hunt was asked again how Cassidy appeared in the bathtub and he said she was "chipper". Travis Hunt was asked if he saw any other bruises on Cassidy while she was in the bath. He said that he saw small bruises on each side of her face near her chin and on her leg. He said that he did not consider the bruises to be suspicious because Cassidy Bortner fell alot. Travis Hunt stated that after he spoke with Chad Evans in the bathroom he left and spent a few minutes with Kyle pitching the plastic ball to him in his bedroom. He said Kyle was able to hit some of the balls pitched to him.

Travis Hunt said that after playing with Kyle he went downstairs into the basement to change his clothes and get ready for a date with Irene Ricci. He also used the first floor bathroom to get ready and he went back into the basement to call Irene Ricci to let her know he was coming over. Travis Hunt was asked if he had any more contact with Chad Evans or Cassidy Bortner that evening. He said that when he was on the first floor he saw Chad Evans carrying Cassidy in the den or near the den while she was eating a "frozen pop". He said she appeared fine and Chad Evans appeared fine. Travis Hunt told us that he also saw Cassidy Bortner shortly before he left for Irene Ricci's house. He said that he used the second floor bathroom to brush his teeth and Chad Evans was with Cassidy in her bedroom getting her ready for bed and he was reading her a story. Travis Hunt said he left for Irene Ricci's house between 2000-2015 hours and stayed there for a few hours.

I asked Travis Hunt if he told Irene Ricci that he was concerned for Cassidy's well-being that night and he said no, but he recalled telling her that she got hit by a ball hit by Kyle. I asked Travis if he told Irene that the reason he was late visiting her was because he wanted to make sure Cassidy went to sleep all right. He denied stating that. I asked him if Irene had any motivation for making that up and he said no. There was a break in the interview and Travis Hunt used the bathroom.

The interview resumed approximately 10 minutes later. I told Travis Hunt that we had concerns with his story. He was asked why he felt it necessary when he got home to go immediately upstairs to the bathroom after hearing noises. He said because he knew Chad was home and he wanted to say hello to him. Travis Hunt was asked to recall what he saw in the bathroom. He said Cassidy Bortner was in the bath splashing and she was chipper. He said it was unusual for him to see her so active because she would spend hours at a time watching television. He was asked how Chad Evans appeared and he said Chad was fine. Attorney Delker asked Travis Hunt if he saw any bruises on Cassidy. He stated that he saw the red circular mark underneath her eye, he saw the small bruises on each side of her face near her chin, and he saw a bruise on her leg. Attorney Delker asked him if he saw the bruising on her stomach and he said no. Travis Hunt was then asked if he recalled seeing the autopsy photographs of Cassidy Bortner depicting bruises all over her body and he said yes and added that she did not look like that when he saw her.

Travis Hunt was asked if he ever heard Amanda Bortner and Chad Evans fighting and he said no. He did recall one incident that he assumed was a verbal argument because their voices were raised. He was asked if he knew the content of that argument and he said no.

Travis Hunt was told that there is medical evidence showing the injuries Cassidy Bortner sustained would make it impossible for her to be "chipper" in the bath tub or be able to eat a popsicle. Travis Hunt explained that he was telling the truth and that she was playing in the bathtub and she was eating a popsicle when he saw her. Travis Hunt stated that if Cassidy Bortner looked like the autopsy photographs when he saw her in the bathtub he would have called the police.