

Evans juror replaced; deliberations start again

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DOVER — After two days of deliberations, a juror was replaced this morning and deliberations were ordered to begin anew in the murder trial of a former Rochester man charged with killing his girlfriend's 21-month-old daughter.

The woman juror was dismissed for unnamed personal reasons and replaced with a

male alternate, who had not been present during the earlier deliberations. The jury now has six men and six women.

Prosecutors say Chad Evans, a former member of the Keene Board of Education, is a liar and is using the child's baby sitter, Jefferey Marshall, as a scapegoat. The defense says Marshall is the liar and police rushed to judgment in suspecting Evans in the Nov. 9, 2000, death of Kassidy Bortner.

The jury deliberated for three hours Tuesday and seven hours Wednesday in Strafford County Superior Court, asking the judge several questions. Neither defense lawyers nor prosecutors

would say what the questions were.

Evans, 30, faces life in prison if convicted of second-degree murder.

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