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Convicted murderer to sell property in Rochester

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ROCHESTER — Convicted murderer Chad E. Evans, who is awaiting sentencing for killing 21-month-old Cassidy Bortner, is seeking to sell off nearly an acre of his Milton Road property.

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Evans has scheduled a hearing with the Planning Board for its Feb. 11 meeting at 7 p.m. at Rochester City Hall although he is incarcerated and faces possible life in prison.

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Chief Planner Michael Behrendt said Evans' is asking for a lot line revision to his 2.38-acre parcel of land on 191 Milton Road. His plan is to separate a .89-acre section of his property to sell to Rochester Security Systems, which owns the adjacent vacant 2.17-acre lot, Behrendt said.

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The lot Rochester Security Systems owns is zoned business. The transaction, if approved, will not affect Evan's house on the lot, Behrendt said.

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Evans' wooded lot is located south of Riverside Mobile Home Park.

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A representative from Berry Surveying and Engineering, which is working on the plan, will likely represent Evans at the meeting, Behrendt said.

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A jury at Strafford County Superior Court convicted Evans Dec. 21 on charges of murder and assault in connections with Bortner's death after more than 12 hours of deliberations.

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Bortner was the daughter of Evans' girlfriend, 19-year-old Amanda Bortner.

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The three lived together at the Milton Road home about three months before Cassidy's death on Nov. 9, 2000.

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