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Bortner faces arraignment on alcohol violation

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DOVER — The mother of a murdered 21-month-old girl is to be in Exeter District Court on Friday for her arraignment on an alcohol violation.

An Exeter District Court clerk confirmed Monday afternoon that 20-year-old Amanda Bortner is scheduled to be arraigned at 8:30 a.m.

The violation stems from a traffic stop in Epping in August when police found alcohol in Bortner's car.

Bortner's boyfriend, 30-year-old Chad E. Evans, was convicted in December of beating her daughter, Kassidy, to death in 2000. He has been sentenced to 28 years to life in prison.

Bortner, whose last-known address is Evans' residence at 191 Milton Road in Rochester, is free on bail pending her trial in November on two charges of endangering the welfare of a child in connection with Kassidy's death.

Kassidy died on Nov. 9, 2000, from blunt-force trauma to the head and abdomen. The toddler had lived with Bortner and Evans at the Rochester home for about two months to three months before her death. The state contended that Evans beat the little girl repeatedly and caused multiple injuries in the weeks before her death. A jury convicted Evans on several counts of assault and second-degree murder.

Bortner, whose testimony in the case had to be compelled by the state, was charged with the two misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child for allegedly failing to protect Kassidy from Evans' abuse and not seeking medical treatment for the child.

Bortner's bail conditions were recently reviewed and increased to include no contact with anyone convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime because two men in her car at the time of the Epping traffic violation were known felons.

The violation, transporting alcohol by a minor, is punishable by a fine and temporary loss of license. Each charge of endangering the welfare of a child carries a maximum sentence of one year in jail.

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