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State to revoke Bortner bail

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DOVER — The state filed a motion this morning to revoke Amanda Bortner's bail after learning she has had at least 1,587 minutes of phone conversations with her daughter's convicted killer since Aug. 6.

An expressed condition of Bortner's release on bail was no contact with Chad E. Evans, who was convicted in December 2001 of beating Bortner's 21-month-old daughter Kassidy to death.

Evans has been incarcerated at New Hampshire State Prison in Concord since April and is serving a sentence of 28 years to life for his second-degree murder and multiple assault convictions in connection with Kassidy's murder.

Bortner was convicted last month on two misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child for failing to protect Kassidy from Evans' abuse. She will be sentenced next month.

The motion states that Bortner had at least 1,587 minutes of contact with Chad Evans from Aug. 6, 2002, to present. Contact is still ongoing and has been facilitated by Chad Evans' family.

On or about Dec. 13, 2002, New Hampshire State Police Sgt. James White retrieved 10 CDs containing recordings of phone calls made by Chad Evans. Upon listening to the recordings, Sgt. White recognized the defendant's voice on each CD. Through listening to the conversations, Sgt. White learned that Evans and the defendant had contrived other ways to have contact: his parents passed letters between them and would flash forward his calls to the defendant. Sgt. White also learned that other third parties would "flash forward his calls so that the defendant and Evans could have contact."

The court is expected to act on prosecutor David Ruoff's bail revocation motion at a hearing Monday afternoon.