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Dear Ericka,

First I'd like to say thank you for taking the time to read all of our letters. I know it is a very hard situation to understand, but I can assure you if you will continue reading and putting everything together, you will know without a doubt that Chad Evans is innocent.

My name is Amanda Bortner, Kassidy's mother. From what I understand the only knowledge that you have about this case is from the newspaper. I can tell you right now that what you have read in the paper is twisted lies.

I'm writing you today so you can get a little bit of the truth about how my daughter Kassidy Caitlyn Bortner was murdered. I'm not going to write every detail because this letter would never end. But I will give you what I believe is the most important on why Chad was wrongfully convicted.

Anyway on November 9th, 2000, I dropped Kassidy off at my sisters boyfriends Jeff Marshalls, before I went to work. Four and a half hours later she was beaten to death. Alright I was interrogated for 11 hours. Basically I was cohearsed into making a false confession. I was obviously under a huge amount of due rest, and in an extremely fragile frame of mind. During that brutal interrogation the cops did a number of deceiving and manipulative things. First of all they lied to me. They said that they had medical and physical evidence and that's how they "knew" Chad had killed my daughter. That shows you how much investigating they did to come up with a conclusion that fast. They tried their very best to convince me that he killed her. Finally they weren't getting what they wanted out of me so they went one step further. They said, "Well Amanda, if Chad didn't kill her, did you kill your baby?" So at that point I was scared to death. I thought to myself if I don't tell them what they want to hear, I'm going to get charged with the murder of my daughter! So I just said yes to everything they asked. They said, "What did he just throw her into walls?" And I said yes. "Did he do this?" Yes, yes, yes. Not only did these lies incriminate Chad, they also incriminated myself. I was so distraught, full of fear, and anxiety. All I wanted to do was get out of there.

This is something that does not matter in court. It is something that most people do not understand unless it happens to them or they've seen it happen. Among a lot of other lies or things being twisted to the prosecutors liking, ultimately I believe this is what put Chad away. My cohearsed false confession.

I would love to meet you and discuss more with you. It's so much easier to talk in person. But this is basically why in the paper it makes it sound like Chad is a monster. And let me just tell you he really is the exact opposite of a monster. He is a very caring, kind, and compassionate man. Noone deserves to be wrongfully convicted, but Chad especially cause he has done so many wonderful things for other people.

Please, if you can help us in anyway. My daughter has been gone for four and a half years now and still hasn't been laid to rest, Chad's 7 year old son has no father because of this injustice, Chad's family is suffering tremendously, and the man that brutally murdered my daughter is walking around the streets free. Who knows who his next victim will be.

I will be anxiously waiting for your reply. Thanks again for your time.

Sincerely, Amanda Bortner