

January 14, 2002

Your Honor,

My wife and I cared for Kyle C. Evans and Brent R. Lincoln for several years. It is with this experience that I would like to respectfully submit this account of my observations of Chad Evans as a father and a professional acquaintance.

I was deeply shocked to hear that Mr. Evans was being charged with Cassidy's death. While I knew Mr. Evans as an aggressive rising professional, I had first hand observations of his love and affection for both of his boys. Over the several years of our dealings with the Evans' family, I had spoken at length with Mr. Evans on a number of occasions. I was always impressed with the level of affection he expressed for both Kyle and Brent. He showed intimate understanding of both boys as well as what I can only describe as a father's love for the both of them. He not only talked a good game as many father's do, but he followed that up with gentle patience, fairness, diligence, and eagerness to spend time with both on a regular basis.

Brent and Kyle both returned that love and affection shown to them. They clearly loved Mr. Evans as a father as he did likewise with them. There was never any difference in his treatment of his stepson or his son. I believe that both young men are the better for having had Mr. Evans in their life. Neither my wife nor myself ever noticed any alarming marks on the children's bodies. To the contrary I recall a conversation with Mrs. Evans when she expressed frustration over Mr. Evans refusing to spank the boys when they were misbehaving.

Over the years that my wife and I have had the privilege of caring for other people's children, I have witnessed very few fathers, let alone step fathers, that displayed such consistent care and affection for their children. It is this observation that compels me to share this with you. Mr. Chad Evans, in my 3 years of caring for his children, never displayed any behavior consistent with what he was charged with in regards to his relationships with Kyle or Brent. Furthermore, in our financial dealings with Mr. Evans, he showed patience and respect to both Linda and I even when late fees were charged. I

can honestly say that few of our customers have been so pleasant and considerate to deal with.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Dalessandri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "C".

Chad Dalessandri

Co-owner and care provider
of Linda's Childcare.