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PHOTOGRAPHS OF KASSIDY BORTNER FROM JUNE – NOVEMBER, 2000.

This photo album contains photographs of Kassidy Bortner during the period she lived with her mother, Amanda, and Chad Evans in Rochester, New Hampshire.

The photos are listed below and in this collection in chronological order to the extent possible, as some photos could not be precisely dated.

- 1-6 June 22. Kassidy at York's Wild Animal Kingdom with Amanda, Kyle and Chad.
- 7-9 On or before August 16. Kassidy at Water Country in Portsmouth
- 10-11 August. Two photos of Kassidy in her high chair in Chad's dining room.
- 12 Mid-late August. Kassidy and Kato in Chad's kitchen.
- 13 September 2. At the birthday of her uncle, Scott Conley (but perhaps misidentified)
- 14 October 1. Kassidy at Auburn with bunny rabbit. Photo was at Chad's trial.
- 15 October. Kassidy in Chad's kitchen with Elmo slippers.
- 16 October 20. Kassidy and Amanda at Chad's sister's home in Belmont, NH.

None of these photos show bruises on Kassidy.

There were many other photos taken of Kassidy during the period, and we are hoping to find as many of those as possible. Most were lost in a fire in 2001. Below are listed Chad's descriptions of those lost photos from his [letter](#) to Morrison Bonpasse of August 26, 2010.

- o I recall several photos that Amanda took of Kassidy and Kyle playing at the house.*
- o There were some great photos that Amanda took in the boat. I recall one where Kassidy was sitting on the back bench seat by herself as we were stopped in the middle of Baxter Lake.*
- o I'm positive there was a photo that Amanda took standing in the bow of the boat where I was driving and had Kyle and Kassidy on my lap helping me steer.*
- o There was a day that we took Kyle, Kassidy and Brent to Hampton Beach. My mother recently gave you a photo of the boys climbing on the rocks. Amanda took the photo with Kassidy beside her. I took a photo of them together.*
- o There are several missing photos of Kassidy in the high chair. Amanda was always snapping those photos. I remember we had a few cute ones with food all over her face. In one of them, Amanda ran to get the camera because she was licking the ice cream bowl and had some on her nose.*
- o There are at least 2 photos of her playing with Kato that I remember.*
- o There were more photos of Josh and Kassidy at Water Country that Amanda took.*
- o There are the missing photos of Kassidy and Malana together in the kiddie pool.*
- o There are the missing photos of Kassidy and Josh together when he stayed at our house in Rochester. Amanda was always snapping photos*

- o I'm pretty sure that Amanda had a photo with Kassidy sitting on my lap on the 3 wheeler or the riding tractor.*
- o I'm fairly certain we had a photo of Kassidy and Ashley, Bruce and Michelle Truell's daughter playing together at the Truell's house, backyard.*
- o There was at least one photo of Amanda and Kassidy snuggled up in our bed that I took.*
- o Amanda took photos of Kassidy in her car seat wearing sun glasses.*
- o There are several more photos missing from the day at York's Wild Animal Kingdom.*
- o I'm pretty sure that Amanda had a photo of Kassidy and I playing together on the floor from the night Amanda came home from the money mgt. class in Portsmouth. This was the evening I described in a letter to you very early on where Kassidy actually wanted me and pushed Amanda away when she came to play with us. First and only time that happened.*
- o We had some of Kassidy at the playground in Rochester.*
- o I remember a really cute one of Kassidy sitting on the couch watching cartoons and had her Teletubby, Tinky Winky, right with her.*
- o I'm sure Amanda had some of her sleeping. Kassidy was like the most adorable sleeper.*
- o I know Amanda took some of Kassidy on the trampoline. They both loved jumping together on the trampoline.*
- o I remember there were several photos of Kassidy framed that Amanda had placed on the fireplace mantle.*
- o I'm not sure where we were, but Amanda had one of Kassidy sitting on my shoulders. This is how I carried her a lot.*

Photos 1-6: Kassidy at Yorks Wild Animal Kingdom, Maine (all six photos by Chad)

Photos 1-2

by Chad Evans

Photos 1 and 2 is from our day together at York's Wild Animal Kingdom. We had a BLAST.

It was very hot out and these photos were taken near the end of the day. These were taken at the Prairie dog family exhibit. I took this photo from across the Cement cylinder display. Actually, the prairie dog on the log is alive. It looks close to Kyle but they are actually approx. 10' away. I was using the zoom on the camera.

We obviously went at the beginning of the season, because of developing date we know it was 6/22/2000. I took at least an entire roll that day. I wish we had the rest.

I had some nice ones toward the beginning with everyone smiling, prior to being hot and tired. We had planned to take them at the end of the season but as you know we missed it. In 2000, the internet wasn't used like it is today to check schedules, opening times, etc.



Photos 3-4 Photo 3 is a closeup of Kassidy from Photo 1, above



Photo 4 Kassidy with animals and people



Photos 5-6
Kassidy, Kyle and Amanda at York's Wild Animal Kingdom



Photos 7-9: of Kassidy at Water Country, Portsmouth, On or before August 16, 2000.

By Chad Evans.

These are awesome photographs of Kassidy. These were taken by Amanda in August of 2000 when she took Kassidy and her brother(s) to Water Country in Portsmouth. I was busy in Hampton so I couldn't make the trip, but I picked up tickets for Amanda to take the kids. Amanda and I did a lot during August. Jackie watched Kassidy a lot. One of the times when Amanda went to pick Kassidy up, she brought her brothers, Scott and Joshua, back to spend a few days with us. Amanda may have gone with one of her friends as well. Obviously from the develop date, it was on or prior to Wednesday, August 16, 2000. The important thing is look how HAPPY Kassidy is!

Photos are close enough to see no bruises. She is wearing a 2-piece bathing suit which shows NO BRUISES on her abdomen.

I wish I had thought of using these photos during the trial. As a matter of fact, I don't recall my attorneys asking for ANY photos. Amanda and the kids had a great day. We grilled out that night, and I believe we walked up to Lone Oaks Ice Cream, less than one-third of a mile from our house, and got ice cream later.

- 7. Kassidy at end of slides
- 8. Kassidy on lounge chair
- 9. Kassidy in locker room

- 7. Kassidy at end of slides



8. Kassidy on lounge chair



9. Kassidy in locker room



Photos 10-11: Kassidy in High chair, 2 photos (same day?)

Photo 10

by Chad Evans

Here are two different photos of Kassidy Bortner in her high chair in the kitchen in Chad's home. She is wearing the same clothes and shoes as the photo, with Kato, (photo 6) and the hair looks the same, so it may have been taken in late August, 2010.



Photo 11

by Chad Evans

This (second) photo was taken by me while Kassidy sat smiling in her high chair in the corner of our diningroom.

Due to Kassidy's face thinning a little, I am going to guess this was taken sometime in August. I think we were just getting ready to have some ice cream and that is why she was smiling so. She was so cute I couldn't resist snapping the photo.



Photo 12. Kassidy with Kato in kitchen in Rochester.

By Chad Evans

I believe by the maturity in Kassidy's face and hair length (compared to York's Wild Animal Kingdom photo taken June 22 +/-), this photo was taken mid to late August. Most importantly, you can see how HAPPY she is in the photo, no bruises and absolutely loved Kato. Amanda took the photo from the dining room entrance facing into the kitchen at our home in Rochester.

... toward the end of the month. Her hair is a bit longer and the white sandals we loved on her couldn't be worn much more after this photo because she outgrew them. The tough thing is that Amanda and I loved that little blue dress and white sandals outfit on Kassidy, and Amanda almost always did her hair the same in that outfit (hair pulled up in one bunch on head).



Photo 13: Kassidy, in Auburn, Maine, September 2, 2000.

Kassidy's grandmother, Jacqueline Conley, believes that she took this photo of Kassidy , at her home in Maine. Kassidy is wearing the same sweater as in the photograph of Amanda holding Kassidy taken on 20 October 2000. According to Jacqueline, this photo was taken on the occasion of the birthday party for Kassidy's uncle, Scott Conley on 2 September 2000.

Chad Evans wrote a note in June 2011 about the photo.

“You know what is weird about this photo? It looks like my livingroom floor with a little view of my entertainment center and those wood TV trays that I stacked in the corner. You can see those TV trays in the corner of my living room in other photos we have looked at.

I know Jackie has indicated she took this photo but...

Also, judging by Kassidy's hair length, this is much closer to the October 1st photo of her holding a rabbit in the chair and the October 20th photo of Kassidy in Amanda's arms. Also, judging by the maturity of Kassidy's face, I really believe Jackie may have confused the photo with others that she may have taken on Sept. 2.



Photo 14: Kassidy in chair with bunny rabbit, Auburn Maine October 1, 2000

This photo of Kassidy was taken by Kassidy's grandmother, Jacqueline Conley on Sunday, October 1, 2000, in the Conley house in Auburn, on the last day of the move to Buckfield. The chair was one of the last in the house. This photo was later used at Chad Evans's trial as Exhibit 19, and it was the only photo shown at the trial of a healthy Kassidy. This was 6 weeks before her death.



Photo 15: Kassidy in Chad's kitchen, with Elmo slippers, sometime in October, 2000?

by Chad Evans

"OH MY GOD! I had forgotten about this photograph. I will have to find where Amanda mentioned these "Elmo" slippers in her testimony. This picture was taken later in our relationship. Like October. Her interview reference to the slippers may provide a better clue, perhaps which shopping trip she bought that outfit. I believe those are the slippers that Amanda sent to Jeff's so Kassidy wouldn't get any more pin pricks on his floors (if that is what really caused them). Kassidy is bigger in the photograph, her hair is longer.

She is wearing an outfit that Amanda bought shortly before her death. LOOK how HAPPY she was. I'm not sure who took the photo. It was either me or Amanda.

We both were prone to snapping photographs when one of the kids would walk in doing something funny or looking particularly cute. From the angle, I would guess that Amanda snapped this one. I tended to get down more level with the kids to get straight on shots....

God, I wish we had some of the photo's that were taken by Amanda of me holding Kassidy or sitting with her playing or cuddling. The fire in the summer of 2001 was tragic. Sometimes I wonder if accidents like that are signs against me and any efforts I make to right this wrong. It seems like every possible thing that could have gone wrong at the worst possible moment, did in EVERY instance of this case.

... My guess is after October 15, sometime.



Photo 16: Amanda and Kassidy, at Nicole Evans Harvey's home, Belmont, NH, Friday, October 20, 2000.

by Chad Evans

This is an awesome photo, and, I believe, the last existing photo of Kassidy alive. (There were subsequent photos, but they were likely lost in a fire in the Summer of 2001.) I remember the day. We went up to visit Nicole and Brandon. I know, because I was in work clothes. I believe Kyle was with us. I was helping Brandon dig a root or something before the ground froze for the winter. We moved some heavy stuff around and then I took everyone to dinner at "Nothin' Fancy" in Weirs Beach. We decided on Mexican because I wanted the kids to try something a little different. We determined the date of October 20 by the credit card statement for the dinner. This was 20 days before Kassidy died.

I also think this time is likely because I was discussing 3 wheelers with Brandon and I believe I told him I found one in Maine I was going to look at. As we know, I went to Maine the weekend of the 22nd with Jeff.

Amanda is wearing the brand new Colley-McCoy sweatshirt I had just received in early October to give out as Crew Prizes. These sweatshirts were huge hits with the Crew. Amanda loved the sweatshirt and claimed the one I kept for myself as her own. You can see an earlier photo of Amanda wearing one during our Saco River canoe trip in August. That was my sweatshirt from the previous fall.

You asked about the photo of Amanda holding Kassidy at Belmont on Friday Oct. 20, 2000. I am 99% SURE that it was Nicole that took the photo. I was working with Brandon on the other side of the house trying to dig a trench or something to lay a water pipe before the ground froze. I am pretty sure that Kyle was over with Brandon and me.

(Letter, July 7, 2010)

