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## Investigation into toddler death could take months

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KITTERY, Maine — Police are continuing their investigation into the death of a Rochester, N.H., toddler, and the state medical examiner's office has stated it could be months before the cause of death is released.

A spokeswoman for the state medical examiner's office said this morning that results of the autopsy on the body of 21-month-old Cassidy Bortner are still pending, and could be withheld for up to three months. This is typical of cases handled by the chief medical examiner, she said.

"We really have a lot more work to do to find out what went on here," Maine State Police Lt. Brian McDonough said Monday. "We'll see where that leads us."

Although no arrests have been made at this time, police are examining physical evidence and continuing with interviews, McDonough said.

The toddler died under what police are calling "suspicious" circumstances. The girl was dropped off at a Kittery residence about 8 a.m. on Thursday, according to police. Kittery police received a call about 12:41 p.m. from an unidentified man calling from the Rogers Road residence requesting paramedics for a child who had report-

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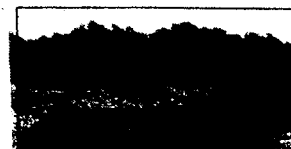
By TERRY DATE  
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EXETER — First, the doctor lifted his left foot and held it in place above the ankle of his opposite leg.

The doctor looked questioningly at Mercedes Gonzales and she smiled and nodded.

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Katerin, who loves dancing and songs — she especially likes the music that plays before Guatemalan soap operas on television — will spend six to eight weeks in Exeter.

there is a great chance that her daughter will improve a great deal.

"I'm telling her, she is in the best possible hands," Sabin tell the doctors.

## Curfew

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The curfew ordinance, if adopted as suggested, would heavily fine business establishments that allow underage people to be in them after curfew hours, he said.

In preparation for its recommendation, the Curfew Task Force surveyed children, citizen, police officers and talked with coalitions,

Bradshaw said.

The Rochester Police Commission has spoken against enacting such a curfew, but Bradshaw said the task force's survey of patrol officers revealed that a majority of those officers are in favor of one.

The final decision on a recom-

mendation came through a vote of task force members. The task force is made up of city councilors, citizens and police officers.

Bradshaw, who did not vote at the task force level, said he is in favor of the curfew.

"I think it will be pretty good," Bradshaw said.

## Toddler

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edly fallen, Thursday's police log states.

She was transported from the Rogers Road residence to York Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The girl lived with her mother, Amanda Bortner, 18, in Rochester. The mother reportedly brought the girl to the home of a close family friend before going to work.

The man caring for the child

called police to report she was "unresponsive" when he tried to wake her from a nap, according to Maine State Police.

The autopsy was complete late Friday afternoon, according to the state medical examiner's office.

Residents in the Rogers Road neighborhood who had met the girl described her as a pretty child with large blue eyes who loved to be hugged, but was also shy.

Main State Police have been working in conjunction with Kittery and Rochester police as well as New Hampshire State Police on the investigation.

## Budget

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get bill to be introduced in the House of Representatives.

Shaheen said her goals are to present a budget that is balanced and fiscally responsible, invests in the state's future, and meets the state's commitment to schools and the community.

"Our first priority is meeting our commitment to our schools and our children and we will work with the Legislature to craft a long-term school-funding solution that is good for our children and maintains the prosperity we are currently enjoying," she said.

The public hearings resume today with the Department of Safety, Department of Corrections and the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

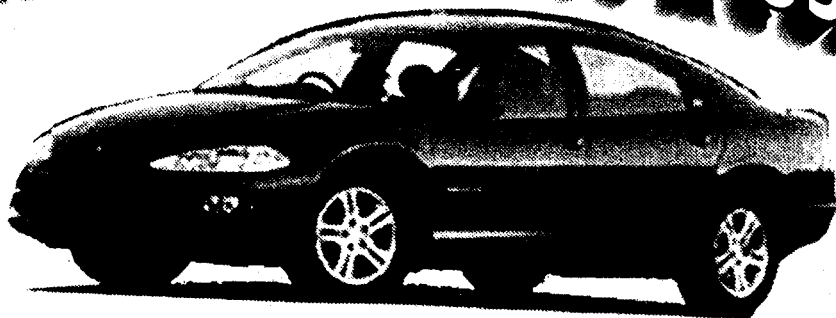
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