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Evans wants more time to prepare

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ROCHESTER — Defense counsel for a local man charged in the beating death of a 21-month-old girl requested that the suspect's court hearing be postponed so it would have more time to prepare.

The probable cause hearing scheduled for Chad E. Evans, 29, of 191 Milton Road, has been continued at the request of his attorneys, Alan Cronheim and Mark Sisti.

Evans is facing one count of manslaughter in connection with the Nov. 9 death of Cassidy Bortner of Rochester.

The motion to continue Monday's hearing cites the counsel "needs more time to prepare for the probable cause hearing," according to court documents.

The motion, which was granted Friday by Judge Franklin Jones of Rochester District Court, also states that Sisti would be out of state attending a seminar until today.

Assistant Attorney General Christopher Carter, prosecutor for the case, did not object to the defense's motion, according to court documents.

"Mr. Evans wishes to continue the probable cause hearing," states the motion. "He waives his right to a speedy probable cause hearing as part of this motion to continue."

A new date has not been scheduled for the hearing, which will determine whether Evans' case will be transferred from district court to the Strafford County Superior Court to be presented to a grand jury for a possible indictment.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt; rather, it means a grand jury has found sufficient evidence to warrant a trial.

Evans is free on \$100,000 cash bail with restrictions to have no contact with Cassidy's mother, Amanda Bortner, 18, or her family members. Evans was living with Bortner, his girlfriend, at the time of the child's death.

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