

Young girl's autopsy results still not final

YORK, Maine — The results of an autopsy are still being withheld for a 21-month-old Rochester, N.H., girl who died after allegedly being abused for weeks.

Kassidy Bortner was pronounced dead at York Hospital on Nov. 9. Her mother's boyfriend, Chad E. Evans, 29, of 191 Milton Road in Rochester, has been indicted on a charge of second-degree murder and multiple counts of assault in connection with the child's death.

A spokeswoman for the Maine chief medical examiner's office said Tuesday the results have not been finalized.

Preliminary autopsy results cited by the New Hampshire attorney general's office indicate the cause of Kassidy's death is believed to be blunt-force trauma to the head.

The preliminary report also lists evidence of extensive abuse ranging from bruises on the child's face and body to puncture wounds to the soles of her feet.

Evans is scheduled to stand trial on the charges in November. An indictment is not an indication of guilt; rather, it means a grand jury has determined there is enough evidence to warrant a trial.