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## **Sentencing hearing delayed for Chad Evans**

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DOVER — A sentencing hearing has been postponed for a former Rochester man who was convicted in December of murder and assault in connection with the beating death of 21-month-old Cassidy Bortner.

Chad E. Evans, 30, was convicted Dec. 21 after 22 hours of deliberation. The sentencing was moved from March 21 at 1 p.m. to April 16 at 1 p.m. at Strafford County Superior Court after the attorney general filed a motion to continue.

Evans is to be sentenced by Judge Tina Nadeau. Evans could face possible life in prison for the second-degree murder conviction. He was also convicted on five counts of second-degree assault and one count of endangering a child. Evans had been living with his girlfriend Amanda Bortner, Cassidy's mother, prior to the child's death.

Kassidy died Nov. 9, 2000, after suffering several months of beatings, according to Maine Medical Examiner Dr. Margaret Greenwald.

Amanda will also be tried at a later date on two charges of endangering a child. She is being accused of not taking any action to stop the abuse.