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Convict argues new evidence helps him

CONCORD (AP) — A 39-year-old New Hampshire man convicted of second-degree murder in 2001 for beating 21-month-old Kassidy Bortner to death wants Maine and New Hampshire to open a new investigation of his case.

Chad Evans argues new evidence has been discovered. He has petitioned the governors and attorneys general of Maine and New Hampshire, saying he was wrongfully convicted. Bortner died in Kittery, Maine.

A private investigator hired by Evans' family has created a website, www.chadevans-wronglyconvicted.org/, about the case.

After the toddler's death, lawmakers passed the "Bortner Law," which requires the state to disclose what it knew about fatal- or near-fatal child abuse cases if state agencies had some involvement.