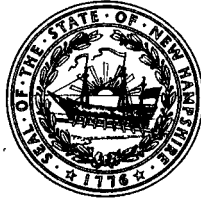


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Re: State v. Chad Evans

Mr. Evans:

The Attorney General forwarded your letter to me for a response. In preparing my response I did the following:

Read your letter as well as the attachments you provided;

Reviewed the documents e-mailed by Mr. Bonpasse, including the electronic version of the “book” you and he wrote;

Read several of the court filings in your case, including the original appeal, briefs, and the New Hampshire Supreme Court’s decision on that appeal;

Read filings and decisions on the subsequent appeals and legal filings regarding the sentence review issue;

Read Kassidy Bortner’s autopsy report and reviewed the autopsy diagrams, as well as the Neuropathologist’s report;

Read the November 9, 2000 interviews of Amanda Bortner where she discussed her background, her relationship with you, physical assaults and abusive conduct by you against Kassidy Bortner and herself, as well as the “trampoline story;”

Read the November 12, 2000 interview of Amanda Bortner where she discussed you grabbing her by the throat, you head-butting her, your treatment of Kassidy, you “totally” losing your temper with Kassidy including grabbing Kassidy’s face and pushing her into a corner, and being “really, really, rough with her;”

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Read the November 12, 2000 interview of Amanda Bortner, and the December 9, 2000 interview of Amanda Bortner, where she recounted physical abuse by you against her and Cassidy Bortner (note: no where in the Amanda Bortner interviews was there any evidence of her being, as you've called it, "momentarily persuaded" by the investigators into believing that you were Cassidy's killer. Likewise, there was no evidence that Amanda made untrue statements about you "in order to agree with the police, and their obvious authority.");

Read the November 9, 2000 interview of you where you discussed many subjects, including your background, the assault on Tristan, your son, Jeff Marshall, and told the police, "I've been completely honest and up front about everything," in spite of having related the false "trampoline story" earlier in the interview;

Read the November 9, 2000 interview of you where you annotated it with your comments;

Reviewed the "Chad Evans Wrongly Convicted" website, along with several documents and postings on that website and links;

Read your letter to Centurion Ministries dated August 24, 2011, which did not contain any notation about your convictions for domestic assault against Tristan or the violation of bail conditions with Amanda Bortner prior to your trial;

Read the August 28, 2011 e-mail sent out to elected officials in New Hampshire, where your convictions for domestic assault against Tristan were omitted as was well as any references to the fact that you grabbed Cassidy's face on numerous occasions, the bruises you left on her face, the "trampoline story" you made up to cover the injuries you caused to Cassidy's face, and the violation of bail conditions with Amanda Bortner prior to your trial; and

Spoke with former Senior Assistant Attorney General Delker and current Assistant Attorney General Woodcock about your case.

In light of all the information I have reviewed, including the fact that you have already provided many statements about your case through the letters excerpted in your book and in the ones you have sent to our office, no one from our office or the State Police will be meeting with you at this time.

With regards to your request that someone from this office meet with four of your representatives, please have your one of your representatives contact me to set up a meeting. A brief meeting will be scheduled to give your representatives the opportunity to convey whatever additional information has not already been provided to us, which they would like us to consider about your case.

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As for your request for an un-redacted copy of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory Report, an un-redacted copy is enclosed as bates pages 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Finally, you, Mr. Bonpasse and others on your behalf have referenced that no "feedback" has been received from our office and law enforcement regarding the claims made in your book. As I expressed to Mr. Bonpasse, it is not the prosecution's or law enforcement's role to edit your book or any other documents you generate. The fact that we have declined to give you feedback or to correct the many errors in your materials is not an indication that we concur with anything that has been written. On the contrary, we disagree with many of the conclusions, inferences, and statements that are contained in your book and other materials generated on your behalf, most especially the claim that you did not receive a fair trial.

In New Hampshire, criminal defendants receive not only the protections afforded by the Federal Constitution, but also the State Constitution. The protections afforded to you included placing the entire burden on the State and ensuring that your trial was about admissible, relevant evidence. You hired two very competent and experienced defense attorneys and made informed, strategic decisions about how to meet the State's case and present your own case. Finally, you had the benefit of observing all the pre-trial litigation, reading discovery, being present for jury selection, and listening to all the witnesses for both sides, before making the decision to exercise your constitutional rights and not testify at trial.

After hearing from all the witnesses at trial, including your expert defense witness, the jury carefully weighed all the evidence and then unanimously concluded, beyond a reasonable doubt, that you were guilty of the murder of Cassidy Bortner and other crimes. The jury's conclusion was later affirmed by the New Hampshire Supreme Court on appeal. After considering the evidence and all of your recent claims, we see no legitimate basis to question the jury's verdicts or the outcome of your convictions on appeal.

Sincerely,



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