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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

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THE STATE OF UTAH,  
  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**PETRICE SHIRLEY MARY GARCIA,**  
**DOB: 08/10/1989**  
**AKA: Petrice Gustafson; Petrice Shirley**  
**Mary Gustafson; Petrice Shirley Garcia**  
**OTN#: 68265495**  
**SO#: 341470**  
**SID#/BCI#: 1238645**  
**Booking#: 25022168**

Defendant.

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM  
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

**INFORMATION**

DAO # 25.007939

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD  
05/08/2025

Case No.

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The undersigned Detective J. Llil - West Valley City Police Department, Agency Case No. WV25-34719, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, PETRICE SHIRLEY MARY GARCIA, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED MURDER, 76-5-202 and 76-4-101, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 3, 2025, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did attempt to intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another under any of the following circumstances: the homicide was committed incident to an act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which the actor committed or attempted to commit aggravated child abuse as defined in Subsection 76-5-109(2)(a): or, the victim was younger than 14 years of age.

COUNT 2

DISARMING A POLICE OFFICER - FIREARM, 76-5-102.8(2)+(3A), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 3, 2025, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally take or remove, or attempt to take or remove a firearm from the person or immediate presence of a person the defendant knew was a peace officer, without the consent of the peace officer, and while the peace officer was acting within the scope of his authority as a peace officer.

COUNT 3

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 3, 2025, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict upon a child, serious physical injury or having the care or custody of such child, caused or permitted another to intentionally or knowingly inflict serious physical injury upon a child.

To wit: attempted drowning

COUNT 4

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 3, 2025, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict upon a child, serious physical injury or having the care or custody of such child, caused or permitted another to intentionally or knowingly inflict serious physical injury upon a child.

To wit: strangulation

COUNT 5

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 3, 2025, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict upon a child, serious physical injury or having the care or custody of such child, caused or permitted another to intentionally or knowingly inflict serious physical injury upon a child.

To wit: striking head by use of a dangerous weapon

COUNT 6

CRIMINAL TRESPASS (DWELLING), 76-6-206(2A)+(3B), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about May 3, 2025, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did unlawfully enter or remained in a dwelling or any portion of a dwelling and was reckless as to whether his presence would cause fear for the safety of another.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

Detective J. Llil, Officer Nichols, D.A., E.G., J.A., J.H., and K.H.

#### DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

The statement of Detective J. Llil of the West Valley Police Department that on May 3, 2025, he investigated a report of child abuse in Salt Lake County. D.A. reported a boy, later identified as 7-year-old E.G., was bleeding and had blood all over his face and shirt. D.A. said E.G. told her and her husband, J.A., that his mom, later identified as defendant PETRICE SHIRLEY MARY GARCIA, tried to kill him by hitting him on the head with a statue and drowning him. D.A. said she then observed GARCIA come out of her house and stated, "Call the cops, I tried killing my son." D.A. said GARCIA then entered D.A.'s residence through the front door and was completely nude. J.A. said he attempted to get GARCIA out of their residence where she had confronted his minor child, and she assaulted J.A.

J.H. reported he saw E.G. running down the street asking for help. J.H. observed E.G. had blood all over his face, head, and shirt. J.H. said he saw GARCIA running down the street looking for E.G., before jumping a neighbor's fence. He then saw GARCIA running down the street fully nude and when she saw J.H. near his garage, she assaulted him. J.H. said he tackled GARCIA to the ground and held her until the police arrived.

K.H. reported he saw E.G. asking for help and stated that his mother was trying to kill him. K.H. observed a "big gash" on E.G.'s head that was bleeding.

E.G. and GARCIA were transported to separate hospitals for treatment of their injuries. E.G. was observed by medical staff to have wet clothes and wet shoes. While GARCIA was in the hospital, she struck J.H., a nurse, and pulled her hair. Officer Nichols reported that when he attempted to restrain GARCIA, she touched the pistol grip of his firearm and while attempting to grab the firearm said, "you're going to have to kill me".

Upon entry to the residence where GARCIA and E.G. reside investigators found a bathtub filled with water. In the water was a broken statute weighing 3-5 pounds. There was considerable blood around and on the bathtub.

E.G. reported he "escaped [his] mom." E.G. explained that GARCIA broke two statues, dragged him by the hand, and tried to kick him out of the house. E.G. said he was holding onto "one of the bars to escape her." E.G. explained that when she was trying to drag him by his hand, they were at the top of the stairs, and she was trying to drag him out of the house. Apparent blood stains were found on the railing on the stair that leads to the front door. E.G. said it felt like they were playing a "simple game of tug of war." E.G. said when she realized he wouldn't let go of the bar, GARCIA picked him up, threw him in the tub, and tried to drown him. E.G. said GARCIA pushed him into the tub, causing him to land on his back. GARCIA then put cold water on him and tried to drown him. She then picked him up and tried to choke him. E.G. said he ended up on the toilet, where GARCIA then hit him with the "big mummy statue," causing it to break. E.G. said GARCIA stopped hitting him and lay on the floor "for like one second," and he ran to his grandmother's bedroom and hid under the bed. E.G. said when he tried to escape out the front door, GARCIA was guarding it, so he ran out the back and went to a neighbor. E.G.

also reported that GARCIA punched him in the face. Ring video showed GARCIA punching E.G.

Medical records show E.G. suffered a mild traumatic brain injury (TBI), multiple scalp lacerations that required closure with 15 staples, and a forehead laceration that required four sutures. E.G. also sustained bruises and abrasions on his ankles, his right shin, his right upper thigh, his right hand and wrist, his left third knuckle, and his right forearm. E.G. also had swelling and bruising to his nasal bridge. Doctors with Safe and Healthy Families found that E.G.'s injuries cannot be explained by accidental injury, preexisting medical illness, reasonable discipline, or benign events and should be considered consistent with trauma inflicted.

Post-Miranda, GARCIA said she was "pretty sure she hit [E.G.]" and she "may have grabbed something" to hit him with but "could not remember." GARCIA admitted she fought with her neighbors and police officers and entered her neighbors' home.

#### MOTION FOR NO BAIL HOLD:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(1) the State requests that the defendant be held without bail until further notice in this matter on the following grounds:

The defendant is charged with multiple felonies, and based upon the above probable cause statement, there is substantial evidence supporting the charges and clear and convincing evidence that the defendant would constitute a substantial danger to any other individual or to the community or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court, if released on bail.

The defendant, in this matter, attempted to kill her 7-year-old child multiple times. The defendant punched the victim in the face, then tried to drown him by holding him under cold water in the bathtub. The defendant then strangled the victim and hit him multiple times with a statue that weighed an estimated 3-5 pounds. The victim suffered from a traumatic brain injury and required four sutures and 15 staples to close his head wounds and was required to remain in the hospital for approximately 24 hours. The victim also suffered from numerous cuts and abrasions related to the assault.

While the defendant was searching for the victim, the defendant entered a neighbor's residence, completely nude, and confronted a minor child. When the homeowner attempted to have the defendant leave, she assaulted him. The defendant then assaulted other neighbors who were trying to protect the victim, and when law enforcement arrived, she attempted to assault them, threatened to kill them, and then ran from them. While being treated in the hospital, the defendant assaulted a nurse and tried to disarm the police officer watching over her.

The defendant has an extensive criminal history, including multiple convictions related to possession of narcotics. Additionally, the defendant is on active probation in the Third District Court under Court case number 241909393.

By her own actions, the defendant has shown that she is a danger not only to the victim but also to herself and the community at large. The defendant is charged with multiple felonies in this matter, including two first-degree felonies, and based on the serious nature of the allegations, the State requests that the defendant be held in custody without bail.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-18a-106 (2018) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 8th day of May, 2025.

/s/ JOSUE LLIL

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ John Ham

Deputy District Attorney

8th day of May, 2025

JH / MM / DAO # 25.007939

**OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT**

<b>Court</b>	<b>Court Case #</b>	<b>Trial Judge</b>	<b>DAO #</b>	<b>Charge</b>
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	241909393	Parker, Paul B	24.012931	Count 2 58-37-8(2)(D) POSSESSION OR USE OF A CONTRO... (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 3 58-37A-5(1)(A) POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 4 76-8-305 INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 1 76-8-306(2)+(3C) OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - VIOL... (Class A Misdemeanor)
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	231901348	Parker, Paul B, PETTIT, KARA	22.014804	No active charges