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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.

**EZEKIEL ISAIAH TAI,**  
**DOB: 10/15/2003**  
**AKA: Ziggy**  
**36489 Reina Pl**  
**Newark, CA 94560**  
**OTN#: 68484906**  
**SO#: 462871**  
**SID#/BCI#: 1518223**  
**Booking#: 26003373**

Defendant.

TOUTAI, RYAN DANIEL  
DOB: 02/22/1993  
Co-Defendant(s)

Screened by: JOSHUA GRAVES  
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

**INFORMATION**

DAO # 26.003222

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD  
01/26/2026

Case No.

Co-Defendant DAO# 26.002121

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The undersigned Detective S. Bigelow - Salt Lake City Police Department, Agency Case No. 26-5498, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, EZEKIEL ISAIAH TAI, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, 76-8-306(2)+(3A), a Second-Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about January 7, 2026, through January 21, 2026, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction,

or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes an offense that would be a capital felony or first degree felony: alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; or provide a person with transportation, disguise, or other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension.

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

Detective S. Bigelow

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by Salt Lake City Police Department, Case No. SL26-5498 and the following:

The statement of Salt Lake City Police Detective S. Bigelow that on January 21, 2026, Detectives were serving a search warrant in Salt Lake County to seize a black 2020 GMC Yukon XL, that was involved with a shooting that occurred on January 7, 2026, at an LDS church. The church was conducting a funeral service for a documented Tongan Crip Gang (TCG) member who had ties in Utah and California. The shooting occurred in the parking lot, which is on the east side of the church, where police discovered multiple individuals with gunshot wounds, two of whom died on scene. Additional individuals with gunshot wounds were dropped off at the surrounding hospitals who were identified as being in the church parking lot during the shooting. In total there were eight individuals shot in the church parking lot. Multiple expended cartridge casings and a handgun were recovered from the scene.

Witnesses at the scene described a black SUV leaving the church parking lot shortly after the shooting. A short time later, a black GMC Yukon XL showed up at University of Utah Medical Center with two individuals with gunshot wounds. Video surveillance at the hospital captured two additional males who stepped out of the Yukon to assist the two wounded males. The Yukon then drove away. The driver was described as a taller male with a slim build, wearing black pants or sweats, a black hooded sweatshirt with a blue or grey shirt underneath, and white and grey Nike sneakers.

Through subsequent investigation, the GMC Yukon was identified and traced to an address in West Jordan, Utah. On January 21, 2026, an approved search warrant was served at the West Jordan address to seize the Yukon and search the residence and vehicle for additional evidence related to the shooting. Evidence obtained from the Yukon confirmed that it was involved in the shooting. EZEKIEL ISIAIAH TAI was located at the West Jordan address at the time of the search warrant. TAI lives in California but frequently stays in Utah at the West Jordan address. TAI is the younger brother to the two individuals who were dropped off at the University of Utah Medical Center with gunshot wounds. All have ties to the TCG gang. Additionally, TAI closely matched the description of the male who was driving the Yukon when it dropped off the wounded males at the hospital. Detectives received information from

personnel at the hospital that the male driving the Yukon was TAI.

Information from witnesses revealed that TAI was observed in the garage at the West Jordan address, cleaning out the interior of the Yukon, sometime after the shooting. The license plates had also been removed from the Yukon, as was the OnStar GPS locator device on the rearview mirror. The license plate and OnStar device were located inside the garage, where TAI was observed cleaning the Yukon. A search of the Yukon revealed reddish-brown stains believed to be blood and obvious cleaning swipe residue, to indicate a recent chemical cleaning of the interior of the Yukon.

A pair of white and grey Nike sneakers was found at the West Jordan residence. The sneakers had reddish-brown stains on them consistent with blood. It is believed that these sneakers were worn by the driver of the Yukon, when the individuals with gunshot wounds were dropped off at the hospital.

#### 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 a second-degree felony and based upon the above probable cause statement, there is substantial evidence supporting the charge 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. Further, there is substantial evidence demonstrating that the defendant has obstructed an active murder investigation which continues to be ongoing and may continue to do so if released on bail.

While an active murder investigation was being conducted, Detectives learned that two gunshot wound victims were dropped off at the University of Utah Medical Center. Video surveillance showed the defendant get out of the driver's seat to help the wounded individuals out, he then got back into the vehicle and left. Shortly after, the defendant was seen cleaning out the vehicle. During the service of a search warrant, Detectives found the license plate and the OnStar device for the vehicle inside the garage. Additionally, video surveillance showed the driver wearing white and grey Nike sneakers, which matched ones located at the residence during the service search warrant. The sneakers had a reddish-brown substance on them consistent with blood.

The defendant lives in California but frequently stays in Utah. The defendant is a flight risk as he frequently travels between Utah and California. The defendant also has a criminal history out of the State of California and gang ties to the TCG gang.

The State believes that given the severity of the charge, the defendant is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the Court. Due to the serious nature of the allegations, the State requests the defendant be held 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: 26th day of January, 2026.

/s/ STEVEN BIGELOW

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Joshua Graves

Deputy District Attorney

26th day of January, 2026

JG / MM / DAO# 26.003222

**OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT**

<b>Court</b>	<b>Court Case #</b>	<b>Trial Judge</b>	<b>DAO #</b>	<b>Charge</b>