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

THE STATE OF UTAH,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RYAN DANIEL TOUTAI,
DOB: 02/22/1993
AKA: Lost One
OTN#: 68478296
SO#: 462699
SID#/BCI#: 3121767
Booking#: 26002031

Defendant.

Screened by: MELANIE SERASSIO
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 26.002121

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD
01/20/2026

Case No.

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, RYAN DANIEL TOUTAI, 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 13, 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: provide any person with a weapon; prevent by force, intimidation, or deception, any person from performing any act that might aid in the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person; alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; make, present, or use any item or thing known by the actor to be false; warn any person of impending discovery or apprehension; or

provide false information regarding a suspect, a witness, the conduct constituting an offense, or any other material aspect of the investigation.

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 7, 2026, RYAN DANIEL TOUTAI was found at the scene of a shooting in a parking lot at an LDS church in Salt Lake County. TOUTAI was dressed in black clothing, with a black mask and wearing a blue bandanna around his neck, another blue bandanna hanging out of his pocket, and a gold chain necklace around his neck. TOUTAI was taken into custody and placed in the back of a police car after physically interfering with first responders who were securing an active crime scene and conducting life saving measures to the shooting victims.

TOUTAI told an officer on scene that he didn't see anything related to the shooting, but retracted this statement when he stated that he "saw the bodies drop." TOUTAI stated that he had come to the church for a funeral service. TOUTAI claimed he gave a speech during the service and then walked outside to smoke a cigarette. TOUTAI claimed that when he walked outside, he saw a female who was shot drop to the ground and heard multiple gunshots. TOUTAI claimed he didn't see anyone shoot the victims or know who was involved. TOUTAI was transported to the police station to be interviewed as a witness.

During TOUTAI's first interview as a witness to the shooting, TOUTAI told Detectives that he picked up a case of beer from a gas station before taking an Uber to the church for the funeral. During the shooting, TOUTAI claimed he was near the back of the church when he heard 4 gunshots. TOUTAI claimed he went outside and found his cousin on the ground. TOUTAI claimed he didn't see anything.

During a follow up interview, TOUTAI reported arriving at the church by an Uber to pay respects to a man who is the stepfather to his niece and nephew. TOUTAI stated that he gave a brief speech while inside the church and then walked outside to smoke a cigarette. Upon exiting, TOUTAI heard four gunshots and saw a man lying on the ground. TOUTAI claimed he did not witness the shooting, see who fired the weapon, or observe anyone fleeing the scene.

As other witnesses were interviewed, descriptions were given of the individuals involved with the shooting and altercation. Witnesses described a large group of males in the parking lot near a black SUV. Witnesses also said several of the males got into an argument and then

gunshots were fired. Multiple witnesses described one of the shooters as being tall, skinny male in all black clothing, with a blue bandana around his neck, and a blue or black baseball hat. Detectives obtained multiple photographs and videos showing TOUTAI inside the church wearing the clothes described by multiple witnesses. Additionally, a blue Dodgers hat was located in the area of the altercation which matched the one TOUTAI claimed he lost. Multiple expended cartridge casings were also located in the same area of the hat. This area is in the middle of the parking lot and not near the back of the church where TOUTAI stated he was when he heard shots fired. The individuals TOUTAI described observing who had been shot were located toward the west end of the parking lot, closer to the back of the church. A black Ruger LC9 pistol was found on the ground near the back of the church.

During a follow up interview on January 13, 2026, Post-Miranda TOUTAI denied involvement in the shooting, stating he did not fire a gun, did not possess a gun, and did not touch a gun or ammunition. TOUTAI stuck to his original statement about his involvement.

A search warrant was obtained for TOUTAI's cell phone. Detectives located two videos recorded on December 4, 2025, where TOUTAI is displaying a green/black Glock 9mm pistol with an extended magazine, and a black Ruger 9mm LC9 pistol. TOUTAI's left hand rose tattoo is visible as he narrates the videos. The Ruger's serial number is visible in the video, and it matched the Ruger pistol later found in the church parking lot after the shooting. A series of videos recorded on the day of the shooting were also located on TOUTAI's cell phone. The videos show TOUTAI driving a vehicle towards the location of the church even though TOUTAI told Detectives he took an Uber to the church. The videos showed TOUTAI walking behind two individuals who were identified by witnesses as being involved in the shooting and both who received gunshot wounds. The vehicle TOUTAI is seen driving in toward the church, was found in the church parking lot.

Multiple witnesses put TOUTAI at the scene and stated that he was involved in the altercation and the shooting in the church parking lot. It was alleged that TOUTAI had a conflict with another male in the parking lot that led to the altercation and shooting.

After TOUTAI was brought in for a follow up interview and the Detectives presented him evidence that contradicted his statements, including video evidence showing him in possession of a firearm on December 4th, TOUTAI continued to state that he had no conflict with anyone at the funeral and denied any involvement in the shooting.

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 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.

In this case, while an active murder investigation was being conducted, Detectives interviewed the defendant several times. During each interview, the defendant continued to claim that he was not involved in the incident, didn't touch any guns, and did not see who fired the shots. However, multiple videos obtained by Detectives, showed the defendant in and around the church and parking lot where the shooting happened. Several witnesses stated that the defendant had a conflict with another male in the parking lot that led to the altercation and shooting, that took the lives of two individuals. A video located on the defendant's cell phone, shows him handling the same gun that was located at the scene. The defendant has reported involvement with the Tongan Crip Gang and was at the funeral dressed in gang colors and attire.

The defendant is a flight risk as he does not have a consistent address in the Salt Lake City area and frequently travels between Utah and California. The defendant also has a criminal history out of the State of Washington. The defendant is a danger to the community as numerous videos found on his phone show him with a firearm while smoking and drinking and displaying gang signs. The defendant was given multiple opportunities to discuss his involvement, but he continues to deny having any involvement, contrary to the evidence. 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: 20th day of January, 2026.

/s/ STEVEN BIGELOW
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Melanie Serassio
Deputy District Attorney
20th day of January, 2026
MS / MM / DAO# 26.002121

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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