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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.

SARAH HUDA ELIAS,
DOB: 03/18/1992
AKA: Sarah Elias
515 E 100 S APT 1110
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
OTN#: 72293996
SO#: 465620
SID#/BCI#: 3124585
Booking#: 26023750

Defendant.

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
INFORMATION**

DAO # 26.020507

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD
06/03/2026

Case No.

The undersigned Detective A. Olsen - Salt Lake City Police Department, Agency Case No. 26-113742, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, SARAH HUDA ELIAS, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

ATTEMPTED MURDER (DV), 76-5-203, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did attempt to intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another.

Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

Furthermore, the defendant is subject to an enhanced penalty under 76-4-102, in that said conduct resulted in serious bodily injury.

OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE

COUNT 1

FELONY DISCHARGE OF FIREARM - CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY (DV), 76-11-210(2)+(3C), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did knowingly or having reason to believe that any person may be endangered by the discharge of a firearm, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or persons; (b) with the intent to intimidate or harass another or with intent to damage a habitable structure, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or habitable structure; or (c) with the intent to intimidate or harass another, discharged a firearm in the direction of any vehicle; and caused serious bodily injury to an individual.

Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

AND

COUNT 2

FELONY DISCHARGE OF FIREARM - CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY (DV), 76-11-210(2)+(3C), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did knowingly or having reason to believe that any person may be endangered by the discharge of a firearm, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or persons; (b) with the intent to intimidate or harass another or with intent to damage a habitable structure, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or habitable structure; or (c) with the intent to intimidate or harass another, discharged a firearm in the direction of any vehicle; and caused serious bodily injury to an individual.

Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

COUNT 3

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENCE OF CHILD - INJURY/WEAPON/DEATH (DV), 76-5-114(2B), a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally caused serious bodily injury to a cohabitant or used a dangerous weapon or other means or force likely to produce death or serious bodily injury against a cohabitant, in the presence of a child. Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

COUNT 4

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENCE OF CHILD - INJURY/WEAPON/DEATH (DV), 76-5-114(2B), a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally caused serious bodily injury to a cohabitant or used a dangerous weapon or other means or force likely to produce death or serious bodily injury against a cohabitant, in the presence of a child. Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

COUNT 5

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENCE OF CHILD - INJURY/WEAPON/DEATH (DV), 76-5-114(2B), a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally caused serious bodily injury to a cohabitant or used a dangerous weapon or other means or force likely to produce death or serious bodily injury against a cohabitant, in the presence of a child. Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENCE OF CHILD - INJURY/WEAPON/DEATH (DV), 76-5-114(2B), a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2026, at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally caused serious bodily injury to a cohabitant or used a dangerous weapon or other means or force likely to produce death or serious bodily injury against a cohabitant, in the presence of a child. Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

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

Detective A. Olsen, Officer Lucero, A.S., T.E., and M.E.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by Salt Lake City Police Department, Case No. SL26-113742 and the following:

The statement of Salt Lake City Police Officer C. Lucero that on May 22, 2026, he responded to Kids Empire at 1082 South 300 West, in Salt Lake County, for a custodial interference investigation. Upon arrival, an employee with Kids Empire ran out saying that a male had been shot inside the facility. Officer Lucero located M.E., slumped face-down over a bench with visible blood on his person, who was then rushed to the hospital. The firearm used was located on a counter with no magazine or ammunition inside the weapon. Officer Lucero was then told the person who fired the gun was SARAH HUDA ELIAS and she was outside behind the store with her two children, 5-year-old J.E. and 3-year-old M.E. ELIAS was taken into custody. A search of ELIAS yielded a firearm holster that was clipped to the front waistband of her pants and a live round inside her left pants pocket. Two spent shell casings were located inside Kids Empire.

The statement of A.S. that she is the manager at Kids Empire and was working on May 22, 2026. A.S. stated that ELIAS and her two children are regular customers, so the employees are familiar with them. A.S. stated that ELIAS' children arrived with their nanny around 2:30 pm and ELIAS arrived at approximately 6:00 pm to switch out with the nanny. While ELIAS was checking in, she received a call from someone. ELIAS answered the call and said, "You can just take me to court," and hung up. A.S. asked ELIAS if everything was okay and ELIAS said, "Yeah don't worry about it. I think he's at my house." A.S. told ELIAS that she didn't want any problems and asked ELIAS to keep it outside if he showed up, assuming it involved ELIAS' ex-husband. ELIAS said, "Oh don't worry. We'll be fine." A.S. then observed ELIAS pacing back and forth and looking out the windows, which was unusual for ELIAS as she usually would sit and talk with employees. ELIAS would normally get "shaken up" when she talked to her ex-husband, but that day she was "eerily calm."

A short time later, ELIAS' ex-husband arrived and ELIAS asked A.S. to keep an eye on her children. A.S. stated that it is not normal for employees to watch children. ELIAS was "straight faced", until she looked at A.S. with a smile and said, "showtime," and then "went straight faced", put on her shoes and walked straight towards her ex-husband. ELIAS walked out of the building and met her ex-husband outside. They both walked towards Five Below. A.S. stated that she started her "closing procedures" and then observed her assistant manager on the inside of the gate, talking to the ex-husband. The ex-husband looked upset and ELIAS looked relatively calm. A.S. heard the ex-husband say, "she just pulled a gun out on me" or "she threatened me with a gun."

A.S. stated that she was standing by the bathrooms and observed ELIAS “wrestling around”, as if reaching or digging for something in her waistband. A.S. stated that ELIAS’ hands came up and extended outward toward her ex-husband. A.S. demonstrated by placing her hands together, extending her elbows and with her fingers she imitated a pistol and said “boom”. A.S. stated that ELIAS “point blank shot him”. A.S. stated that she saw ELIAS with the black gun in her hands. A.S. stated that after the gunshots, ELIAS stood still for a second, she didn’t look phased or shocked; she didn’t look like she cared. A.S. stated that when she was on the phone with 911, she observed ELIAS looking around, as if looking for a way out. ELIAS jumped over the counter and began walking towards A.S. A.S. moved further away from ELIAS. ELIAS then jumped back into the front lobby and started “messing with him.” ELIAS screamed, stood up, and jumped back over the counter. ELIAS went “back and forth” to look at the ex-husband and then eventually she walked towards the back exit with her children.

The statement of T.E. that she is an assistant manager at Kids Empire. T.E. stated that ELIAS and her two children are regulars at Kids Empire, coming in a few times a week. T.E. stated that on the day of the incident, ELIAS was very quiet, which was not normal for her. A short time after ELIAS arrived, she approached T.E. and told her that her ex-husband, M.E., was there. ELIAS then provided T.E. with her address, phone number and other information that T.E. couldn’t recall because ELIAS was going so fast. T.E. did recall ELIAS saying, “just in case something happens.” T.E. stated that she observed M.E. enter the building and began talking to ELIAS in an “irritated” way. ELIAS told M.E., “Let’s take this outside.” T.E. stated that M.E. and ELIAS went outside for about 15 minutes before returning inside the business where they continued to argue. T.E. stated that they were arguing about pickup times and arrangements regarding their children. T.E. stated that ELIAS and M.E. went back outside and returned minutes later. T.E. heard M.E. say, “are you threatening me?” After that, they left the business again. M.E. then walked back into the business looking scared. M.E. told T.E. that ELIAS had just threatened M.E. with a gun and he was calling the police. ELIAS then entered the building, and she was fumbling with something in her pants or pocket as she walked towards M.E. As M.E. turned, ELIAS shot him “point blank”. T.E. stated that he heard two to three shots fired. T.E. stated that after the shots were fired, he observed the gun slide through the gate and a guest picked it up and placed it on the counter. T.E. stated that she escorted ELIAS’ children, who were in the toddler section, outside and stayed with them at the back door. T.E. stated that about five minutes later, ELIAS came outside and looked, “calm as a cucumber.” T.E. stated that ELIAS didn’t say anything to her, but ELIAS was telling her children that nothing happened and that “daddy has issues.”

Detective obtained a video from M.E.’s phone showing ELIAS walking away from M.E. M.E. is following behind and ELIAS is digging into the front waistband of her pants. ELIAS then pulls a gun out and turns towards M.E. ELIAS appears to be attempting to rack the slide of the gun and then points the gun at M.E. M.E. runs from ELIAS.

Detectives reviewed video surveillance from inside Kids Empire. ELIAS enters the building wearing a black hoodie, black sweats and a black hat. As ELIAS closes the distance to M.E., she reaches toward her waistband, and two loud shots are audible on the recording. M.E. can be heard screaming that he had been shot. M.E. is then observed physically fighting with ELIAS.

The statement of M.E. that he had been trying for the last two months to pick up his daughters for parent-time, however, ELIAS has not been allowing it. M.E. stated that on May 22, 2026, he found them at Kids Empire and ELIAS appeared “normal”. M.E. stated that he followed ELIAS outside, around the corner of the building where ELIAS assaulted him by “kicking” and “throwing elbows”. ELIAS told M.E. that the girls hated him, that everyone hated him and asked why he was there. M.E. stated that he saw that ELIAS had a gun, but she struggled to cock it. M.E. stated that he ran back inside Kids Empire and told an employee that ELIAS had a gun and to call the police. ELIAS then walked into the building and she “fumbles around a little more and boom, boom”. M.E. stated that words had been exchanged between the two of them, but he did not provoke her into shooting him. M.E. stated that he was shot twice. An x-ray showed two bullets located inside M.E.’s body, one in his chest which was removed and another bullet in his pelvis.

Detectives conducted a trace of the firearm used in the incident. Detectives learned that ELIAS purchased the gun on May 15, 2026.

Detectives also learned that two additional minor children were present at the time of incident, along with the victim’s minor children.

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 is charged with a domestic violence offense and there is substantial evidence supporting the charges and there is clear and convincing evidence that the individual would constitute a substantial danger to the alleged victim of domestic violence if released on bail.

The defendant has no family in the State of Utah, with a sister in Florida and her mother in Israel. The defendant has a valid driver license out of Florida. If the defendant is released on bail, there is a grave risk of her fleeing the jurisdiction of the court, making her a flight risk.

In this case, the defendant and the victim are divorced and have two children together. The victim and the defendant had been arguing over parent-time with the two children, and the defendant had not allowed the victim to see the children in the last few months. On the day of the incident, the defendant was at Kids Empire with the children, when the victim called her. The defendant told the victim to take her back to court. When the victim arrived at Kids Empire, an argument ensued and the defendant threatened the victim with a black gun. The victim ran back into Kids Empire. When the defendant came back into Kids Empire, she was fumbling with something in her waistband, she then raised her hand and shot the victim twice, once in the chest and another in the pelvis. Witnesses stated that the defendant showed no concern for the victim and had no remorse for what she had done. When the defendant went outside to where the children had been taken, she told them that nothing happened and that their daddy has issues.

Detectives learned during the investigation that the defendant had purchased the gun on May 15, 2026.

This incident involves domestic violence and the domestic violence occurred in the presence of several minor children. Due to the serious nature of the allegations, the presence of several children and adults who either witnessed, heard and/or saw the shooting and its aftermath, and the defendant's potential flight risk, she should 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: 3rd day of June, 2026.

/s/ AMY OLSEN

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Richard Blake Royall

Deputy District Attorney

3rd day of June, 2026

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OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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