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

STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ISRAEL LEVI GONZALEZ GOMEZ,
DOB: 07/13/2002
AKA: Isreal Levi Gonzalez-Gomez
2838 W 3875 S
West Valley City, UT 84119
OTN#: 65321929
SO#: 446662
SID#/BCI#: 1481635
Booking#: 24007734

Defendant.

GALEANNA, ANDREA SAMANO
DOB: 02/12/2004
Co-Defendant(s)

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 24.003612

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD
02/29/2024

Case No.

Co-Defendant DAO# 24.003613

The undersigned Detective J. Llil - West Valley City Police Department, Agency Case No. WV24-13366, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, ISRAEL LEVI GONZALEZ GOMEZ, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

MURDER, 76-5-203, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 19, 2024, at in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another; intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; acting under circumstances evidencing a depraved indifference to human life, knowingly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another and thereby caused the death of another; engage in the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate offense, or was a party to the predicate offense, to wit: aggravated child abuse and a person other than a party as defined in Utah Code Section 76-2-202 was killed in the course of the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate offense; and the actor acted with the intent required as an element of the predicate offense.

OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE

COUNT 1

CHILD ABUSE HOMICIDE - RECKLESS, 76-5-208(2)+(3A), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 19, 2024, at in Salt Lake County, the defendant did cause the death of another individual who is younger than 18 years old; and the individual's death results from child abuse; and the child abuse is done recklessly under Subsection 76-5-109.2(3)(b).

COUNT 2

CHILD ABUSE, 76-5-109(2)(A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about December 19, 2023, at in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child.

To wit: bruises on face

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

Detective J. Llil, Detective J. Wells, Dr. Margaret Russell, and Dr. Jacob Donnelly

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by West Valley City Police Department, Case No. WV24-13366 and the following:

The statement of West Valley City Police Detective J. Llil that on February 19, 2024, in Salt Lake County, he responded to Primary Children's Hospital in response to a report regarding 3-month-old Dariana Elizabet Gonzalez-Samano who was hospitalized in serious condition. Detective Llil was informed that Dariana suffered 3 cardiac arrests prior to arriving at Primary Children's Hospital. After a CT scan, doctors stated that Dariana suffered from retinal hemorrhages, a traumatic cataract, as well as brain bleeding (subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhaging.) Dariana's parents are ISRAEL LEVI GONZALEZ GOMEZ and ANDREA SAMANO GALEANA. Dariana was pronounced deceased at Primary Children's Hospital on February 22, 2024 after two brain death examinations.

Detective John Wells interviewed GONZALEZ GOMEZ on 2/19/2024. Post-Miranda GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that he and GALEANA were the primary care givers for Dariana. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that Dariana cried excessively for the first few weeks of her life. GONZALEZ GOMEZ described feeling desperate for a way to calm Dariana down. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that on the night of the incident, he and GALEANA bathed Dariana in a small tub and put her to bed. While GALEANA was showering, GONZALEZ GOMEZ saw Dariana was about to cry and put her pacifier in her mouth. After they finished showering; they sat down to eat, and Dariana started crying. GONZALEZ GOMEZ described the cry as a big scream or shriek. GONZALEZ GOMEZ went to soothe Dariana, fed her milk, changed her diaper, and bounced her. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that he lightly spanked Dariana as his sister had recommended to do. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that he was bouncing Dariana and she fell asleep as GALEANA entered the room. At this point, Dariana went limp and pale. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that they rushed Dariana to the hospital.

According to Detective Llil, GONZALEZ GOMEZ requested a second interview with detectives and was interviewed on 2/26/24. Post-Miranda GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that there was something missing from the story and he wanted to tell the truth. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that he was going to change Dariana's diaper and took it off. At some point his sister Jatziri entered the room while Dariana was still naked. GALEANA and Jatziri then left the room. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that he placed Dariana on the edge of the bed. The wipes were on the far corner of the bed, and when he extended to grab the wipes Dariana fell to the floor. GONZALEZ GOMEZ quickly picked her up and changed her so Dariana would not urinate on his bed. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated it was an error to leave her on the edge of the bed and that is where she fell. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that the left side of Dariana's face was red and swollen. GONZALEZ GOMEZ finished changing Dariana and began to stroke her head. He began to use the wipes on Dariana's face as they were cool. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stroked Dariana's face and when he did she would start to fall asleep. GONZALEZ GOMEZ did not want her to fall asleep, as he stated he knew injuries to the head were bad. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that the left side of Dariana's face was red and swollen, which is why he put the moist wipe on her face. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that his back hurt due to bouncing Dariana, so he stretched his back as he held her. Dariana went to sleep and GONZALEZ GOMEZ described her breathing as shortened. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that GALEANA reentered the room and he went to put Dariana in her crib and she became limp. GONZALEZ GOMEZ said that he placed Dariana on the bed and her heart was stopping beating. Jatziri

entered the room asking what happened and turned on the light and then Dariana's heart stopped beating. GONZALEZ GOMEZ gave mouth to mouth and compressions to Dariana and he said blood came out of her nose.

GALEANA's initial statement was that she and GONZALEZ GOMEZ gave Dariana a bath around 10:30 pm. GONZALEZ GOMEZ fed her formula and put her to bed in her bassinet. GONZALEZ GOMEZ and GALEANA then exited the room to eat. When they sat down to eat, Dariana began to scream loudly. GALEANA stated that she and GONZALEZ GOMEZ entered the room and changed Dariana's diaper, but she did not calm down. GONZALEZ GOMEZ attempted to rock Dariana and when Dariana calmed down, he went to put her back in the bassinet and they noticed that Dariana was limp and pale. GALEANA picked up Dariana's arm and confirmed it was limp. They also noticed blood in Dariana's nose.

According to Detective Llif, during a second interview with GALEANA, her statements varied from her original statement. GALEANA stated that she and GONZALEZ GOMEZ put Dariana to sleep and when she woke up and began to cry, GONZALEZ GOMEZ went into the room alone and put her pacifier back in her mouth to calm her down before rejoining GALEANA in the kitchen. GALEANA stated that when Dariana awoke again, GONZALEZ GOMEZ went to check on her and GALEANA entered soon after. GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated he would change her diaper, and GALEANA left the room. GALEANA stated that she reentered the room as Dariana was still crying and GONZALEZ GOMEZ stated that he didn't know what was wrong. GALEANA stated that Dariana did not settle down after the diaper change and her cry was like crying with rage. GALEANA exited the room and then reentered the room to find GONZALEZ GOMEZ soothing Dariana. As GONZALEZ GOMEZ went to place Dariana in her bassinet, they noticed that Dariana was limp and pale. GALEANA stated that during the last time she had exited the room, she was gone for less than five minutes, and Dariana had been crying for approximately 15 minutes.

The statement of Dr. Margaret Russell with Safe and Healthy Families that Dariana Elizabet Gonzalez-Samano presented after an acute cardio-respiratory arrest. On exam she had a bulging anterior fontanelle, no spontaneous movement, had fixed and dilated pupils, and had iatrogenic bruises. After imaging, Dariana was found to have extensive bilateral subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhages. According to Dr. Russell, intracranial hemorrhages warrant consideration of trauma (accidental or inflicted) and underlying medical injuries. Dariana had signs of inertial injury, as evidenced by her holohemispheric distribution of subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhages and her retinal hemorrhages. While Dariana did not have appreciable soft tissue swelling or a skull fracture, her cataract further supports a traumatic etiology. Dariana was coagulopathic, with thrombocytopenia and elevated PTT and INR, which was a product of her brain injury. Dariana had no prior or family history of bleeding diathesis, nor would a bleeding disorder explain her intracranial and retinal findings, particularly her traumatic cataract. On the spectrum of symptomatology following head trauma, a cardio-respiratory arrest is the most acute finding. According to Dr. Russell, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, the injuries/findings described are not plausibly explained by a reported accidental injury, preexisting medical illness, reasonable discipline, or benign events. These injuries should be

considered consistent with inflicted trauma (e.g. child abuse).

Detectives seized both GONZALEZ GOMEZ and GALEANA's cell phones. On GALEANA's phone, Detectives located multiple web searches and their variations such as: "Why did my 2-month baby vomit milk with blood in it?" "What to do if my 2-month baby is intoxicated?" "Why does my baby have blood in their eye?" "What to do if your 2-month baby has colic?" and "What happens if my baby ripped their frenulum?" Additionally, Detectives located a text sent to GONZALEZ GOMEZ by GALEANA on December 19, 2023. GALEANA asked GONZALEZ GOMEZ if he pinched the baby too hard and sent a picture. In the picture, Dariana can be seen with bruises on her cheeks. GALEANA then did a web search about why a baby would have bruising. GALEANA also texted GONZALEZ GOMEZ, asking him why Dariana had red dots both around and in her eye. GALEANA texted GONZALEZ GOMEZ, "Stop grabbing my baby so roughly" and "I am afraid something is going to happen to her." GONZALEZ GOMEZ texted GALEANA "No my love I wouldn't." GONZALEZ GOMEZ then texts GALEANA "You are right and I won't do that to her cheeks again." GONZALEZ GOMEZ also texted GALEANA, "But now I am aware that her skin is delicate." "Forgive me my love, I won't grab her like that again." GALEANA texted GONZALEZ GOMEZ about the bruising on Dariana's face and GALEANA stated that it looks like someone hit Dariana. GONZALEZ GOMEZ replied back, "If I would have hit her, trust me, she would not stop bleeding."

Detectives later learned that GALEANA didn't initially disclose Dariana's previous injuries to doctors at the hospital. Detective Llil confirmed that Dariana had a torn frenulum in January 2024. GALEANA told a hospital social worker that 6 weeks prior to the incident Dariana had a black eye, and a week prior to the incident, Dariana had bruises on her cheeks.

Dr. Jacob Donnelly with the State of Utah Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy of Dariana Elizabet Gonzalez-Samano. Dr. Donnelly observed that Dariana showed signs of brain trauma and further testing is being completed prior to making a final determination as to the cause of death. Doctor Lily Marsden, also with the State of Utah Medical Examiner's Office was the supervising pathologist for the autopsy of Dariana. Dr. Lily Marsden stated that she did not see anything during the autopsy of Dariana to contradict the diagnosis of the doctors at Primary Children's Hospital. Dr. Marsden stated that she observed the following during the autopsy of Dariana: subdural hemorrhage, subarachnoid hemorrhage, and cerebral edema. According to Dr. Marsden, without an explanation from the parents regarding how the child received these injuries they are very concerning for inflicted trauma.

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 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.

The defendant is a Mexican national that was stopped for illegal entry in February 2023. The defendant currently has an ICE hold and it's believed that if the defendant is released, he will flee the jurisdiction of the court.

In this case, the defendant is the father of a 3-month-old baby girl that was rushed to the hospital after she became unresponsive and limp. The baby went into cardiac arrest 3 times and doctors determined that the child had retinal hemorrhaging, a traumatic cataract, and brain bleeding (subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhaging), all of which are concerning for child abuse. The baby was pronounced dead 3 days later.

During the investigation, Detectives learned that the defendant was alone with the baby at the time of incident just prior to the onset of symptoms, and while the defendant eventually claimed it was an accident, he failed to call 911. Additionally, the defendant admitted to bruising the baby's face and when he was confronted by his wife about the baby looking as if she had been hit, he was aggressive in his response saying that if he had hit her, she would not have stopped bleeding. The defendant told detectives that he was desperate for a way to calm the baby down from her excessive crying. The defendant caused harm to his baby which resulted in her death. The defendant is a danger to the community. Due to the serious nature of the allegations and the defendant's legal status, he 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: 29th day of February, 2024

/s/ JOSUE LLIL

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing
SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Melanie Serassio

Deputy District Attorney

29th day of February, 2024

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OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

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