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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.

KRISTOPHER RILEY NORTH
DOB: 09/21/1989
2891 S WHITWORTH CIR
Magna, UT 84044
OTN#: 68048255
SO#: 450948
SID#/BCI#: 1491731
Booking#: 24038546

Defendant.

SORENSEN, SARAH LOUISE
DOB: 02/14/1997

Co-Defendant(s)

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Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 24.015138

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: **IN JAIL PRD**
08/29/2024

Case No.

Co-Defendant DAO# 24.015159

The undersigned 4962 OFFICER ALEXANDRA CLAYTON - Unified Police Department, Agency Case No. CO24-79149, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, KRISTOPHER RILEY NORTH, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Pointed gun at D.H. head

COUNT 2

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Strangled D.H. first time

COUNT 3

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Strangled D.H. last time

COUNT 4

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Made D.H. hold prone position first time

COUNT 5

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Made D.H. hold prone position last time.

COUNT 6

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Strangled R.H. first time

COUNT 7

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Strangled R.H. last time

COUNT 8

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Made R.H. hold prone position first time

COUNT 9

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Made R.H. hold prone position last time

COUNT 10

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Strangled T.H. first time

COUNT 11

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Strangled T.H. last time

COUNT 12

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Made T.H. hold prone position first time

COUNT 13

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 29, 2020 through August 21, 2024 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: Made T.H. hold prone position last time

COUNT 14

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about June 23, 2024 through June 30, 2024 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: Punched T.H. in head resulting in loss of consciousness or permanent injury

COUNT 15

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 20, 2024 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: Strangled R.H.

COUNT 16

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 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: Made T.H. hold prone position and kicked him first time

COUNT 17

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 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: Made T.H. hold prone position and kicked him last time

COUNT 18

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 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: Strangled T.H.

COUNT 19

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 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: Struck the bottom of T.H. causing lacerations, bleeding and severe bruising.

COUNT 20

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 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: Made R.H. hold prone position and slapped him

COUNT 21

AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109.2(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 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: Strangled R.H.

COUNT 22

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Slapped T.H. first time

COUNT 23

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Slapped T.H. last time

COUNT 24

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Kicked T.H. first time

COUNT 25

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Kicked T.H. last time

COUNT 26

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Slapped R.H. first time

COUNT 27

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Slapped R.H. last time

COUNT 28

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Kicked R.H. first time

COUNT 29

CHILD ABUSE - INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY, 76-5-109(2)+(3A), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about August 21, 2024 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict physical injury upon a child or having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly cause or permit another to inflict physical injury upon a child. To Wit: Kicked R.H. last time

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

ALEXANDRA CLAYTON, SARAH LOUISE HILMAND HELMS, T.H., R.H. and D.H.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant bases the Information upon the following:

The statement of Detective Clayton of the Unified Police Department that on or about August 21, 2024, she responded to a residence in Salt Lake County on a child abuse investigation. SARAH SORENSEN AKA SARAH HELMS reported her roommate, KRISTOPHER NORTH, hit her son, T.H. (6 years old), and tried to strangle him. Officer Wilkinson observed red marks on T.H.'s neck, scratches on his body, and severe bruising and multiple open wounds on his buttocks. SORENSEN'S three minor children were transported to the hospital for treatment.

On August 21, 2024, Detective Clayton spoke with SORENSEN and read her the 1102 admonition statement and ultimately her Miranda Rights. SORENSEN reported she and NORTH, along with her three children, have resided together since November 2018. SORENSEN reported that on August 21, 2024, they returned home from an appointment, and T.H. used the door handle to get out of the truck, which made NORTH angry. NORTH made T.H. go upstairs and "get in a pushup position." NORTH then made T.H. do pushups. NORTH told T.H. he was not doing the pushups correctly and kicked T.H. twice. SORENSEN said NORTH would ask T.H. questions, and if he did not answer using "sir," NORTH would kick, slap, or spank T.H. SORENSEN described it as "constant." SORENSEN stated T.H. missed a "yes, sir" and NORTH slapped him with an open hand "over and over." When NORTH asked T.H. whose fault it was, T.H. said, "Mom," and NORTH slapped him harder, causing T.H. to fall against the wall. NORTH then grabbed T.H. by the shirt, stood him up, and continued asking him questions. SORENSEN said NORTH slapped T.H. after every question. NORTH then grabbed T.H. with both hands, pushed his thumbs into the side of his neck, and "choked" T.H.

SORENSEN said on August 20, 2024, NORTH slapped R.H. (9 years old) multiple times with his right hand. NORTH then grabbed R.H. by the throat with both hands and "pushed up," causing R.H. to come off the floor. SORENSEN described that when NORTH "grabs them by the throat, it is only ever, maybe three or four seconds probably, so it is strong but not long enough for him to start losing color." SORENSEN reported that R.H. had injuries to his ears and neck.

SORENSEN reported at the end of June, NORTH punched T.H. with a closed fist and punched him in the chest multiple times. SORENSEN said the "momentum" made T.H. fall back and hit his head on the corner of a chair in the living room, causing him to lose consciousness. NORTH pulled T.H. by his shirt and slapped him a couple of times to get him to "come back." NORTH then hit T.H. "a few more times" and punched him "at least a couple more times" in the chest. SORENSEN said T.H. had a scar and still had a visible "goose egg." SORENSEN also believed T.H. "very clearly had a concussion" as he was not speaking clearly, could not stand up on his own, and his pupils were dilated differently. SORENSEN admitted she did not take T.H. to the hospital following the assault but did check his body to make sure "there wasn't any signs of, like, internal bleeding at that point, because the force he had kicked him with, there should have been some sort of internal bleeding."

SORENSEN also reported NORTH had punched D.H. (8 years old), leaving black eyes and bruises on his cheek. NORTH has also pulled out hair from D.H.'s head, leaving bald spots.

SORENSEN described bruises on their ears as "common" because NORTH will grab them by the ear and pull them down to the ground.

SORENSEN was then read her Miranda rights. Post-Miranda, SORENSEN said before going to the appointment on August 21, 2024, R.H. was strangled. SORENSEN reported that NORTH asked R.H. a question, and when he did not respond with "sir," NORTH put R.H. in the pushup position. SORENSEN said R.H. kept falling and crying, so NORTH picked R.H. up and slapped him "a couple of times." NORTH then "choked" R.H. and pushed him against the front door. R.H. fell to the ground, and NORTH picked him up and slapped him "a couple more times," causing R.H. to "topple."

On August 21, 2024, Detective Clayton spoke with NORTH. Post-Miranda, NORTH stated during the incident on August 21, 2024, he put T.H. in the pushup position and told T.H. that if he didn't do it the "right way," he was going to spank him and "tan his hide." NORTH said T.H. gave him a "nasty look," so he picked him up, put him over his thigh, and "gave him spankings." NORTH said he pulled T.H.'s pants down and spanked his butt. NORTH reported when he was done his butt "looked bad." NORTH also admitted that in between spankings, he slapped T.H. approximately six times. NORTH reported that earlier in the day, he made R.H. do pushups. When asked about the marks on his neck, NORTH reported he "likes to grab them on the back of their neck and show them where they're supposed to be and what they're supposed to do." NORTH further admitted he grabs the children by the front of the neck with one hand and "if they just breathe through their nose, they would be fine." NORTH advised that he uses "enough pressure on the trachea that you can't breathe through your nose, but you can breathe through your mouth, " which "keeps them from talking." NORTH stated he did this to R.H. on August 20, 2024, and he "put the rocks on" R.H. NORTH stated he has used his foot to "discipline" the children when they are supposed to do pushups and "if they want to be a baby about it, that is their fucking problem."

When Detective Clayton asked about T.H. hitting his head on a chair, NORTH reported he slapped T.H., and T.H. fell. NORTH then slapped him again. NORTH admitted "he did not hit him nicely."

On August 23, 2024, a forensic interview was conducted with D.H., who reported his roommate, identified as "Kris," was beating up on him and his brothers. D.H. said NORTH kicked R.H. and hurt T.H. D.H. reported he did not get hurt because "he was listening." D.H. said NORTH made all three of them do pushups, and NORTH "choked" T.H. and R.H. D.H. said T.H. got choked against the ground and R.H. got choked against the door. D.H. said NORTH beat them up because they were not listening. D.H. said NORTH made all of them do pushups before they went to their appointment. He described when NORTH made them do pushups and made them answer questions. D.H. reported he saw NORTH kick R.H. against the door and choke him because R.H. didn't say, "Excuse me." D.H. said NORTH kicked R.H. in the ribs and chest with his foot. D.H. said R.H. was crying and trying to block it. D.H. reported that R.H. then spit on the floor, and NORTH kicked R.H. against the wall and choked him. D.H. described R.H.'s face against the door, NORTH'S thumb against the backside of R.H.'s ear, and his hand across the front of his neck. D.H. said R.H.'s face was turning red. D.H. said that after they returned home from the appointment, T.H. got in trouble and had to do pushups. T.H. was "cheating" when he put his ribs on the ground, so he got kicked in the rib. D.H. said he also had to do pushups but did not get hurt, but NORTH has kicked him before. D.H. said he believed he was kicked in the chest and reported his "lungs were hurting, and it started to turn purple." D.H. stated NORTH had choked him the same way he choked R.H. but could not remember when it happened. D.H. described NORTH using his hand around his throat and was "scary, and it hurt."

D.H. said NORTH has strangled T.H. and R.H. also. D.H. described when NORTH strangled T.H., NORTH's hand around T.H.'s throat, he was not talking, "it sounded painful," and his face was turning red. D.H. continued, stating NORTH grabbed T.H. "super fast" and slammed him against his leg. NORTH strangled him with his hand, and it looked like T.H.'s "brain was almost about to turn off and almost die." When NORTH finished choking T.H., T.H. was dizzy and bleeding down his lips. D.H. said this happened to T.H. more than once. D.H. then described an incident when he was doing something in the middle of the night, and NORTH came down with a gun and said he was going to shoot him. D.H. motioned with his hands that he was "that close" to getting shot in the face.

D.H. said NORTH pointed the gun at him and said he would shoot him. D.H. described the gun as a "pistol."

On August 23, 2024, a forensic interview was conducted with R.H. R.H. reported he was punched in the chest, neck, stomach, and center of his body, and for "some reason, it kept getting worse and worse." R.H. said he "got a whoppin" from NORTH, and NORTH "crumbled his hand up into a fist, and went "bam". R.H. said he was punched in the stomach and NORTH "kept punching and punching." R.H. described an incident where he was in the kitchen and NORTH grabbed him by the neck with his hand "as hard as he could" and his neck was not okay and he had pain. R.H. estimated NORTH strangled him one to two times. R.H. said approximately 15 days before the arrest, NORTH kicked R.H., and he fell onto the floor. R.H. also described getting punched in the leg and back the same day NORTH was arrested. R.H. said he was doing pushups and NORTH slapped him in the back with his bare hand and asked him if he "really just spit on the floor." R.H. said the abuse began with NORTH was "29" and now he's "34" and just being arrested.

The doctors with Safe and Healthy Family (SHF) concluded that all the injuries described by R.H. and T.H. and witnessed by staff were consistent with intentionally inflicted trauma (child abuse) over a span of several years. Doctors noted that the injuries inflicted upon T.H.'s buttocks were especially concerning, given that they could not exclude that an implement had been used to cause the injury.

MOTION FOR PRETRIAL DETENTION:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(1) the State requests that 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 defendants in this matter are being charged with over twenty second-degree felony charges and multiple misdemeanors for allegations of abuse spanning nearly six years. During forensic interviews, the minor children disclosed severe abuse they endured while living in the Defendant's home, including multiple instances of being required to hold a prone position while being slapped and kicked, numerous instances of strangulation, and a brutal beating of the buttocks, which resulted in lacerations, bleeding, and severe bruising. In one example, a child described seeing their sibling near death.

The report of strangulation to unconsciousness or near unconsciousness is particularly concerning. Injuries related to strangulation can be serious, yet not necessarily apparent. When a person reports lightheadedness or dizziness, this is a medical indication that the brain is being deprived of oxygen due to restriction of blood flow to the brain. This lack of oxygen to the brain can cause brain cell death, more commonly known as brain damage, and possibly brain death. When a victim is strangled, loss of consciousness can occur in as little as 6 seconds and death can occur in as little as 62 seconds. Victims who have been non-fatally strangled are 7.5 times more likely to become a subsequent victim of homicide at the hands of the same abusive partner.

Accordingly, Defendant's violent conduct poses a serious threat the current and future safety of the victim in this case, and the community at large.

Additionally, SHF noted, "the report of being forced to maintain a pushup position for an extended period of time with being struck when arms buckle is concerning for corporal punishment. In addition to the physical abuse component, there is associated psychological abuse experienced with this type of maltreatment. The combination of physical and physiological elements of maltreatment, particularly over a longitudinal experience, illicit concerns for child torture. These children are at risk of further injury or death if returned to the hands of the caregiver who inflicted these injuries." Furthermore, medical reports dating back to 2018 show that the youngest victim presented to the hospital when they were seven months old with bruising on their face.

The actions of both of these defendants are both egregious and concerning. While Defendant NORTH committed the extreme acts of violence, defendant SORENSEN made the choice to watch the abuse happen, made the choice to allow the abuse to happen, made the choice not to seek medical care when needed, and made the choice to not seek help from professionals or law enforcement because "she just didn't want to deal with it." Additionally, when officers arrived on the scene, they located over 60 firearms and multiple gun parts within the home.

These defendants are clear risks to the safety and well-being of these three minor children, and the State believes that should they be released from custody and the children be returned to their care, the children are in grave danger of suffering further abuse or death at the hands of their caretakers.

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: 28th day of August, 2024

/s/ ALEXANDRA CLAYTON
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Heather Lindsay
Deputy District Attorney
28th day of August, 2024
HL / AW / DAO # 24.015138

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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