

BRADLEY D. BILLHIMER
Ocean County Prosecutor



MICHAEL T. NOLAN, JR.
First Assistant Prosecutor

ANTHONY U. CARRINGTON
Chief of Detectives

ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG
Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor

OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
Courthouse Annex Building
119 Hooper Avenue
P.O. Box 2191
Toms River, New Jersey 08754-2191
732-929-2027
www.OCPONJ.gov

June 27, 2024

Sabrina Silva
Via Email: njdesk@news12.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request
OCPO Case# 24002069 – Naomi Elkins

Dear Ms. Silva:

Enclosed please find the Affidavit of Probable Cause and Appendix A pursuant to your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

As of this date, please be advised that there are no responsive documents/materials pursuant to your request for a 911 call and body worn camera footage.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Assistant Prosecutor

DRK/ec

Enclosures



Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
119 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey 08754
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS
(N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq.)

A request for Public Records must be submitted to the above address, on this form which has been adopted by the Prosecutor of Ocean County as the Custodian of Records. If your request is approved, it will take some time to compile the records and make the copies requested, but they will normally be available within seven business days pursuant to statute. If a document or copy which has been requested is not a public record pursuant to statute or if it can not be provided within seven business days, you will be provided with a response with that information within the seven business days. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5c., this office may impose a reasonable special service charge if the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of a government record is such that it cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or involves an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate your request.

The terms "public record" and "government record" in New Jersey do not include:

- Criminal investigatory records
- Autopsy reports
- Victim's records
- Inter-agency or intra agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative material
- Emergency or security information or procedures for buildings or facilities
- Administrative or technical information regarding computer hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed, would jeopardize computer security
- Information regarding labor-management negotiations including statements of strategy or negotiating position
- Pension and personnel records in possession of this office

Your Name: Sabrina Silva
 Your Address: 450 Raritan Center Pkwy, Edison, NJ 08837
 Telephone: 732-346-3270 E-mail address: njdesk@news12.com

Specify **each** document you are requesting:

Looking for the Affidavit, 911 call, and body camera footage of arrest of Naomi Elkins

Defendant/Victim's Name: Naomi Elkins

Approximate Date and Type of Incident: Tuesday, June 25th 2024 / Double Homicide of her two children

Municipality Where Incident Took Place: Lakewood File # (if known) _____

The applicant hereby certifies that he or she has not been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of this State, any other State or the United States and is not seeking government records containing personal information pertaining to a victim or a victim's family.

Applicant's Signature

Date: 6/27/24

Affidavit of Probable Cause

COMPLAINT NUMBER

1514

W

2024

000500

COURT CODE

PREFIX

YEAR

SEQUENCE NO.

LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT
231 THIRD ST
LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000
732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN

ADDRESS

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

NAOMI L ELKINS

of CHARGES 4
CO-DEFTS
POLICE CASE #: 24-063200

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: F EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 05/28/1997

DRIVER'S LIC. # [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ

SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: 368789H

TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (C)

LIVESCAN PCN #: 151402012704

COMPLAINANT DET. S NICKENS #318
NAME: 231 THIRD STREET
ATTN WARRANTS
LAKEWOOD NJ 08701

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:
See Appendix A

Affidavit of Probable Cause

Affidavit of Probable Cause

COMPLAINT NUMBER

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

1514

W

2024

000500

VS.

NAOMI L ELKINS

COURT CODE

PREFIX

YEAR

SEQUENCE NO.

2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

See Appendix A

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

Death of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: DET. S NICKENS #318 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 06/25/2024

Affidavit of Probable Cause

APPENDIX A

- A. On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at approximately 1651 hours the Watch Commander of the Lakewood Police Department received a call from Hatzolah Medical Services operating in Lakewood New Jersey, in reference to two (2) pediatric cardiac arrests and stated that the mother harmed the children, at their residence located at [REDACTED] (Lakewood PD Case #24-063200). At that time the members of the Lakewood Police Department responded to the residence and located members of Hatzolah Medical Services performing CPR on the two children. Also located at the residence was the mother of the children, identified as Naomi Elkins, DOB: 05/28/1997 (herein referred to as the suspect). The two children were identified as [REDACTED] (herein referred to as the decedent 1) and [REDACTED] (herein referred to as the decedent 2). Lakewood Police Department notified the Major Crime Unit of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, CSI of the Ocean County Sherriff's Office and the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office (herein referred to as the participating law enforcement members)
- B. It was learned that on today's date, June 25th, 2024 the suspect contacted Hatzolah Medical Services and told them that she hurt her children. Members of Hatzolah Medical Services responded to the suspect's residence, located at [REDACTED]. The suspect's residence is described as an Apartment located in the basement of a two family home. Members of Hatzolah Medical Services located the suspect and the two (2) decedents inside the residence. Members of Hatzolah Medical Services attempted CPR on both of the decedents with unsuccessful results. Ultimately, decedent 1 was pronounced by Dr. Scarfi of NBI at approximately 1706 hours. Decedent 2 was pronounced by Dr. Brodsky at approximately 1712 hours. Members of Hatzolah Medical Services advised the members of the Lakewood Police Department that both decedents were not wearing clothing and were wet. Decedent 1 had an apparent stab wound, described as a deep laceration, in the middle of her stomach. Decedent 1 also had a superficial stab wound on the left side of her back. Both of the decedents were transported to the Hatzolah Ambulance (#4512) and remained inside of the Ambulance at the scene. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Lakewood Police Department to be interviewed and processed.
- C. The residence was cleared (for any other victims/suspects) and secured by the members of the Lakewood Police Department. While clearing the residence Officers observed a serrated knife with a red handle inside the sink, located in the hallway bathroom. Officers also observed that the two bathtubs located in both bathrooms of the residence were filled with water.
- D. It should be noted that the owner of the residence, identified as Avigdor Weintraub, DOB: 01/20/1984, and his children were located upstairs in the main part of the residence. Weintraub stated that he rents the Apartment located in the basement to the suspect and her husband, identified as Edward Wiseman, DOB: 11/13/1997. The suspect and Wiseman reside at the Apartment with their two young children.
- E. On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 Detective Alex Bromley of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit and this writer conducted an interview of the suspect at the Lakewood Police Department. The interview was audio and video recorded. Prior to the interview, Detective Bromley confirmed that the suspect read, wrote and understood the English language and that her highest level of education was a Master's Degree. Det. Bromley read the suspect her Miranda Rights from a Lakewood Police Department Miranda Rights Form. The suspect

acknowledged that she understood her rights and waived them, agreeing to provide a statement in reference to this investigation. In summary, the suspect stated that she had two children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She said that on May 24th, 2024, her husband left for a business trip to Virginia and she went to work at Giggles Daycare located in Lakewood, NJ. She said that her children attend the daycare while she was working. She said that she came home after work and began to have concerning thoughts and spent the night praying. She said that she followed the same routine on this date (06/25/24), going to work and bringing the children. She said that she utilized a car service to get to work. She said that after work, she returned home with the children. She said that once she was home, she believed that she needed to kill the children for religious purposes. The suspect explained that she used a knife and stabbed [REDACTED]. She indicated that she only slightly punctured [REDACTED] with the knife. She said that she placed [REDACTED] on the couch, entered the bathroom and ran a bath. She said that she brought [REDACTED] into the bathroom and placed her in the bathtub, holding her underwater. She estimated that she held her underwater for 2-3 minutes. She said that her other child, [REDACTED], ran into another bathroom and was screaming because she was scared. She said that she entered that bathroom and ran the water in that bathtub. She said that she then placed [REDACTED] underwater and held her under for several minutes. She said that she counted to 50 multiple times to ensure she held them underwater for enough time. She said that afterwards, she realized that she had done something wrong, exited the bathroom and contacted Hatzolah Medical Services. She said that she originally contacted the Brooklyn outfit of the service, but was able to make contact with Lakewood Hatzolah. She said that she told them that she had hurt her children. She said that she went outside to direct the medical personnel to her children. During the interview, she indicated that she knew that it was illegal to kill her children and that what she did was wrong. Detective Bromley presented her with an opportunity to write a letter to her children. The suspect wrote a letter and the letter was collected as evidence. The letter references killing her children.

- F. On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 Detective Brylevskaya of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit telephonically applied for court authorized search warrant of the residence, located at [REDACTED] (specifically the suspect's Apartment located in the basement). The probable cause for the search warrant was reviewed and authorized by the Chief Trial Attorney Michael Weatherstone. The Honorable Judge Guy Ryan P.J.Cr.P. of the Superior Court authorized the search warrant for the residence on June 25th, 2024 at approximately 1923 hours.
- G. On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 Detective Brylevskaya of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit telephonically applied for a court authorized search warrant for the person of Naomi Elkins, specifically physical exemplars and her clothing at the time of arrest. The probable cause for the search warrant was reviewed and authorized by the Chief Trial Attorney Michael Weatherstone. The Honorable Judge Guy Ryan P.J.Cr.P. of the Superior Court authorized the search warrant for the person of Naomi Elkins on June 25th, 2024 at approximately 1923 hours.
- H. On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024, while located at the Lakewood Police Department, Lt Phillips and Detective Capoano of the CSI OCSO executed the search warrant pertaining to the person of Naomi Elkins and collected all of the clothing she was wearing.
- I. On Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 the facts of the investigation were reviewed with Chief Trial Attorney Weatherstone. As a result of the investigation, Chief Trial Attorney authorized the

following criminal complaints for Naomi Elkins: one (1) count of Murder of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pursuant to N.J.S.A 2C:11-3a(1), one (1) count of Murder of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pursuant to N.J.S.A 2C:11-3a(1), one (1) count of unlawful possession of a weapon, pursuant to N.J.S.A 39-5d, and one (1) count of possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, pursuant to N.J.S.A 39-4d.