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Mia Bailey Sentenced Consecutively for the Aggravated Murder of Parents Joseph and Gail Bailey

ST. GEORGE, UT – Today, Washington County Attorney Jerry Jaeger represented the State at the Sentencing for Mia Bailey (“Mia”), who previously pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Murder and one count of Aggravated Assault. The Washington County Attorney’s Office filed these charges after Mia gunned-down Joseph and Gail, Mia’s parents, in their Washington City home. During the same episode, Mia also shot at brother Cory Bailey and his wife as they attempted to flee the violent scene.

At sentencing, County Attorney Jaeger argued for consecutive sentences – meaning that Mia would serve two prison terms of 25-years to life back-to-back for the aggravated murders as well as an additional period of 0-5 years for the aggravated assault. County Attorney Jaeger stated it is the Washington County Attorney’s Office long-standing policy to seek consecutive sentences when there are multiple victims so that each victim may have justice. He also argued that while only one factor in Utah Code § 76-5-202(b) need be present to make the case aggravated, here there were four. Lastly, County Attorney Jaeger pointed to the heinous, premeditated nature of Mia’s act as grounds for a consecutive sentence.

Despite Mia’s legal counsel arguing for the sentences to run concurrently, Presiding Judge Keith C. Barnes agreed and sentenced Mia to consecutive prison sentences on all three counts.

“This has been a difficult case for our office, for me personally as the prosecutor, and especially for the Bailey family,” County Attorney Jaeger said. “Today wasn’t about Mia. It was about Joseph and Gail, two individuals whose lives were cut tragically short. We are relieved and grateful for the judge’s ruling that Mia serve consecutive prison sentences, one sentence for each victim. We also hope there can be healing for all involved.”

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