

Per the Administrative order signed December 2015 this case shall
be assigned to Division 2 to Coincide with Co-Defendant(s)

Darien Urban

Case#(S): _____

Shalene Ehlers

Co-Def

BENTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

COURT INFORMATION SHEET

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NAME SHALENE SHALENE		OCA #	150589	DATE	09/23/24
CHARGE		Endangering Welfare Minor 1st, Class D Fel.		DATE CONFINED	
		Attempt to Commit Compensation for Relinquishment of a Minor For Adoption, Class D Felony			
		DIV 2 ↓			
		10-28-24 @ 0800 ↓			
BOND	AMOUNT	TYPE BOND REQUIRED		SPECIAL CONDITIONS	
	30,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH/CORP. SUR.	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE	NCO	
	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> O.R.			
JUDGE <i>[Signature]</i> ANGLIN		COURT			
TRANS. OFF. AGENCY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIRCUIT DIV <u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> ROGERS DISTRICT		
		<input type="checkbox"/> BENTONVILLE DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> SILOAM SPRINGS DISTRICT		
		<input type="checkbox"/> BENTON CO. WEST	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
PROBABLE CAUSE: YES NO		WARRANT ORDER: Y OR N		AFFIDAVIT: Y OR N	
RESIDENCE: Hide Away Campground		Whole Life - NWA		RWHS-2022	
JOB/WORK: Not Employed					
FAMILY/LOCAL TIES: Mother + Father + 4 Siblings - Bentonville / Aunt - Graville					
PROBATION OR PAROLE: No					
RESIDE WITH: Fioncée (Co-A)					
CRIMINAL HISTORY: None					
FTA HISTORY: None					
PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTED: YES OR NO					

★ CO-Δ Deten Urban

Benton County Sheriff's Office

ACA S-27-205

ACA 9-9-206

DPD - Chris Carwile

DPA Seth Segovic \$50,000 bond recommendation

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IN THE Circuit COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

CASE NO: 04CR-24-1827-2

Shalene Faith Ehlers

DEFENDANT

NO CONTACT ORDER/CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

Now on this 23rd day of September, 20 24 the Defendant, having been charged with Endangering Welfare Minor 1st Attempted Relinquishment of a Minor IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO CONTACT [REDACTED] Cody Martin (hereafter referred to as "Complainant) either in person, by telephone, in writing, electronically, or otherwise, either directly or indirectly, or through another person, and stay at least 1500 feet away from Complainant, even if Complainant seems to allow or request contact.
2. YOU ARE ORDERED TO IMMEDIATELY LEAVE AND/OR STAY AWAY FROM COMPLAINANT'S RESIDENCE AND WORKPLACE. (Listed below ONLY if available and not confidential)
3. YOU ARE ORDERED NOT TO BE IN POSSESSION of any firearms or ammunition, alcohol, illegal controlled substances, or any controlled substance for which you do not currently have a valid prescription.
4. YOU ARE ALSO ORDERED: _____

THIS ORDER SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDER OF A COURT WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASE OR UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE UNDERLYING CASE BY THE APPROPRIATE COURT.

A Violation of this No Contact Order may constitute a separate criminal offense punishable as a Class "A" Misdemeanor under A.C.A. 16-85-714(d). A Class "A" misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail and/or up to \$2,500 in fines. This Order issued under A.C.A. 16-85-714 AND Rules 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure.

In addition to the potential penalties listed in A.C.A. 16-85-714, a law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to believe that you have violated the conditions of your release under Rule 9.3 (Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure) is authorized to arrest you and take you forthwith before any judicial officer having jurisdiction when it would be impracticable to secure a warrant pursuant to Rule 9.5 (Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure). After a hearing and upon a finding that you have willfully violated reasonable conditions or terms of an order under Rule 9.3, the judicial officer may impose different or additional conditions upon you or revoke your release.

Date: Sept. 23, 2024

[Signature]
Hon. Judge A. J. Anglin

By signing below, Defendant acknowledges receipt of a copy of this No Contact Order:

Defendant's Signature: Shalene Ehlers Date: _____

And/Or Served on 9/23/2024, by Officer/Deputy Gradwell

Redacted

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE OF ARKANSAS

CASE: SOP24-004060

VS

SHALENE FAITH EHLERS

F / W – DOB: 07/24/2004

LKA: 8369 CAMPGROUND CIRCLE

ROGERS, AR 72756

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR BOND

COMES NOW, Detective Wes Grube of the Benton County Sheriff's Office hereinafter referred to as "Affiant", after being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say the records of the Benton County Sheriff's Office reflect the following:

The records of the Benton County Sheriff's Office reflect the following summary of an investigation performed by the Benton County Sheriff's Office. The summary is a fair and accurate statement of fact related to the offenses listed and does not contain a complete listing of all information obtained in the investigation.

On Saturday, September 21, 2024, a call was made to the Benton County Sheriff's Office from the manager's office of the Hide Away Campground. The reporting person reported the parents of a 2-month-old baby tried to give up the baby for a 6-pack of beer and then wanted \$1,000 for the baby. The parents wrote a letter for the reporting person giving them custody of the baby. The baby appeared to the reporting person that the baby was in need of medical attention.

Deputy C Skaggs responded to the campground and made contact with emergency medical services on the scene. They reported they wanted to transport the baby to Children's Hospital. The parents were not on scene so the baby was transported by EMS.

Deputy Skaggs collected statements from multiple witnesses who were present. Deputy Skaggs also obtained a letter signed by the parents, Darien Urban and Shalene Ehlers, stating the following:

"I Darien Urban and Shalene Ehlers are signing our rights over to Cody Nathaniel Martin of our baby boy [REDACTED] for \$1,000 on 09/21/2024." It is signed by Urban and Ehlers. It goes on to say "Disclaimer: After signing this there will be no changing yall two's minds and to never contact again."

Deputy Skaggs also recovered a cell phone video from a witness showing both Urban and Ehlers signing the paper with Cody Martin.

Detective Wes Grube was assigned the investigation and responded to the scene. He was told by Deputy Skaggs that Ricky Crawford had gone to the camper residence of Urban and Ehlers. He asked if he could have the baby overnight and provided Urban and Ehlers with several cans of beer in exchange. Urban and Ehlers agreed and gave the baby along with a diaper bag to Crawford. He then brought the baby to Martin at another camper at the campground. Ehlers and Urban then came to the same camper and spoke to Martin and Crawford before signing the letter. Martin told Dep Skaggs he created the letter for Urban and Ehlers to sign. He stated he gave no money to Urban or Ehlers but told them he would get them a cashier's check for \$1,000 on Monday.

Detective Grube spoke to Ricky Crawford. His breath smelled heavily of alcoholic beverage, his speech was slurred, and he was unable to maintain his balance. He appeared to be heavily intoxicated. He was taking multiple steps to maintain his balance while speaking to Detective Grube. He stated he was concerned about the welfare of the baby and asked Urban and Ehlers if he could have the baby for the night. He said they agreed to this.

Detective Grube went to the residence camper where Urban and Ehlers were staying. Urban was asked where his baby was. He stated "with Cody" and that the baby was undergoing an adoption. Ehlers was asked where her baby was. She stated "with Crawford" for the night. Both Urban and Ehlers were detained and transported to the Benton County Sheriff's Office for further investigation.

Both Urban and Ehlers were interviewed post-Miranda warning. Both gave similar accounts of the events.

They reported Crawford had come to the camper and requested to take the baby for the night. They stated they agreed and gave the baby to Crawford. They stated they then discussed it and went to the camper where the baby was and spoke to Martin. They stated they offered to surrender the baby to Martin in exchange for \$1,000 in cash. They stated Martin created an agreement that they videotaped to ensure it was legal and they planned to "legalize" it on Monday. They both stated they then left on the understanding the baby was given to Martin in exchange for \$1,000 to be collected on Monday.

Detective Grube conducted interviews with the other witnesses present in the camper when the events happened. All gave similar accounts of the events in recorded interviews.

They stated Ehlers had come to the camper owned by Jason and Felicia Ayers asking for beer. They stated this happens regularly. They said they refused and she left. A short time later Crawford said he was going to take them some beer if they would let him have the baby for the night. Crawford left on a side by side and returned a short time later with the baby and a diaper bag. The baby was wearing on a diaper being carried by Crawford. Felicia Ayers stated the baby had a bad ammonia and fecal odor and the diaper was full. She changed the baby's diaper and observed heavy rash, blisters, and swelling on the baby's buttocks and genitals. She also observed dog hair around inside the diaper of the baby. She said she changed and bathed the baby. Felicia

Ayers provided photos showing the rash and blisters on the baby.

At this time Ehlers returned to the camper. Martin stated he and Crawford spoke to her outside. Martin stated she said it was not working having three dogs and a baby. She stated she would surrender the baby to Martin for \$1,000. Martin said he would have to speak to both Ehlers and Urban to agree to this. Ehlers left and returned a few minutes later with Urban. Martin created the document and had Jason Ayers record both Urban and Ehlers signing it. Martin said they then made the owner of the campground, Dale Martyn, aware of what had happened and Martyn called 911.

Based on the totality of the investigation, it is believed both Urban and Ehlers created a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury by abandoning their minor child initially with an obviously intoxicated male and ultimately with someone they did not know contrary to § 5-27-205 -- Endangering the Welfare of a Minor in the First Degree, a class D Felony. It is also believed both Urban and Ehlers attempted to relinquish a minor in consideration for things of value, the cans of beer, and direct compensation, \$1,000.00, contrary to § 9-9-206 -- Considerations for Relinquishing Minor for Adoption, a class D Felony.

A criminal history check of **SHALENE FAITH EHLERS, DOB: 07/24/2004**, revealed arrests for:

Shoplifting – Fayetteville, AR – December 2023 - Misdemeanor

Based on the above and foregoing the State joins me in requesting that **SHALENE FAITH EHLERS, DOB: 07/24/2004**, be bound over on Probable Cause for committing the crime of:

A.C.A. § 5-27-205 – ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST DEGREE – a CLASS D FELONY

A.C.A. § 9-9-206 – ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT CONSIDERATION FOR RELINQUISHING MINOR FOR ADOPTION – a CLASS D FELONY

Based upon the foregoing, including the Defendant's risk of flight, the Defendant's criminal history, the nature of the crime, and the likelihood of conviction and the possible severity of the penalty that could be imposed, the State joins me in requesting a \$50,000.00 bond. We also request that the defendant have No Contact with the Victim(s) or Witnesses until the case is resolved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Grube' with a date '11/26/25' written below it.

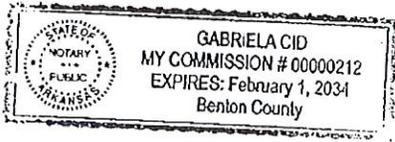
Affiant's Signature

WESLEY GRUBE
BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
1300 SW 14TH STREET
BENTONVILLE, AR 72712

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF BENTON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of September, 24



Gabriela Cid
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

February 1, 2034

APPROVED:

DPA Seth Segovia
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
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STATE OF ARKANSAS

CASE: SOP24-004060

VS

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F / W – DOB: 07/24/2004

LKA: 8369 CAMPGROUND CIRCLE

ROGERS, AR 72756

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND ORDER TO APPEAR

Now on this 23rd day of Sept., 2024, came on for consideration in the matter of Probable Cause for the continued detention of **SHALENE FAITH EHLERS**, witnesses having been sworn and evidence having been taken, the court finds that there is sufficient probable cause for detaining **SHALENE FAITH EHLERS**, for the offenses(s) of :

A.C.A. § 5-27-205 – ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST DEGREE – CLASS D FELONY

A.C.A. § 9-9-206 – ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT Compensation FOR RELINQUISHING MINOR FOR ADOPTION – CLASS D FELONY

~~WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant be released on his personal recognizance and Defendant is hereby ordered to appear on the ___ day of _____, 20___, at _____ a.m. in the Benton County Circuit Court Division I/ II for further proceedings.~~

OR

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant be detained upon probable cause for the offenses(s) set forth hereinabove in the custody of the Sheriff of Benton County, Arkansas, pending further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that bail be set in the amount of \$ 30,000 to ensure the Defendant's future appearances, and should such be posted on behalf of Defendant, the Defendant is hereby ordered to appear on the 28th day of October, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the Benton County Circuit Court Division ~~I~~ II for further proceedings.

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Case: SOP24-004060

ORDER OF INDIGENCY

THAT, the following individual appeared before me to determine their indigency status: AND THAT, under oath, provides the following:

DEFENDANT'S NAME: ^{Ehlers} ~~ELMER~~, SHALENE

DOB: 07-24-2004

Do you want to be represented by the Public Defender's Office?

Yes No

1. Affidavit of Indigency completed?

Yes No

If "no", complete the following questions:

- Are you currently employed?
Yes No
- Take home pay: \$ _____ per _____
- If married, what is spouse's income? \$ _____ per _____
- Assets:
 - Cash: \$ 0
 - Savings: \$ 0
 - Stocks: \$ _____
 - Vehicle(s): total value for all \$ _____
 - Real Estate: value minus outstanding encumbrances \$ _____
- Total monthly expenses: estimated \$ _____

Defendant swears that the above statements are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and recollection, that she/he has not sold or disposed of any assets for less than their fair market value prior to the commencement of the above-captioned proceeding in order to obtain appointed counsel and that she/he understands that furnishing false information under oath may subject him/her to a criminal prosecution, with a possible punishment of up to 10 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections and a fine of up to \$ 10,000. Further, defendant states that any change in his/her financial condition will be reported to both this Court and appointed counsel immediately.

THAT, after reviewing the above information with Defendant, this Court Orders:

Public Defender is appointed

Public Defender is NOT appointed

THAT, Defendant is ordered to make contact with Benton County Public Defender's Office upon release.

[Signature]
District/Circuit Judge

Sept. 23, 2024
Date