The Order of the Court is stated below:
Dated: November 12, 2026 03:18:58 PM **/s/** STEPHEN L. NELSON
District Court Judge

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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

In the marriage of, EBONY OKUSON *Petitioner* and BRIGHT OKUSON *Respondent*	**DECREE OF DIVORCE** Case No:254902755 JUDGE: Stephen Nelson Commissioner: Renee Blocher

THIS MATTER, having come before the Court for trial on August 20, 2026, with Petitioner, Ebony Okuson, represented by counsel, Carolyn E. Howard, and Respondent, Bright Okuson, appearing *pro se*, and the parties having submitted their respective proposed Findings of

Fact and Conclusions of Law, and the Court having signed and entered its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on or about September 30, 2026, the Court hereby enters the following **Decree of Divorce** and orders as follows:

DECREE OF DIVORCE

1. **Residency:** Petitioner, Ebony Okuson, is a resident of the State of Utah and has resided in Utah with the minor children.

2. The children have resided in Utah for more than six (6) months.

3. **Marriage Information:** The parties were married on or about May 24, 2014, in California.

4. The parties are currently residing in the same marital residence located at **3643 West Evening Sky Lane, South Jordan, Utah 84009**.

5. **Children:** The parties are the parents of two (2) minor children born of the marriage, namely N.O., born November 28, 2020 (age 5), and N.O., born December 13, 2022 (age 3).

6. **No Other Custody Proceedings:** There are no other custody proceedings concerning the minor children currently pending before the Court or, to the extent established by the evidence, in any other court.

7. **Jurisdiction:** Utah has jurisdiction to make child custody and parent-time determinations because Utah is the home state of the minor children. The minor children have resided in Utah with a parent for more than six (6) consecutive months preceding the commencement of the custody proceeding.

8. **Best Interests of the Children:** Pursuant to Utah Code § 81-9-204, the Court shall consider the best interests of the minor children in determining custody and parent-time.

9. This Court listened to the parties' testimonies and evidence at trial and has considered the best interests of the parties' two (2) minor children.

10. As such, the Court finds that Petitioner, Ebony Okoson, has been the primary caretaker of the children throughout their lives.

11. Ebony has been primarily responsible for the children's day-to-day care and has consistently attended to their physical, emotional, educational, and medical needs.

12. Bright has not been as involved in the children's day-to-day care as Ebony has been.

13. Bright has also been the primary financial provider for the family.

14. The Court finds that Ebony has demonstrated an understanding of and ability to meet the children's developmental needs.

15. Ebony holds a bachelor's degree in education and operates a daycare facility from the marital home tending to multiple children, including N.O. (age 5) and N.O. (age 3).

16. Ebony's formal education and experience with young children provide her with the knowledge and ability to care for the parties' two (2) young daughters, and to sufficiently address their physical, emotional, and educational needs.

17. The Court finds that Ebony has provided the children with consistent personal care throughout their lives. She has been responsible for their daily routines, meals, bathing, appointments, daycare, school, and other day-to-day needs.

18. The Court finds that Ebony has demonstrated the parenting skills and ability to provide personal care for the children contemplated by Utah Code § 81-9-204.

19. The Court further finds that the parties' marital relationship has been negatively affected by Bright's extramarital relationship with "Jonvier," which also appears to have taken Bright away from the home for many years.

20. Bright spent increasing significant amounts of time away from the marital home and the parties' children, and the parties' marital relationship thereafter, deteriorated.

21. Considering the parties' respective involvement in the children's lives, Ebony's role as the children's primary caretaker, her ability to meet their developmental needs, and the circumstances established at trial, the Court finds that awarding **Ebony sole physical custody** is in the best interests of the minor children.

22. **Physical Custody:** As such, Petitioner, Ebony Okuson, shall be awarded sole physical custody of the two (2) minor children.

23. **Legal Custody:** Ebony shall be awarded sole legal custody of the parties' two (2) minor children and may make all major decisions related to the children, so long as she provides written notice to Bright prior to making a major decision and permits him to provide his input. If Bright does not provide any input within a reasonable time period, Ebony may proceed with making the decision.

24. If Bright does not agree with a decision after consultation with Ebony, Ebony may proceed with final decision-making authority.

25. Each party may make day to day decisions regarding the children while the children are in his or her care.

26. **Parent-Time:** Bright shall be awarded parent-time pursuant to the applicable Utah statutory parent-time schedules, including Utah Code **§ 81-9-302**.

27. Such parent-time shall include alternating weekends, a midweek visit, and applicable holidays, with Bright designated as the non-custodial parent.

28. **Overnights:** Bright may exercise his parent-time and overnights outside the marital home so long as he has appropriate accommodations and a separate bedroom and appropriate beds for the children.

29. If Bright does not have appropriate accommodations for overnight parent-time, he shall exercise parent-time in Ebony's home until he has a separate residence with appropriate accommodations for the children.

30. If Bright has no suitable residence in which to exercise parent-time, the parties may exercise parent-time in the marital home and/or Ebony's home.

31. **Marital Home:** The parties own a marital home.

32. Bright is ordered to vacate the home within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Order.

33. Ebony is permitted to reside in the marital home located at **3643 West Evening Sky Lane, South Jordan, Utah 84009**, with the children, and the home shall be placed for sale.

34. Bright shall continue to pay the mortgage payment on the home until the home is sold.

35. **Sale of Marital Home:** The South Jordan home shall be placed for sale within sixty (60) days of this Order being issued.

36. The parties agreed at trial that the value of the home is **$485,000**.

37. As such, the parties shall work together to select a mutually agreeable real estate agent if an agent is needed and shall cooperate in listing and selling the home.

38. The net equity from the sale shall be divided equally between the parties after payment of the mortgage, customary closing costs, real estate commissions, liens, and other expenses associated with the sale, except that Ebony shall receive a **$30,000 credit** before the remaining net equity is divided due to the marital credit-card debts she is assuming as set forth herein.

39. **Out-of-Country Travel:** Bright is prohibited from taking the children to Nigeria or outside of the United States without Ebony's agreement or further order of the Court.

40. If Bright desires to take the children outside of the United States, he shall provide Ebony with advance written notice identifying the proposed destination, dates, purpose, accommodations, transportation, and contact information for the travel.

41. If the parties cannot agree, they shall first attend mediation, with the cost of mediation equally divided between the parties.

42. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through mediation, the matter shall be presented to a Commissioner and/or Court for a review hearing to determine whether the proposed travel is appropriate and in the best interests of the children, including consideration of the children's ages and developmental needs, school and daycare schedules, safety and security concerns, Bright's purpose for the travel, the proposed destination and reasons for travel, and any other factors the Court determines to be relevant.

43. **Relocation:** Ebony indicated that she may relocate to Texas in the future.

44. If Ebony determines that she intends to relocate in a manner that constitutes a relocation under Utah law, she shall provide Bright with the written notice required by Utah Code § 81-9-209.

45. A relocation is currently defined as moving 150 miles or more from the residence of the other parent, and the relocating parent is required to provide at least sixty (60) days' written notice before the intended relocation.

46. If Bright objects to the relocation, he may request a hearing, at which time the Court may review the relocation and determine an appropriate parent-time schedule and other issues as provided by statute.

47. **Extracurricular Activities:** If Ebony determines that the children should participate in extracurricular activities, Bright shall be responsible for one-half of the expense if he agrees to the activity. Each party shall otherwise be responsible for expenses associated with activities that the respective parent independently chooses for the children.

48. **Virtual Communication:** Each parent shall be entitled to reasonable telephone calls, FaceTime, video calls, text messaging when age appropriate, and other electronic communication with the minor children at reasonable times.

49. **Advisory Guidelines:** The parties shall follow the Advisory Guidelines pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 30-3-33, except as otherwise specifically stated herein.

50. Parenting Plan Provisions: In addition to the specific custody and parent-time provisions set forth herein, the parties shall follow the following provisions to assist the parties in communicating and co-parenting appropriately:

a. Notice of Children's Events: Both parties shall have access to the minor children's school, church, medical, and other major records and shall be listed as parents on such records whenever possible. The parties shall notify one another within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving notice of significant school, social, sports, extracurricular, and community functions in which the children are participating or being honored. Both parties shall be entitled to attend and participate in such events.

b. Sharing of Information: The parties shall use their best efforts to communicate and share information with one another regarding the minor children, including information regarding schoolwork, school schedules, medical and dental treatment, counseling, emotional needs, accomplishments, and other information appropriate to share with the other parent.

c. Notice of Illness or Injury: Each party shall notify the other parent as soon as reasonably possible regarding any significant injury or illness involving either minor child.

d. Contact Information for Professionals: The parties shall provide one another with the names and telephone numbers of teachers, medical providers, therapists, counselors, and other professionals involved in the care, education, or development of the minor children so that each parent may establish and maintain an appropriate relationship with such professionals.

e. Change of Contact Information: The parties shall notify one another within forty-eight (48) hours of any change in address, email address, cell phone number, or telephone number.

f. Day-to-Day Decisions: The parent exercising physical custody or parent-time with the minor children shall have the authority to make reasonable day-to-day decisions regarding the children's care without the necessity of consulting with the other parent.

g. Communication Regarding the Children: Communication regarding the minor children's activities, education, and welfare shall occur directly between the parties and shall not involve third parties, except as necessary for scheduling, emergencies, or other circumstances affecting the children's welfare.

h. Communication with Children: Each parent shall permit and encourage reasonable, uncensored communication between the children and the other parent during reasonable hours, including telephone calls, FaceTime, and other electronic communication.

i. Travel: For emergency purposes, whenever either parent travels overnight or longer with the minor children, that parent shall provide the other parent with the following information:

1. The itinerary and travel dates;
2. The destination;
3. The location where the children and traveling parent may be reached; and
4. The name and telephone number of an available third party who would be knowledgeable regarding the children's location.

j. Special Consideration for Important Events: Each parent shall give special consideration to making the children available to attend significant family functions, including funerals, weddings, family reunions, religious holidays, important ceremonies, and other significant events in the lives of the children or either parent.

k. Adult Issues and Disparagement: The parties shall not place the minor children in the middle of disputes between the parties. The parties shall not discuss adult issues, including legal or financial matters, within the hearing of the minor children. Neither party shall disparage the other parent in the presence of the children or permit third parties to disparage the other parent if such conduct is within that party's control.

51. First Right of Refusal: Parental care is generally preferable to third-party care when reasonably available. If either party is unable to personally care for the children for a period of three (3) hours or more while the children are in that parent's care, that parent shall first give the other parent the opportunity to care for the children and shall provide reasonable notice.

CHILD SUPPORT

52. Income of the Parties: Petitioner, Ebony Okuson, is self-employed and operates her own business. According to the 2025 tax filings and the evidence presented at trial, Ebony's gross monthly income is approximately **$2,450.00.**

53. Respondent, Bright Okuson, is self-employed and operates his own businesses. According to the 2025 tax filings and the evidence presented at trial, Bright's gross monthly income is approximately $**2,454.00.**

54. Child Support Calculation: For purposes of calculating child support, pursuant to the Office of Recovery Services child support worksheet, Respondent's child support obligation is $588.00 per month.

55. Child Support Obligation: Pursuant to the sole physical custody child support worksheet, Respondent shall pay child support in the amount of $588.00 per month. Child support shall be paid on the fifth (5th) and twentieth (20th) day of each month.

56. Duration of Child Support: Child support for each minor child shall continue until that child reaches eighteen (18) years of age or graduates from high school, whichever occurs later, consistent with Utah law.

57. Income Withholding: If Respondent's child support obligation becomes more than thirty (30) days delinquent, Respondent's income may be subject to income withholding through the Office of Recovery Services pursuant to applicable Utah law.

CHILD CARE EXPENSES

58. Child Care Expenses: Each parent shall be equally responsible for work-related or education-related child care expenses incurred for the minor children.

59. If an actual child care expense is incurred, a parent shall begin paying his or her share of the child care expense on a monthly basis immediately upon presentation of written verification of the child care expense. If the child care expense ceases to be incurred, the parent's obligation to contribute toward the child care expense shall cease while the expense is not being incurred, without the necessity of obtaining a modification of the child support order.

60. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, a parent who incurs child care expenses shall provide written verification of the cost of the child care and the identity of the child care provider to the other parent upon the initial engagement of the provider and thereafter upon the reasonable request of the other parent.

61. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, the parent incurring child care expenses shall notify the other parent of any change in child care provider or the monthly expense of child care within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the change.

62. In addition to any other sanctions provided by the Court, a parent incurring child care expenses may be denied the right to receive credit for such expenses or to recover the other parent's share of such expenses if the parent fails to comply with the requirements set forth herein.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES

63. **Medical and Dental Insurance:** Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 81-6-208, the parties shall provide health care coverage for the minor children if insurance is available to either parent at a reasonable cost.

64. **Insurance Premiums and Expenses:** The parties shall share equally the cost of the children's health insurance premiums and other insurance-related costs associated with maintaining medical insurance coverage for the children. Any deductible amounts incurred on behalf of the children shall be treated as a shared medical expense and shall not be the sole responsibility of the party whose insurance plan provides coverage for the children.

65. Each parent shall also share equally any out-of-pocket costs of the premium actually paid by a parent for the children's portion of the insurance. The children's portion of the premium shall be calculated as a per capita share of the premium actually paid. The premium expense attributable to the children shall be calculated by dividing the

total premium amount by the number of persons covered under the policy and multiplying that amount by the number of minor children in this matter.

66. Each parent shall share equally all reasonable and necessary uninsured and unreimbursed medical, dental, orthodontic, vision care, counseling, prescription, deductible, copayment, and coinsurance expenses incurred for the dependent children and actually paid by either parent.

67. Verification of Coverage: Each parent who obtains insurance coverage for the minor children shall provide verification of coverage to the other parent upon the initial enrollment of the minor children and thereafter on or before January 2 of each calendar year if there is a change in the previous coverage or provider.

68. The parent providing insurance coverage shall notify the other parent of any change in insurance carrier, premium, or benefits within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the parent first knew or reasonably should have known of the change.

69. Notice of Medical and Dental Expenses: Each parent who incurs medical or dental expenses for the minor children shall provide written verification of the cost and payment of such expenses to the other parent within thirty (30) days of payment. The other parent shall remit payment of his or her share within thirty (30) days of receipt of the verification.

70. If neither party is able to secure medical or dental insurance coverage for the minor children at a reasonable cost, each party shall be responsible for payment of one-half (½) of all reasonable and necessary medical and dental expenses incurred for the minor children as set forth herein.

71. **Tax Exemptions:** Petitioner shall be entitled to claim the minor children as dependents on her federal and state income tax returns each year.

72. **Debts and Liabilities:** The parties incurred credit cards and loans for purposes of the parties' businesses and other marital expenses. Bright is awarded all of the businesses that are in his name and shall be responsible for the debts and liabilities associated with those businesses and shall hold Ebony harmless from any such debts, liabilities, claims, or obligations.

73. The marital debts shall be divided between the parties as follows:

U.S. Bank ending 5602	Ebony	Tinton Dental Shop	$12,554.00	$12,554.00	**Split equally**
U.S. Bank Loan	Ebony	Bright's purchase of house in Nigeria	$10,488.00	$5,171.00	**Bright**
JPMorgan Chase Amazon	Ebony	Ebony's expenses	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	**Ebony**
Citibank Costco	Ebony	Ebony's expenses	$8,942.71	$7,000.00	**Ebony**
Citibank Second Card	Ebony	Bright's expenses	$12,207.00	$5,300.00	**Bright**
Discover First	Ebony	Nigerian house	$21,180.00	$16,000.00	**Bright**
Discover Second	Ebony	Ebony's daycare business	$13,636.00	$10,387.00	**Ebony**
FNBO	Ebony	Attorney fees	$11,910.00	$11,910.00	**Ebony**
Synchrony Bank	Bright	Bright's debt	—	$2,500.00	**Bright**

74. **Credit:** Ebony shall be awarded a credit of **$31,000.00**, which shall be deducted from the marital equity when the marital home at 3643 West Evening Sky Lane, South Jordan, Utah 84009, is sold. Ebony shall be responsible for all other credit cards in her name, and Bright shall be responsible for all other credit cards in his name.

75. **Other:** All business debts and liabilities shall be awarded to Bright, including all debts and liabilities associated with the businesses awarded to Bright.

76. **Personal Property:** During the marriage, the parties acquired various items of personal property and Ebony shall be awarded all property in the marital home and the children's property.

77. **Vehicles:** For vehicles, the **2014 Mercedes-Benz GL 550** shall be awarded to Ebony, and Ebony shall be responsible for any debt associated with that vehicle. The **2010 Mercedes-Benz E 500** shall be sold and equitably split between the parties.

78. Bright previously permitted Jonvier to drive the 2010 Mercedes-Benz E 500; however, the vehicle is marital property and the vehicles shall be sold and the equity divided between the parties. The **2023 Tesla** shall be awarded to Bright, and Bright shall be responsible for any debt associated with that vehicle.

79. **Bank Accounts:** The parties shall close any joint bank accounts unless agreed upon otherwise. Each party shall be awarded the bank accounts held in his or her own name, free and clear of any claim by the other party.

80. **Cooperation:** The parties shall cooperate with one another to effectuate the transfer of title to property awarded under the Decree of Divorce, transfer or assumption of responsibility for accounts and debts as ordered by the Court, and to take any other actions reasonably necessary to fully implement and satisfy the terms of the Decree of Divorce.

81. **Restoration of Maiden Name:** Petitioner may resume her maiden name should she elects to do so.

82. **Other:** Neither party shall use the other party's name, likeness, photograph, identifying information, or credit to obtain credit, open any account, procure services, or incur any obligation on behalf of the other party without the prior authorization of the other party.

END OF ORDER

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RULE 7 NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Petitioner, Ebony Okuson, by and through counsel, Carolyn E. Howard, has prepared and served a proposed Decree of Divorce for review.

Pursuant to Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 7(j), Respondent shall have **seven (7) days** from the date of service of the proposed Decree of Divorce to file any objection to its form. If no objection is filed within that seven-day period, Petitioner intends to submit the proposed Decree of Divorce to the Court for signature.

RESPECTFULLY DATED on this 1st day of November, 2026.

/s/ Carolyn E. Howard
Carolyn E. Howard
Attorney for Petitioner