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**IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
UTAH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BENJAMIN PAUL SCHNEIDER
[REDACTED]

Defendant.

INFORMATION

Case No.
[REDACTED]

BAIL: \$2,500

The State of Utah, by and through the Utah County Attorney's Office, charges the defendant with the commission of the following offenses:

COUNT 1: STALKING, a Class A Misdemeanor, in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 76-5-106.5(2), in that on or between 3/8/2026 and 3/11/2026, in Utah County, the defendant, BENJAMIN PAUL SCHNEIDER, did intentionally or knowingly:

(a) engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific individual, and knew or was reckless as to whether the course of conduct would cause a reasonable person:

- (i) to fear for the individual's own safety or the safety of a third individual; or
- (ii) to suffer other emotional distress.

COUNT 2: TARGETED RESIDENTIAL PICKETING, a Class B Misdemeanor, in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 76-9-109, in that on or between 3/8/2026 and 3/11/2026, in Utah County, the defendant, BENJAMIN PAUL SCHNEIDER, did (a)(i) engage in picketing, with or without

signs, specifically directed or focused toward a residence, or one or more occupants of the residence; and

(ii) the actor's conduct described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) takes place:

(A) on a portion of a sidewalk or street in front of the residence, in front of an adjoining residence, or on either side of the targeted residence; or

(B) within 100 feet of the property line of the targeted residence; or did

(b)(i) publish, post, disseminate, or disclose another individual's residential address, or other information identifying the specific location of the individual's residence; and

(ii) intended to cause another individual to engage in the conduct described in Subsection (2)(a) directed or focused toward the individual's residence.

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT: Luke Sumbot of the American Fork Police Department, having probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the above-listed offenses, submitted the following evidence in support of the filing of this Information:

On or about March 8, 2026, in Utah County, Utah, J.J. reported that a suspicious male arrived at J.J.'s residence with a package addressed to J.J. J.J. reported that the male was wearing a ballcap with a UPS logo taped on it. J.J. stated that he works with a business that has been involved in civil proceedings in the State of Oregon and that a "youtuber" named Benjamin Schneider (Defendant) had become interested in that matter. J.J. stated that he believed Defendant was sending people to J.J.'s home to harass J.J. The male with the package was later identified as T.S.

J.J. stated that he saw two females exit a vehicle and walk towards his property and that a male remained in the vehicle within sight of J.J.'s residence. A second male was found in a nearby vehicle. The second male stated that Defendant was paying the second male for assistance in filming. The officer found a video of J.J. walking outside on the second male's phone. The second male stated that Defendant had been on scene but left in a vehicle.

An officer saw a vehicle matching the description provided by the second male. This vehicle was stopped for traffic offenses and the driver was identified as T.S. Defendant was seated in the back passenger seat, holding a camera. Both men had recording devices that were running during this interaction. Defendant stated that he was in Utah filming a Youtube series in regards to the civil proceedings in Oregon. Defendant stated that he was representing the son of one of the parties in the Oregon action. Defendant stated that Defendant had come in an attempt to collect either the property that was the subject of the Oregon dispute or to collect \$100,000 from J.J. Defendant and T.S. stated that they did not know the two females who had walked toward J.J.'s property as they had just met the females, but confirmed that the females had been involved. Defendant and T.S. were warned that they were trespassing from J.J.'s residence.

On or about March 9, 2026, in Utah County, Utah, J.J. reported that a third male was ringing his doorbell and knocking on the door. An officer responded and made contact with the third male, who was wearing church attire and was standing on the front steps of J.J.'s residence. The third male stated that he was helping his friend, Defendant, because J.J. owed Defendant or someone Defendant knows, and the third male was trying to help Defendant get this back. The third male stated that Defendant had posted on his Instagram that he was coming to Utah and needed help from locals to get around town. The third male stated that Defendant was somewhere close by, waiting for the third male to finish what he was doing. The third male falsely told J.J. that the third male was from a ward that does not exist and that the third male was sent to J.J.'s residence by "Bishop Johnson." The third male stated that Defendant told him what to say. The third male was trespassed. The officer saw the third male try to get into a nearby vehicle. The officer initiated a traffic stop and found T.S. and Defendant in the vehicle. Both T.S. and Defendant had been trespassed from J.J.'s residence the day before.

On March 10, 2026, J.J.'s wife reported that a female was standing near the door of their residence and was taking photos of the residence. An officer responded and found a vehicle parked north of J.J.'s residence. The female driver was identified as S.L. and Defendant was a passenger in the vehicle. Defendant stated that he was there to "serve" J.J. and that S.L. was the process server. During these interviews, officers saw a sign located in a park strip directly across from J.J.'s residence. The sign had a picture of J.J. holding US currency in both hands, standing in front of an old man in a hospital bed with the words, "I stole a dying man's life savings." Defendant stated that the sign was supposed to get J.J. to come out. Defendant stated that he placed the sign that morning on public property. The officer told Defendant his tactics weren't working. Defendant stated that it would work if they kept doing it and that it has always worked for them before. Defendant was arrested and taken to jail. Defendant was released in the evening of March 10, 2026.

On March 11, 2026, officers responded to four individuals who were hanging a sign on a fence directly across the street from J.J.'s residence. J.J. stated that Defendant had been with the group near J.J.'s residence but had left before the police arrived. The sign had a picture of J.J. with the words, "I stole a dying man's life savings." One of the male's hanging the sign was on a facetime call with someone. The male confirmed that he was on the call with "Ben."

J.J. stated that this has affected him and his family and that his wife and children

are scared.

Based upon evidence received from Luke Sumbot of the American Fork Police Department, I have reason to believe the defendant committed the offenses as charged herein.

Authorized for presentment and filing this March 27, 2026.

UTAH COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Sworn to by:

/s/ Rhonda Gividen

RHONDA GIVIDEN

Deputy Utah County Attorney