

IN THE
COUNTY OF UTAH, STATE OF UTAH

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State of Utah

vs.

SCHNEIDER, BENJAMIN PAUL

Arrestee

Affidavit of Probable Cause

On 03/11/2026 18:00 the defendant was arrested for the offense(s) of:

Offense Date	Offense Description	Enhancement	Statute	Severity	Court
1 03/11/2026	STALKING		76-5-106.5(2)+(3AI)	MA	DST

I believe there is probable cause to charge the defendant with these charges because:

On 03/11/2026 officers with the American Fork Police Department received a call from a resident in American Fork stating a male, later identified as Benjamin Schneider, was stalking him.

Upon further investigation it had been found that on 03/08/2026 officers were called by the victim of Benjamin having someone deliver suspicious package. During this incident officers found that Benjamin had flown an individual out to Utah to video this incident. The individual stated Benjamin was paying him to video.

On 03/09/2026 the victim called the police for a male on his front porch, ringing his doorbell and was wearing church attire. The individual stated he was portraying an LDS church member and was sent by a bishop to speak with the victim. The individual that was ringing the victim's doorbell was interviewed by officers and he stated he was actually helping Benjamin.

On 03/10/2026 the victim called the police department and stated Benjamin and a group of individuals were at his house and were ringing the doorbell. Benjamin was later arrested and booked into the Utah County Jail for Stalking and targeted residential picketing.

On 03/11/2026 Officers with American Fork arrived on scene and found a group of individuals, who working for Benjamin, had hung up a sign on a neighbor's fence. On the sign it stated the following "I stole a dying man's life savings" and had what appeared to be an AI generated picture of the victim, with money in the victim's hands, and older person laying in hospital bed.

Officers detained the individual on scene that had put up the sign and later found he had been on a video call with Benjamin when officers had arrived. The individual was brought back to the police department for further questioning.

In a subsequent interview with the individual, this person stated they had gone near the residence to film a video and help promote a Go Fund Me account for a project Benjamin had been working on. The individual stated that Benjamin runs a Youtube account and Benjamin is an investigative journalist. The individual stated Benjamin had told him he (Benjamin) could not go back to the residence because he was arrested the previous day.

Benjamin was later located at a rental property and was detained for further questioning. During an interview with Benjamin, post Miranda, he stated he had been arrested for stalking the previous day. Benjamin stated he had posted on social media asking for help with the project he had been working on. Benjamin stated he got a group of people together and decided to make one last video with the sign that was placed on the neighbor's fence of the victim and promote the Go Fund Me. The sign that was placed on the neighbor's fence, faced directly towards the victim's home. During the interview

Benjamin stated he was in Utah to serve the victim with civil court papers. Benjamin stated due to his understanding of the law, before any court proceeding could start, he had to attempt to have a good faith conversation with the victim and sever him papers.

Benjamin is not a resident of Utah and currently lives in California. After being booked out of jail for the previous stalking charge, Benjamin organized a plan to put up the poster on the neighbor's fence and created the Go Fund Me and attempted to get his group to video and promote the Go Fund Me while in front of the victim's house. Benjamin stated this was part of his idea and he should take the blame for this. Benjamin stated he was trying to create the videos to help promote the Go Fund Me and help with the civil case.

The victim has stated these incidents have created stress for him and his family. When officers arrived at the victim's home on 03/11/2026 they had observed the victim to be in distress. The victim told officers that he was afraid for him and his family.

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This probable cause statement was written by Detective Nicosia and submitted by Officer Tonga.
By submitting this affidavit, I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.
/S/ Tonga, Spencer

Officer Name: AFSPENCERT - Spencer Tonga
A sworn officer with: UT0250100 - American Fork PD
Agency Case 26AF02066

Probable Cause Entered: 03/11/2026 20:53
Probable Cause ID: 193273
Suggested Bail Amount:

SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Booking Agency: Utah County Sheriff Office
Booking Agency ORI: UT0250000
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Arrest Date/Time: 03/11/2026 18:00 **FBI ID:** NAVJTRD5R