

**IN THE  
5TH DISTRICT COURT ST GEORGE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

<b>STATE OF UTAH</b>  <b>vs.</b>  <b>HANSEN, BENJAMIN LEWIS</b>  <b>Date of Birth: 1983-08-22</b>	<b>Affidavit of Probable Cause</b>
Arrestee	

The arrestee above will be released automatically 24 hours from the time of arrest unless a magistrate signs an order and such order is returned to the jail before that time. If the judge has refused to sign the order, the arrestee will be released within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 24 hours.

On 2025-07-08, at 22:21, the defendant was arrested for the offense(s) of:

	Offense Date	Offense Description	Statute	Gov Code	Severity	DV	Bail
1	2025-07-08	AGGRAVATED MURDER	76-5-202	UT	F2	No	0.00
2	2025-07-08	AGGRAVATED MURDER	76-5-202	UT	F2	No	
3	2025-07-08	AGGRAVATED MURDER	76-5-202	UT	F2	No	
4	2025-07-08	AGGRAVATED MURDER	76-5-202	UT	F2	No	
5	2025-07-08	FELONY DISCHARGE OF FIREARM	76-11-210(2)+(3A)	UT	F3	No	
6	2025-07-08	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - RECKLESSLY ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE	76-6-106(2AIA)+(3A)	UT	MA	Yes	
7	2025-07-08	POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON WITH CRIMINAL INTENT	76-11-208	UT	MA	No	
8	2025-07-08	CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE	76-11-217	UT	MB	No	

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

On 7-8-25 officers were dispatched to a report of a domestic disturbance where an individual had fired a firearm in the residence.

When officers arrived on scene they set up a perimeter around the residence.

Officers were able to call the victim and have them come outside to where they were located. Once the victim was outside the suspect started to fire at officers. He struck several patrol vehicles and made it so officers had to take cover behind items to prevent from being struck by the suspects gun fire. Four separate officers report

that had they not taken cover that they would have struck by the suspect. Four separate Officers also reported that once behind cover that the suspect was shooting at the cover that they were behind in an effort to kill them.

It was estimated that the suspect fired over 150 rounds at officers during the incident.

The suspect came out of the residence only after the residence was engulfed in flames and he was suffering from smoke inhalation. He refused to co-operate with officers and a taser had to be utilized to take him into custody.

In speaking with victim stated that the suspect has an issue with drinking alcohol and before recently he has been sober for approximately six years. She stated that as of late that she and the suspect have been fighting as he has relapsed and started to drink heavily. She stated that the suspect has not been sleeping for the past several days. The victim also stated that she believes that there was a possibility that the suspect had taken several prescription medications in an effort to end his own life.

The victim is currently living with Benjamin. They stated that she and the suspect were in an argument when the suspect discharged a round in the residence. She stated that shortly after that she exited the residence and met with officers.

The suspect was identified as Benjamin Lewis Hansen.

Benjamin submitted to an interview and indicated that he fired approximately 150 rounds outside of his residence when officers arrived at his home. He also admitted that he fired one round while the victim was inside of the residence as they were arguing. Ben indicated that he knew officers were outside as he was firing outside of the residence. As Ben was being booked he indicated to jail staff that he was under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

Due to the on going investigation that is currently underway and the likely hood for further felony charges, and the fact that the suspect placed members of the community and his immediate family members at risk of serious bodily injury or death with him firing 150 rounds in a heavily populated neighborhood I am asking that Benjamin be held without bail.

I believe these to be additional condition(s) for continued detention:

	Felony committed while on probation or parole, or while free on bail awaiting trial on a previous felony charge (they were out on probation or parole).
	- See the details provided in the main narrative above, if any.
	The person would constitute a substantial danger to any other person or to the community, or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court (they pose a threat to the public and/or they are a flight risk).
	- See the details provided in the main narrative above, if any.

Officer Name: Thomas Lloyd	Badge ID: Z0093	Phone Number: (435)627-4300
I am a sworn officer with: Washington City Police Dept.		

Arresting agency case number: 2504874A	Associated citation number:
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I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Thomas Lloyd

**SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Washington County Sheriff's Office		Booking agency ORI: UT0270000
Booking case number: 2504874A	SID: 1422609	OTN: 69298081
Booking userID: tbwright	Booking date/time: 2025-07-08 22:19	Submission ID: