

IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT COURT - ALL DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR UTAH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF UTAH)

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County of Utah)

The undersigned affiant, Officer COLE G RICHARDSON of American Fork, upon an oath or written affidavit subscribed under criminal penalty, declares:

That your affiant has reason to believe:

THAT

On the premises known as 891 North 150 West, American Fork, Utah, 84003, further described as A gray in color single residence home. The entrance to this home is a basement rental, seperated from the main floor. This warrant will only be served on the basement part of the residence. Address is 891 North 150 West in American Fork Police.;

On the person(s) described as:

BENJAMIN PAUL SCHNEIDER
DATE OF BIRTH 12/30/1995

On the vehicle(s) described as:

2012 Black chevy Malibu yielding license plate #Z974FA

On the item(s) described as:

None

In the City of American Fork, County of Utah, State of Utah, there is now certain property or evidence described as:

Any stolen merchandise, specifically Lego merchandise.

and that said property or evidence:

Was unlawfully acquired or is unlawfully possessed;

has been used or is possessed for the purpose of being used to commit or conceal the commission of an offense; or

is evidence of illegal conduct.

Affiant believes the property and evidence described above is evidence of the crime or crimes of 76-5-106.5. Stalking.

The facts to establish the grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant are:

I, Officer Richardson am a POST certified officer as of 2024. I have worked as a Law Enforcement officer for over a year and have been trained to investigate incidents including: Domestic violence, Theft, Vehicle Burglary, Possession of controlled substances. I have also been trained in narcotic detection through field experience. I have numerous experiences in assisting in the apprehension of violent suspects related to aggravated assault, domestic violence, and other offenses.

On March 3rd of 2026 I was dispatched to a harassment detail at a local residence in American Fork. Upon arrival I recognized this address as a repeat address that has resulted in the arrest of BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER. Benjamin was arrested days prior for stalking the victim in the case. For this incident I found 4 individuals outside of the residence who were hanging a sign that depicted the victim's face with words next to it that stated "I stole a dying man's life savings.". The reporting party reported they had arrived in a Black Chevy Malibu yielding Utah license plate #Z974FA. I made contact with one of these individuals to ask what was going on. One of the males told me that he was supporting a website called GOFUNDME, and elected to show me his phone. While looking at his phone I noticed he was facetimeing a person whose contact info stated "Ben". I asked the male if he was speaking with Ben Schneider or his alias via youtube "Reckless Ben". He confirmed Ben was who was on the phone.

Due to the previous case regarding Benjamin I knew that he had been arrested for stalking and it appeared he was having these four individuals go to the victim's residence on his behalf to continue the harassment. I advised the male of his Miranda Rights and informed him I intended to seize his phone for evidentiary purposes. This male was transported to the American Fork Police Department.

Later, a third party individual shared information about how they have "a bunch of youtubers" renting out their Air B&B. This fits the nature of Benjamin Scheider's group. An unmarked Police unit went to the address of 891 North 150 West in American Fork to scope out the area and observed the same Chevy Malibu parked in the driveway that was associated with Benjamin Schneider. It is known that Benjamin Schneider is arranging various amounts of individuals to go to the victim's residence and enter his property as well as hang defaming signs.

Officers contacted the homeowner of the Air B&B to inquire about video footage. The homeowner was cooperative and provided video footage that displayed Benjamin walking into the basement apartment at exactly 15:58 hours on this day. The homeowner also disclosed that he could hear multiple individuals inside the residence speaking about possible stolen Lego toys that they had taken. The officer would like to search for said items.

Based on this information I am requesting a search warrant at the address of 891 North 150 West in American Fork in order to affect the arrest of Benjamin Schneider.

WHEREFORE, your affiant prays that a Search Warrant be issued for the seizure of said items in the daytime.

I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 11th day of March, 2026 @ 05:11 PM by /s/ COLE G RICHARDSON

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SEARCH WARRANT

No. 3352981

COUNTY OF UTAH, STATE OF UTAH

To any peace officer in the State of Utah:

Proof by Affidavit made upon oath or written affirmation subscribed under criminal penalty of the State of Utah having been made to me by Officer COLE G RICHARDSON of American Fork, this day, I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe

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YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED:

to make a search in the daytime of the above-named or described person, vehicle, item, and/or premises for the herein-above described property or evidence and if you find the same or any part thereof, retain such property in your custody subject to the direction of a prosecutor or an order of this Court.

Dated: 11th day of March, 2026 @ 05:37 PM /s/

Roger W. Griffen
District Court Judge



RETURN TO SEARCH WARRANT

NO. 3352981

The personal property listed below or set out on the inventory attached hereto was taken from the person of BENJAMIN PAUL SCHNEIDER

DATE OF BIRTH 12/30/1995, by virtue of a search warrant dated the 11th day of March, 2026, and issued by Magistrate ROGER W GRIFFIN of the FOURTH DISTRICT COURT - ALL DEPARTMENT:

Benjamin Schneider was arrested. No items siezed

I, Officer COLE G RICHARDSON of American Fork, by whom this warrant was executed, do swear that the above listed or below attached inventory contains a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me under the warrant, on the 11th day of March, 2026.

All of the property taken by virtue of said warrant will be retained in my custody subject to the order of this Court or of any other court in which the offense in respect to which the property, or things taken, is triable.

I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 12th day of March, 2026 @ 06:17 AM by /s/ COLE G RICHARDSON