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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASTEIL FRANKLIN HAMLETT,
DOB: 03/05/1987
OTN#: 68379411
SO#: 459989
SID#/BCI#:
Booking#: 459989

Defendant.

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 25.027377

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD
09/15/2025

Case No.

The undersigned Detective B. Moore - Unified Police Department, Agency Case No. CO2016-22457, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, CASTEIL FRANKLIN HAMLETT, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

MURDER, 76-5-203, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 10, 2016, at Saltair, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another; intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; acting under circumstances evidencing a depraved indifference to human life, knowingly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another and thereby caused the death of another; engage in the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate

offense, to wit: Aggravated Robbery/Robbery, or Felony Discharge of a Firearm, or was a party to the predicate offense; and a person other than a party as defined in Utah Code Section 76-2-202 was killed in the course of the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate offense; and the actor acted with the intent required as an element of the predicate offense.

COUNT 2

FELONY DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM WITH SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, 76-10-508.1, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 10, 2016, at Saltair, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did knowingly or having reason to believe that any person may be endangered by the discharge of a firearm, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or persons;

(b) with the intent to intimidate or harass another or with intent to damage a habitable structure, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or habitable structure; or

(c) with the intent to intimidate or harass another, discharged a firearm in the direction of any vehicle.

Furthermore, the aforementioned violation caused serious bodily injury to any person.

COUNT 3

OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE, 76-8-306(1), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 10, 2016, at Saltair, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constituted a criminal offense: prevent by force, intimidation, or deception, any person from performing any act that might aid in the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person; alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; make, present, or use any item or thing known by the actor to be false; warn any person of impending discovery or apprehension; provide false information regarding a suspect, a witness, the conduct constituting an offense, or any other material aspect of the investigation.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

Detective B. Moore, Detective C. Julius, Dr. Julie Schrader, G.C., B.J., J.M., C.N., D.H., and M.A.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by Unified Police Department, Case No. CO16-22457 and the following:

The statement of Unified Police Officer C. Julius that on February 11, 2016, in Salt Lake County, she was dispatched to a possible deceased body near Saltair in Salt Lake County. Officer Julius observed a deceased male in his 20's, wearing jeans, a gray sweatshirt, and dark colored shoes. Officer Julius also observed what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the male's right cheek area, blood around the mouth, and another gunshot wound to the left chest area. One spent shell casing was located to the left of the body, and an e-cigarette type device was to the right side of the body. A wallet was located on the body, and the male was identified as C.C.

Dr. Julie Schrader with the Office of the Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on C.C. Dr. Schrader observed that C.C. had one gunshot wound to his right cheek and another to the left side of his chest. Dr. Schrader deemed the cause of death as gunshot wounds to the chest and head and the manner of death as homicide.

C.C.'s clothing, to include jeans and a gray jacket, were recovered, along with Now and Later and Jolly Rancher wrappers, which were in C.C.'s jeans pocket.

Detectives searched the scene and recovered Federal brand .40 S&W caliber casings, an orange e-cigarette device, and in the parking lot was an unwrapped partially consumed on green Jolly Rancher. C.C.'s phone was not located.

The statement of G.C. is that she is C.C.'s grandmother. G.C. stated that the last time she saw C.C. was on the night of February 10, 2016, at 23:30 hours. G.C. provided Detectives with C.C.'s cell phone number and G.C. stated that C.C. always had his cell phone on him.

Through investigative means, Detectives obtained C.C.'s call detail records which included location data. Detectives reviewed last calls and text messages from C.C.'s phone. C.C. is observed near the area of his house on February 10, 2016, just after midnight. Additionally, C.C. received several calls and text messages from the same phone number, 801-628-2332. Detectives learned this phone number belonged to CASTEIL FRANKLIN "SLIM" HAMLETT. Detectives also learned that C.C.'s main group of friends consisted of J.M., C.N. and HAMLETT.

The statement of B.J. that she went to high school with C.C. B.J. stated that she heard about C.C.'s death from a neighbor J.M. who said one of his old homie's died. B.J. stated that J.M. had gone to Wendover to place a bet on a football game and he won big. B.J. stated that J.M. decided to have a party on February 9, 2016, so J.M. gave her some money, and she picked up a bottle of Apple Crown Royal. B.J. went to J.M.'s apartment about 2130 hours and the party lasted until about 0200 hours on February 10, 2016. B.J. stated that she only remembered a few people who were at the party, which included C.N., but he was only at the party for about an hour. B.J. stated that she stayed at the party until approximately 0200 hours. B.J. stated that the next day J.M. told her that he was going to be robbed sometime during the week at his apartment. J.M. never told B.J. who was going to rob him. When B.J. asked J.M. about it on February 12, 2016, J.M. said it never happened, and he seemed not to be concerned about it anymore.

The statement of J.M. that he knew C.C. and considered him a friend. J.M. stated that on Sunday, February 7, 2016, he learned the odds on the Superbowl were in favor of the Carolina Panthers, so he went to Wendover to put money on the Denver Broncos to win. J.M. stated that he placed a \$5,000 bet and he won \$14,000. J.M. stated that he returned to Salt Lake on Monday, February 8, 2016, and decided to have a party on Tuesday, February 9th. J.M. remembers his brother at the party and a few other people, along with C.N. and a "black" guy named "Slim" HAMLETT. J.M. stated that around midnight, HAMLETT came into his apartment, woke him up, and told him to lock his doors because HAMLETT didn't want anyone messing with J.M. while he was asleep. J.M. stated that he didn't know HAMLETT very well, and thought it was strange that HAMLETT was the one who woke him up and told him to lock his doors. When HAMLETT left the apartment, J.M. locked his door.

J.M. stated that he heard that C.C. and his crew were going to rob him. J.M. wasn't sure if it was because he won money in Wendover or not. J.M. stated that he first heard the rumor was on Monday or Tuesday and then later said he heard it on Sunday when he was in Wendover. J.M. claimed that he heard the rumor from C.N. J.M. stated that he did not believe that C.C. would rob him, so he wasn't too concerned about being robbed.

In a 2024 interview with Detectives, J.M. claimed he didn't know HAMLETT. However, call details records show J.M. and HAMLETT communicating on February 9, 2016, and February 10, 2016. When confronted about the call detail records, J.M. stated he didn't have any contact with HAMLETT and never talked to HAMLETT. Detectives confronted J.M. about talking to HAMLETT after C.C.'s death. J.M. continued to claim he didn't know HAMLETT, didn't talk to him, and didn't use his phone to talk to HAMLETT.

The statement of C.N. that he has known C.C. since the 7th grade and they became good friends. C.N. stated that he and C.C. got involved in drugs, however C.C. started using other drugs beside marijuana, so C.N. distanced himself from C.C. because he didn't trust him. C.N. stated that the last time he actually saw C.C. was about six months before his death. C.N. stated that C.C. started selling drugs (marijuana). C.N. stated that on February 9, 2016, he and his girlfriend were at a party at J.M.'s house. HAMLETT arrived later and was in and out of the party a few times. C.N. stated that he was told by HAMLETT that C.C. and "Red" had planned to rob him and J.M. The robbery was the topic of conversation at the party. C.N. stated that HAMLETT left the party around midnight. C.N. stated that he found out on Friday that C.C. was the person that had been killed on I-80.

In a 2024 interview with Detectives, C.N. was asked if J.M. and HAMLETT were friends. C.N. stated that J.M. and HAMLETT don't have a problem with each other. C.N. stated that J.M. knows HAMLETT and that "J.M. always tends to play the 'I don't know shit' card about everything he's in." C.N. stated that it's a little suspicious that J.M. is saying he doesn't know HAMLETT.

During an interview with HAMLETT in 2016, HAMLETT stated that he had met C.C. at a party and worked with him. HAMLETT stated that he and C.C. hung out sporadically. HAMLETT claimed that he heard about C.C.'s death through an acquaintance on Facebook on Wednesday. When asked about the message, HAMLETT claimed he had deleted it. HAMLETT then said he could have possibly heard about C.C.'s death maybe Tuesday or Wednesday but it could have been Monday or Tuesday. HAMLETT stated that on February 9, 2016, he received a call from C.C. asking what he was doing. HAMLETT was in Ogden and eventually came down to Salt Lake. HAMLETT stopped by C.N.'s house first and learned about a party at J.M.'s house later that night. HAMLETT stated that he went to J.M.'s party and then afterwards picked up C.C. from his house. HAMLETT and C.C. drove around, smoking and looking for girls. HAMLETT claimed that he dropped C.C. off at some apartments off 2100 South 200 East. HAMLETT then went back to J.M.'s party and everyone was passed out. HAMLETT said that J.M. was asleep on the bed. HAMLETT woke J.M. up and told him to lock his doors. HAMLETT stated that he told C.N. about the robbery. HAMLETT stated that he was approached by C.C. and a guy named "Red" aka "G" asking if HAMLETT wanted in on the robbery. HAMLETT stated that he didn't know who would have hurt C.C. Detectives asked HAMLETT if they could search his car. HAMLETT was hesitate due to a large amount of cash in his car. Detectives assured HAMLETT that they were not going to seize it, and he said okay, that he was headed to Wendover after the interview.

Detectives conducted a search of HAMLETT's Cadillac in 2016. During the course of the search muddy boots were located and photographed and a bag of Jolly Rancher and Now and Later candy was located in the back seat and photographed.

The statement of D.H. that on February 10, 2016, HAMLETT had arrived at their home after 7:00 am. D.H. stated that HAMLETT removed the battery from both her cell phone and his cell phone. HAMLETT turned music on, took her into a side room, and closed the door and spoke to her. D.H. stated that after HAMLETT's interview with law enforcement, they headed out to Wendover. On their way back, HAMLETT tried to locate a gun near where C.C. was discovered deceased. HAMLETT had searched for the gun while D.H. was with him, however HAMLETT was unable to locate the gun.

Detectives obtained HAMLETT's call detail records from February 10, 2016. During the early morning hours of February 10th at 0055 hours, HAMLETT received a text from J.M. HAMLETT's phone was utilizing a tower that is in the area of C.C.'s house.

Additionally, call detail records showed from 0055 hours on February 10, 2016, until 0353 hours on February 10, 2016, there were no tower hits/communications for HAMLETT or C.C.'s cell phones. Both HAMLETT's and C.C.'s phone appear to have gone silent during this time period. At 0353 hours, HAMLETT's cell phone utilizes a cell phone tower in the area of State Street and 1300 South. The horizontal plane associated with this cell phone tower hit covers the residence of J.M. At 0355 hours, C.C.'s cell phone connects to two separate cellular towers. This places C.C.'s device in the area of Princeton Ave/Harvard Ave and 1100 East in Salt Lake City. This cell phone hit also falls within the horizontal plane associated with

HAMLETT's cell phone. A photo of the cell phone tower hits both HAMLETT and C.C.'s cell phones. HAMLETT's cell phone attempts to call C.C.'s cell phone twice. This appears to be associated with the two cell phone tower hits from C.C.'s cell phone. C.C.'s cell phone never connects to another tower again. When HAMLETT makes these two calls to C.C., a different cell tower in the area of 700 East and 2100 South is utilized. J.M.'s residence falls within this tower's horizontal plane.

At 0405 hours, HAMLETT sends a text message to a number ending in 3663 and the outgoing message utilizes a cell phone tower in which the horizontal plane of the tower covers the residence of C.N. HAMLETT then travels to Ogden, arriving in the area around 0800 hours. HAMLETT attempts to call his wife at 0803, 0804, and 0805 and then arrives at his residence. From 0808 to 0859, HAMLETT's cell phone is not used and does not connect to any cell towers, which matches the statement of D.H. saying he removed the batteries from their phones.

Detectives took items to the crime lab to be tested. In a report received from the State Crime Lab, multiple swabs were tested of the jacket and jean pockets of C.C.'s clothes he was wearing at the time of his death. The lab found a DNA profile consistent with HAMLETT's DNA profile on the inside of C.C.'s left jacket pocket.

The statement of M.A. that she is C.C.'s cousin. M.A. stated that prior to his murder, C.C. was shot in 2015 and C.C. stayed at M.A.'s house to recover. M.A. remembers a conversation she had with C.C. where C.C. told her that HAMLETT was going to kill him and it wasn't a matter of "if" but "when". M.A. stated that C.C. told her that he was trying to get out of the drug game after he was shot, but HAMLETT would not allow him to leave. C.C. told M.A. that he had to continue to provide HAMLETT with money to prevent HAMLETT from killing C.C. C.C. also said that he had to do what HAMLETT said, or HAMLETT would kill his grandmother. M.A. stated that HAMLETT had stickie notes on his bedroom wall talking about how he may die and when he does die who he wants his belongings to be left with. M.A. had taken pictures of these stickie notes in February 2016. M.A. also stated that C.C. liked candy and had it with him often. M.A. stated that the candy found in the shopping bag was definitely the candy that C.C. liked to eat.

Detectives also learned that during J.M.'s party, there was a lot of conversation regarding C.C. being a problem. Through interviews and other investigative means, it was learned that the group had talked about assaulting C.C., kidnapping C.C., dropping C.C. off halfway to Wendover and breaking his leg, and even killing C.C.

MOTION FOR NO BAIL HOLD:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(1) the State requests that the defendant be held without bail until further notice in this matter on the following grounds:

The defendant is now charged with a felony while on probation for felony convictions in cases 241900491 and 211901957, and there is substantial evidence to support the current charges.

The defendant is charged with multiple felonies, and based upon the above probable cause statement, there is substantial evidence supporting the charges and clear and convincing evidence that the defendant would constitute a substantial danger to any other individual or to the community or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court, if released on bail.

In this case, C.C. was found deceased near Saltair with two gunshot wounds. Evidence was collected from the scene, but C.C.'s cell phone that he always had on him was missing. During the investigation, Detectives learned of a party that was attended by the defendant. The topic of conversation at the party was how C.C. was a problem. They discussed how to get rid of C.C., by either assaulting him, kidnapping him, dropping him off halfway to Wendover, breaking his leg, and/or killing him. Detectives were able to trace C.C.'s cell phone and it shows him at his house in the early morning hours on February 10th. The defendant and C.C.'s cell phones are then seen together and then go quiet for several hours after. After several interviews, Detectives learned that C.C. always feared that the defendant would kill him and it wasn't a matter of if, but when. Additionally, the defendant's DNA was found on the inside pocket of C.C.'s jacket he had on at the time of his death and a bag of candy believed to belong to C.C. was located in the defendant's car. The defendant was the last person to be with C.C. before his death.

The defendant is a danger to the community. Due to the serious nature of the allegations, and the defendant's current felony probation status, the defendant should be held without bail.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-18a-106 (2018) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 15th day of September, 2025.

/s/ BRANDON MOORE

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Vincent Meister

Deputy District Attorney

15th day of September, 2025

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OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge