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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.

JOSEPH JAMES SCHULTZ
DOB: 04/11/1996
AKA: Joseph Schultz
3810 South Redwood Rd, Apt 82025
West Valley City, UT 84119
OTN#: 68199553
SO#: 406480
SID#/BCI#: 1383013
Booking#: 25008816

Defendant.

Screened by: EMILY CROSS
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 25.003337

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PFR
02/25/2025

Case No.

The undersigned 4962 Officer Autumn L Norcross - Unified Police Department, Agency Case No. CO25-14821, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, JOSEPH JAMES SCHULTZ, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING, 76-5-302(2)+(3B), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 21, 2025, at Salt Lake County, the defendant did in the course of committing a kidnapping:

(a) uses or threatens to use a dangerous weapon; or

(b) acts with the intent to:

(i) hold the victim for ransom or reward, as a shield or hostage, or to compel a third person to engage in particular conduct or to forbear from engaging in particular conduct;

(ii) facilitate the commission, attempted commission, or flight after commission or attempted

commission of a felony;
(iii) hinder or delay the discovery of or reporting of a felony;
(iv) inflict bodily injury on or to terrorize the victim or another individual;
(v) interfere with the performance of any governmental or political function; or
(vi) commit a sexual offense as described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses.

COUNT 2

ROBBERY, 76-6-301, a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 21, 2025, at Salt Lake County, the defendant did commit robbery by:

(a) unlawfully and intentionally taking or attempting to take personal property in the possession of another from his person, or immediate presence, against his will, by means of force or fear, and with a purpose or intent to deprive the person permanently or temporarily of the personal property; or
(b) intentionally or knowingly used force or fear of immediate force against another in the course of committing a theft or wrongful appropriation.

COUNT 3

FAILURE TO RESPOND TO OFFICER'S SIGNAL TO STOP, 41-6A-210, a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 21, 2025, at Salt Lake County, the defendant did after receiving a visual or audible signal from a law enforcement officer to bring the vehicle to a stop:

(i) operated the motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard of the signal so as to interfere with or endanger the operation of any vehicle or person; or
(ii) attempt to flee or elude a law enforcement officer by vehicle or other means.

COUNT 4

RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, 76-5-112, a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about February 21, 2025, at Salt Lake County, the defendant did , under circumstances not amounting to a felony offense, recklessly engage in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to another person.

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

Autumn L Norcross, Alyssa Ertmann and Jennifer Collins-Powell

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant bases the Information upon the following:

The statement of Unified Police Officer Norcross, that on or about February 21, 2025, she responded to a reported carjacking around 3500 South 8400 West, in Salt Lake County.

The victim was identified as Jennifer Collins-Powell, who had been texting 911, stating she was in the backseat of her own vehicle, which was being driven by a male, later identified as JOSEPH JAMES SCHULTZ, who refused to stop. Jennifer reported she was unable to exit the vehicle and feared for her safety. Officers located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop, however, the vehicle failed to yield and fled at a high rate of speed.

Officers observed SCHULTZ was traveling at a high rate of speed through city streets, running red lights and weaving in and out of traffic. Officers successfully deployed spike strips and SCHULTZ exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. Officer Barnett deployed K-9 Officer Tanto, and SCHULTZ was taken into custody without incident.

Officer Norwood interviewed Jennifer, who reported that she had agreed to give SCHULTZ a ride and to allow him to drive. Jennifer reported that SCHULTZ began driving aimlessly and when she asked him to stop and let her out, he began driving recklessly, weaving through traffic and running red lights. Jennifer reported fearing for her safety, she asked him to stop, SCHULTZ refused, telling her to "shut up." Jennifer heard SCHULTZ say he needed to steal another vehicle to escape. After officers attempted to stop the vehicle, Jennifer reported she continued pleading with him, but he refused.

Post-Miranda, SCHULTZ admitted to fleeing from police because he was nervous since he was on the run from AP&P.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(1) the State requests that SCHULTZ be held without bail until further notice in this matter on the following grounds: SCHULTZ is charged with a felony while on parole for a felony conviction, and there is substantial evidence supporting the charge and clear and convincing evidence that SCHULTZ 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. There is substantial evidence to support the charges based on the statement of the alleged victim and the statements of Law Enforcement. There is also clear and convincing evidence that the defendant would constitute a danger to the victim. Here, SCHULTZ is accused of committing a Felony while on Parole for a Felony conviction with AP&P. SCHULTZ is alleged to have forcibly detained and transported the victim against her will, refused to stop the vehicle in an attempt to flee from Law Enforcement. Further, SCHULTZ has 13 prior arrests with 7 convictions, 5 of which are felonies, evincing an unwillingness to be compliant with the law and indicating a continuing and unnecessary risk to public safety if released. The State is therefore requesting pretrial detention for the Defendant.

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: 24th day of February, 2025

/s/ AUTUMN L NORCROSS
Declarant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 2025

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Emily Cross
Deputy District Attorney
24th day of February, 2025
EC / AC / DAO # 25.003337

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	231901233, 231901234	Koch, Chelsea	23.002051	No active charges
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT			23.002081	No active charges
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	231901158	Brereton, Heather, Koch, Chelsea	23.002085	No active charges