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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.

WILLIAM FORDYCE
DOB: 08/15/1999
AKA: William Craig Fordyce
4374 S Main St #619
Salt Lake City, UT 84107
OTN#: 72214877
SO#: 449891
SID#/BCI#:
Booking#: 26007729

Defendant.

Screened by: ADRIANNA DAVIS
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 26.006799

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL/CG
PRD 02/23/2026

Case No.

The undersigned Jade Thomas - Murray Police Department, Agency Case No. MR26-4779, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, WILLIAM FORDYCE, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

AGGRAVATED ARSON, 76-6-103, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did by means of fire or explosives, intentionally and unlawfully damage:

(a) a habitable structure; or

(b) any structure or vehicle when any person not a participant in the offense was in the structure or vehicle.

COUNT 2

PROPERTY DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION > \$5,000, 76-6-106.1(2B)+(3BI), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did intentionally damage, deface, or destroy the property of another and the actor's conduct caused or was intended to cause a pecuniary loss of more than \$5,000 in value.

COUNT 3

CRIMINAL TRESPASS (DWELLING), 76-6-206(2A)+(3B), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did unlawfully enter or remained in a dwelling or any portion of a dwelling and:

- (i) intended to cause annoyance or injury to any person or damage to any property, including the use of graffiti as defined in Section 76-6-107;
- (ii) intended to commit any crime, other than theft or a felony; or
- (iii) was reckless as to whether his presence would cause fear for the safety of another.

(b) knowing the person's or unmanned aircraft's entry or presence is unlawful, the person enters or remains on or causes an unmanned aircraft to enter or remain unlawfully over property to which notice against entering is given by:

- (i) personal communication to the person by the owner or someone with apparent authority to act for the owner;
- (ii) fencing or other enclosure obviously designed to exclude intruders; or
- (iii) posting of signs.

COUNT 4

FAIL TO STOP AT COMMAND OF LAW OFFICER, 76-8-305.5, a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did flee from or otherwise attempt to elude a peace officer,

- (1) after the officer issued a verbal or visual command to stop;
- (2) for the purpose of avoiding arrest; and
- (3) by any means other than a violation of Utah Code Section 41-6a-210 regarding failure to stop a vehicle at the command of a law enforcement officer.

COUNT 5

POSSESSION OR USE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, 58-37-8(2)(A)(I), a Class A Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did knowingly and intentionally possess or use a controlled substance analog or a controlled substance, unless it was obtained under a valid prescription or order, directly from a practitioner while acting in the course of the person's professional practice, or as otherwise authorized by this chapter.

COUNT 6

INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER, 76-8-305, a Class B Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did have knowledge, or by the exercise of reasonable care should have had knowledge, that a peace officer was seeking to effect a lawful arrest or detention of the defendant or another and interfered with the arrest or detention by:

- (a) the use of force or any weapon;

- (b) refusing to perform any act required by lawful order:
- (i) necessary to effect the arrest or detention; and
- (ii) made by a peace officer involved in the arrest or detention; or
- (c) refusing to refrain from performing any act that would impede the arrest or detention.

COUNT 7

PUBLIC INTOXICATION, 76-9-110, a Class C Misdemeanor, as follows: That on or about February 17, 2026 at 4374 S MAIN ST, the defendant did was under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or any substance having the property of releasing toxic vapors, to a degree that the person may have endangered himself or another, in a public place or private place where the person unreasonably disturbed others.

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

Jade Thomas, Caleb Rushton, Kaylene Gruendell, Dylan Sorensen, Cordin Lundquist, Brian Bybee, Dana Sigler, Johnnie White and Metro At Fireclay

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant bases the Information upon the following:

The statement of Murray Police Department Officer Rushton that on February 18, 2026, he responded to the Fireclay Metro Apartments at 4374 S. State Street on a report of a potential fire. The source of the fire was discovered to be in apartment 619 and the building was evacuated. The tenant of that apartment was identified as WILLIAM CRAIG FORDYCE. A tenant reported that a potential suspect was in their apartment, no. 621 during the incident, and this was captured on Sgt. Sorensen's body camera. This person was identified as FORDYCE, who did not have permission to be inside of that apartment. FORDYCE was located running away from the scene. Officers announced themselves and told FORDYCE to stop but he fled. He was eventually apprehended but during the arrest FORDYCE pulled away from police and ran away. Ultimately, he was tased, but continued to flee, and was tased a second time before being taken to the ground and arrested.

The statement of Murray Fire Department Investigator S. White that he conducted an origin and cause investigation of the apartment building. He determined that the fire started in the dryer vent area of the combination washer/dryer in apartment 619. A paperback book and other combustible materials were located protruding from the dryer vent port and had been ignited. This placement of materials was determined to be inconsistent with normal use or accidental conditions. The loss was estimated to be around \$250,000.

The statement of Murray Police Department Gruendell that FORDYCE is the only tenant of apartment 619. Furthermore, when she contacted FORDYCE at the hospital after his arrest he had burns to his hands and had soot on him. FORDYCE appeared to be in an altered state due to his bloodshot eyes and confusion. Pursuant to a warrant, FORDYCE's clothing was taken. A baggie of cocaine was located in those clothes.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(2), the State requests that Defendant be held without bail until further notice in this matter on the following grounds:

[X] The defendant is charged with a felony and there is substantial evidence supporting the charge 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.

As detailed in the probable cause statement, FORDYCE intentionally started a fire in a large apartment complex. This created an evacuation and posed a grave danger of physical harm to all of the occupants of that apartment building, as well as surrounding housing and businesses. Furthermore, this posed a grave danger of physical harm to first responders. Additionally, FORDYCE made multiple attempts to flee the scene despite being surrounded by law enforcement, evincing a likelihood to flee if released.

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: 20th day of February, 2026

/s/ Jade Thomas
Declarant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day
of February, 2026

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Adrianna Davis
Deputy District Attorney
20th day of February, 2026
AD / AV / DAO# 26.006799

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	251904117	Corum, Patrick	25.004464	Count 3 INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER [76-8-305] MB (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 1 ASSAULT AGAINST A PEACE OFFICER OR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER [76-5-102.4(2)+(3A)] MA (Class A Misdemeanor) Count 2 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULE I/II/ANALOG [58-37-8(2)(B)(II)] MA (Class A Misdemeanor)
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	251903573	Corum, Patrick	25.005101	Count 1 FAIL TO STOP AT COMMAND OF LAW OFFICER [76-8-305.5] MA (Class A Misdemeanor) Count 2 PROPERTY DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION < \$500 [76-6-106.1(2B)+(3BIV)] MB (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 3 INTERFERING WITH A PEACE OFFICER [76-8-305] MB (Class B Misdemeanor)
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	241912888	Corum, Patrick	24.018229	Count 1 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULE I/II/ANALOG [58-37-8(2)(B)(II)] MA (Class A Misdemeanor) Count 2 EMERGENCY REPORTING ABUSE - NONEXISTENT EMERGENCY [76-9-202(2C)+(3B)] MB (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 3 INTOXICATION [76-9-701] MC (Class C Misdemeanor)
Third District Court, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT	241915462	Corum, Patrick	24.015800	Count 1 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULE I/II/ANALOG [58-37-8(2)(B)(II)] MA (Class A Misdemeanor) Count 2 EMERGENCY

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				REPORTING ABUSE - NONEXISTENT EMERGENCY [76-9-202(2C)+(3B)] MB (Class B Misdemeanor) Count 4 DISORDERLY CONDUCT [76-9-102] INF (Infraction) Count 3 INTOXICATION [76-9- 701] MC (Class C Misdemeanor)