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**IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT  
in and for SUMMIT COUNTY  
STATE OF UTAH**

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<p>THE STATE OF UTAH,                      Plaintiff,  vs.  James Kip Ramsdell, D.O.B. August 7, 1963                      Defendant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Warrant</p> <p>OTN No. 62755103</p> <p>Case No.</p> <p>Judge Richard Mrazik</p> <p>SCSO Case No. 21-L24425</p>
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The undersigned prosecutor states on information and belief that the defendant, either directly or as a party, committed the crime(s) of:

1. MURDER (DANGEROUS WEAPON ENHANCEMENT), in violation of Utah Code 76-5-203, a first degree felony, as follows, to wit:

That on or about October 7, 2021, in Summit County, State of Utah, the defendant, did (a) intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another; (b) intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; (c) 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; (d)(i) engage in the commission, attempted commission, or

immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate offense, or was a party to the predicate offense; and (ii) 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 (iii) the actor acted with the intent required as an element of the predicate offense; (e) recklessly cause the death of a peace officer or military service member in uniform while in the commission or attempted commission of: (i) an assault against a peace officer under Utah Code Section 76-5-102.4; (ii) interference with a peace officer while making a lawful arrest under Section 76-8-305, having used force against a peace officer; or (iii) an assault against a military service member in uniform under Utah Code Section 76-5-102.4; (f) commit a homicide which would have been aggravated murder, but the offense was reduced pursuant to Utah Code Subsection 76-5-202(4); or (g) commit aggravated murder, but special mitigation was established under Utah Code Section 76-5-205.5. Furthermore, the actor used a dangerous weapon in the commission or furtherance of this offense, to wit: a firearm.

This Information is supported by a Statement of Probable Cause as follows:

On October 7, 2021 at approximately 6:50 A.M., Summit County Sheriff Deputies received a report there was a human body in front of a house located at 217 Countryside Circle in Summit County, Utah. Deputies, together with emergency medical personnel, arrived on the scene and observed a man lying on his back on the ground next to the road. The man was later identified as John Krieg. Medical personnel assessed Krieg and confirmed that his body was cold and he was deceased. Investigators were called and the scene was secured. Deputies observed that Krieg had numerous injuries to his face and had a single gunshot wound to his chest in the area of the left clavicle. While deputies were attempting to secure the scene, an intoxicated man appeared near the scene and was asked to leave. He was observed walking back to the residence located at 217 Countryside Circle, the same property where Krieg's body was found.

After securing the scene, deputies began canvassing the nearby homes for witnesses and information. Deputies started with the home on the property where Krieg's body was located. They made contact with the intoxicated man, JAMES KIP RAMSDELL (D.O.B. 08/07/1963), and a tenant, J.Y. RAMSDELL owns the home and rents the basement to J.Y., Krieg, and another male. J.Y. and RAMSDELL were located upstairs where RAMSDELL resides. Both were seated on barstools near the kitchen bar, with RAMSDELL near the edge of the bar. RAMSDELL was heavily intoxicated and had a gunshot wound to his left hand with apparent injury to his ring finger and pinky. RAMSDELL initially stated that he knew nothing about the body outside but then claimed that someone had shot him and stated, "Fucking people, maybe I killed him. I don't know." He was taken to the hospital due to the injury to his hand. While at the hospital, deputies observed bruises and minor injuries to his right hand and knuckles which appeared consistent with him having been in a fight. Due to his level of intoxication, he was interviewed only after a portable breath test showed negative for alcohol. Post-Miranda, RAMSDELL stated that he could have shot Krieg. He made numerous statements that were inconsistent with statements made by J.Y. as well as the physical evidence located at the scene. RAMSDELL also stated that he owned a .22 caliber revolver which had a capacity for 5 rounds and that he only had 4 rounds chambered.

J.Y. was interviewed and reported that he was trying to sleep when he heard an altercation between RAMSDELL and Krieg. He reported hearing a gunshot in the home around 1:00 A.M. He left his room and saw RAMSDELL with a gunshot wound and reported that RAMSDELL stated he might've shot himself. J.Y. attempted to help RAMSDELL with the injury to his fingers and told him that they should call police. RAMSDELL had possession of a gun and told J.Y. not to call police. J.Y. reported that RAMSDELL put the gun in his front right pocket. J.Y. reported that RAMSDELL stated the gun belonged to him. J.Y. reported that at some point during the night RAMSDELL stated, "We need to kill him or something," and had earlier stated, "We need to fucking kill him," and also stated, "I'm going to fucking kill him," all in reference to Krieg.

J.Y. reported that at some later time he, RAMSDELL, and Krieg all went outside to the front where RAMSDELL and Krieg were arguing. J.Y. reported that RAMSDELL told him to put the dogs back in the house. J.Y. stated he returned to the house and he last saw RAMSDELL walking toward the roadway and in possession of the gun. J.Y. reported that after a while RAMSDELL returned to the house alone. When J.Y. asked RAMSDELL where Krieg was, RAMSDELL responded that he didn't know. J.Y. went to look for Krieg and found him lying on the ground. He checked for a pulse and found that Krieg was deceased. J.Y. then returned to the home and told RAMSDELL that Krieg was deceased. Both went outside and RAMSDELL shook Krieg's body and Krieg did not respond. J.Y. told RAMSDELL that they should call the police but RAMSDELL told him not to call police. J.Y. stated to deputies that he did not call police out of fear because RAMSDELL still had possession of the gun.

Deputies also spoke with a neighbor who reported waking up around 4:15 A.M. after hearing an altercation outside of that residence.

Search warrants were sought and granted for the home. Deputies located a .22 caliber pistol in the upstairs portion of the home, where RAMSDELL resides. The gun had 1 empty chamber, 2 spent casings, and 2 live rounds. The gun was located at the bar where RAMSDELL and J.Y. were initially located by deputies. The gun was closer to the edge of the bar where RAMSDELL was previously sitting and matched the description given by J.Y. Deputies located blood and other evidence of an altercation in the basement of the home, which were consistent with the statements made by J.Y. The evidence located did not match the version of events given by RAMSDELL.

This information is based on evidence obtained from the following witnesses:

Ben Carreno

**[The State reserves the right to supplement its  
witness list as additional discovery warrants]**

**[Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-5-705, I declare  
under the criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing  
is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.]**

Authorized for presentment  
and filing October 14, 2021.

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