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Arrest of Tyler James Robinson

Potential Charges

Press Conference at Noon MDT, Tuesday, September 16th

Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray provides the following statement on the arrest of Tyler James Robinson and the potential charges to be filed.

Arrest. Tyler James Robinson, of Washington, Utah, was arrested and booked into the Utah County Jail early Friday morning on suspicion of committing three crimes related to the murder of Charlie Kirk on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

Those crimes are:

- (1) aggravated murder, in violation of Utah Code § 76-5-202;
- (2) obstruction of justice, in violation of Utah Code § 76-8-306; and
- (3) felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily injury, in violation of Utah Code § 76-11-210.

Under Utah law, aggravated murder carries a penalty of either death, life in prison without the possibility of parole, or twenty-five years to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Obstruction of justice carries a penalty of one to fifteen years in prison.

Felony discharge of a firearm causing serious bodily injury carries a penalty of five years to life in prison.

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Mr. Robinson is being held without bail.

Potential charges. Now that a suspect has been arrested, my office will carefully review all the evidence that law enforcement has gathered and decide on the appropriate charges to file. Those charges will be listed in a document called a Criminal Information. Filing that document will begin the formal criminal case against Mr. Robinson.

We anticipate filing the Criminal Information by noon on Tuesday, September 16.

Although we will make every effort to meet that schedule, we may need additional time to prepare the charges. By court rule, we may extend the time to file charges by up to three days, or until Friday, September 19. Our ability to file charges depends on how quickly we can gather and carefully review mountains of evidence. We will be thorough and deliberate at every stage of this case.

Given the very early stages of this investigation, and the fact that the investigation is ongoing, we cannot comment on the specific charges that we will file. However, we do anticipate that those charges will likely be consistent with the preliminary charges that supported Mr. Robinson's booking into jail.

It is important to note that at this stage, the charges on which Mr. Robinson was booked, and the formal charges we plan to file on Tuesday, are only allegations. Under both the Federal Constitution and the Utah Constitution, Mr. Robinson is presumed innocent until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Press conference. Assuming that we can file charges by Tuesday, we will hold a press conference to explain those charges and the next steps in this case. That press conference will be held:

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at noon MDT.

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Location:

Utah County Health & Justice Building
Room 1600
151 South University Avenue
Provo, UT 84601

See the map below for building location and available public parking lots. As indicated on the map, enter through the building's east doors.

If we do not file charges on Tuesday, then we will reschedule the press conference to coincide with our filing of the formal charges.

First appearance. If we file charges on Tuesday, then Mr. Robinson will make his first appearance in court that same day, **September 16, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. MDT**. That hearing is known as a Felony First Appearance. The judge will conduct that hearing remotely via Webex.

A link to view the hearing will be available for the media on the Utah State Court's X account: @UtahStateCourts.

The purpose of that hearing is to inform Mr. Robinson of the charges against him and provide him with an attorney, if he has not already retained one to represent him. The hearing will likely be brief.

If we do not file charges on Tuesday, then Mr. Robinson's first appearance will be rescheduled. It will coincide with filing the charges.

We are deeply grateful for the tireless effort and support of our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. Their dedicated and relentless work has brought us to this point. We will continue to work closely with them as this case progresses.

As with so many others, we express our deepest concern for Mr. Charlie Kirk's wife, his children, and his parents. My office is committed to supporting and assisting them throughout this criminal case.

We also express our concern for everyone who was at Wednesday's event, and everyone across our community, state, nation, and beyond, who has been impacted by this horrific tragedy.

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My office's mission is to protect our community by vigorously investigating and prosecuting crime, compassionately assisting crime victims, and seeking justice for all. We will spare no effort to achieve those ends in this, and every case.

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