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

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF UTAH)

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County of Salt Lake)

The undersigned affiant, Officer RAY L LOKEN of Utah Division of Wildlife Reso, upon a sworn oath, deposes and says:

That your affiant has reason to believe:

THAT

On the premises known as Address #3- 3790 South 500 West,, further described as A single family dwelling further described as; a split entry type residence with a detached 3 car garage with white garage doors, cream colored siding, dark shutters and black shingled roof. The house is on the west side of the street facing east. The house number 3790 is on the left pillar on the south side of the door.;

In the City of South Salt Lake City, Utah, County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, there is now certain property or evidence described as:

Protected Wildlife described as; Mule Deer, Elk, Antelope and any parts thereof including antlers, horns, capes or skins, in either their raw form or processed to include heads and hides that have processed by a taxidermist.

Any and all documents related to hunting to include but not limited to; e-mails, letters, ledgers, photographs related to hunting, hunting permits and/or licenses, and any other documents determined to be used for the facilitation of illegal harvesting of protected wildlife.

Any and all computers and storage devices, cameras both still and video, film and other electronic media used to store photographic images, including media cards, flash and thumb drives, CD's, floppy disks, and other media determined to have been used for storage of photographs related to hunting and the taking of protected wildlife.

Any and all financial documentation related to the hunting to include but not limited to; bank accounts, financial ledgers, receipts for payment for ammunition, hotel rooms, gas, taxidermy, meat processing, checks, check book ledgers, tax records, and any other financial documents discovered related to the taking of protected wildlife.

and that said property or evidence:

Was unlawfully acquired or is unlawfully possessed, or

Has been used to commit or conceal a public offense, or

Is being possessed with the purpose to use it as a means of committing or concealing a public offense, or

Consists of an item of, or constitutes evidence of, illegal conduct, possessed by a party to the illegal conduct.

Affiant believes the property and evidence described above is evidence of the crime or crimes of Any other fruits and/or instrumentalities determined to be evidence of the crime(s) of;

Wanton Destruction of Protected Wildlife 23-20-4

Aiding or assisting in Wanton Destruction of Wildlife 23-20-23

Unlawful Possession of Protected Wildlife 23-20-3.

The facts to establish the grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant are:

Your affiant, Ray Loken, is a certified law enforcement officer within the State of Utah. I am employed by the State of Utah, Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and have been for 21 years; currently assigned as a Conservation Officer II. Your Affiant has received 100's of hours of training in the initial and follow-up investigations of wildlife violations and been involved 100's of arrests of person's involved in wildlife violations.

On or about September 15, 2009, the Utah Division of Wildlife received information through the "UTIP" (Utah Turn in a Poacher) line of a poaching violation from a concerned citizen, hereinafter referred to as CC. The "UTIP" line is an established telephone number provided for citizens to call and report wildlife violations. It is common for individuals to use this resource rather than actually speaking to a Division employee regarding their information.

The CC stated they were aware of some individuals in Salt Lake County that had been poaching protected wildlife for 20 years. The CC stated a person named

Angie Jensen was in the process of getting a divorce from one of the individuals involved in the poaching and the CC wanted to talk about the poaching but they feared for Angie Jensen's safety. Investigator Jerry Schlappi, Utah Division of Wildlife, contacted the CC and was provided with the contact information for Angie Jensen.

On or about September 21, 2009, Investigator Schlappi made contact with Angie Jensen regarding the information received through the UTIP line. Angie stated she is married to Gerald D. Jensen and was in the process of getting divorced from him. Angie stated she had been told of and had accompanied Gerald D. Jensen, her son Gerald D. Jensen Jr., and her brother-in-law Robert L. Jensen on multiple trips where protected wildlife were killed out of season (poached). While Investigator Schlappi was at the Jensen residence, he observed several taxidermied deer heads, elk antlers with skull plates attached and several mule deer antlers with skull plates attached. Angie also showed Schlappi several images on her computer of illegally taken protected wildlife, specifically mule deer. Angie stated the deer in her residence located at 3203 South Marseilles Way, West Valley City, Utah (address #1 sought to be searched) were illegally killed by her husband Gerald D. Jensen and their son Gerald D. Jensen Jr., and that most of the animals were killed in the Cedar Mountain area of Tooele County.

Angie stated she had been inside Gerald D. Jensen Jr.'s apt located at 53 Inglenook Drive, apartment #503, Midvale City, Utah (address #2 sought to be searched) and had observed illegally taken wildlife. She said she was personally told by Gerald D. Jensen Jr. that he had killed an antelope illegally. Angie stated she observed the illegally taken Antelope in his possession and inside of his apartment.

She also stated she had been inside the residence of Robert L. Jensen's residence located at 3790 South 500 West, South Salt Lake City, Utah (address #3 sought to be searched) and again observed illegally taken wildlife, and was present when some of those animals were poached. Angie stated she specifically observed a large non-typical mule deer with drop antlers that she described as "clubby", inside of this residence. She stated she was with Robert when that specific animal was illegally poached. She stated the mule deer is a mounted head hanging on his wall inside the residence.

Angie stated the poaching started approximately 20 years ago while she was married to Gerald D. Jensen. She stated when the poaching began it was for the meat, but changed from a meat hunt to the trio (Gerald, Gerald Jr. Robert) hunting for mature trophy bucks (horn hunting). The majority of the animals were killed in Tooele County on the Cedar Mountains. Gerald Sr., Gerald Jr. and Robert would purchase the proper deer hunting license and permit and hunt the regular season. Generally if a deer was harvested during the regular season, it was not of trophy

quality and the harvested animal was for the meat. Angie described a non-trophy mule deer as one with small antlers averaging 12-14 inches wide. Angie stated they would start their antler hunt after the general season deer hunt ended around the end of October. Their favorite time to hunt would be when the deer would be in the rut throughout the month of November, but they would continue to hunt the animals until they dropped their antlers sometime in January.

I know based upon my training and experience that mule deer bucks begin their breeding cycle towards the end of October and through November and December. I know this particularly makes older mature deer (trophy quality deer) more susceptible to poaching because these deer are drawn out into the open and onto lower elevations to find estrus doe deer to breed. The rut commonly makes mature deer less wary of their surroundings because of their overwhelming instinct to breed, thus making them easier targets of poachers.

Angie described the hunting activities. She said Gerald, Gerald Jr. and Robert would drive on occasion a 2007 Ford F150 Supercrew, Utah License Z288Jd (vehicle #1 sought to be searched), registered to Gerald Jensen, out to the area where the poaching was to take place. They had an agreement called the "turn". This term meant that when it was your turn you were the one selected to kill the animal and it remained your turn until the harvest was completed. Once you harvested an animal, then the "turn" would change to one of the other's until that person harvested an animal.

Angie stated they hunted the Cedar Mountains, Dugway Proving Grounds and Scofield West during their poaching activities. She stated there are three (3) deer that were poached on the Dugway Proving grounds. She stated she accompanied Gerald Sr., Gerald Jr, and Robert while they drove to the area and discussed poaching a trophy mule deer. Angie described a trophy mule deer as an animal with large wide antlers. Angie stated the three would park the truck next to the fence surrounding the Dugway area and climb the fence in pursuit of trophy deer. She stated she would hear a gunshot and then Gerald, Gerald Jr. and Robert would return to the truck and talk about the deer they just poached.

Angie stated they would cut off the antlers and hide the antlers near the kill site until a later time. They would return to pick up the antlers when they felt safe to do so and that depended on if they thought someone may have heard them shoot or may have seen them in the area during their poaching activities. She said they would wait for 2 to 6 months before they returned to retrieve the antlers. She stated she accompanied the three on these trips to retrieve the illegally taken wildlife as well.

Angie stated they would drive to the area where they had previously parked on the prior poaching trip and jump the fence and return with the antlers from a mule deer. She said that these antlers were not naturally shed because they had the

skull plate attached and she could tell they had cut the antlers off the skull of the animal.

I know based upon my training and experience that mule deer naturally shed or drop their antlers annually. This occurs in the late winter months, generally the end of March through April. These shed antlers are not attached to the skull plate and are dropped individually onto the ground. I know that both antlers do not always drop off at the same time and the antler can be great distances apart. I also know that having the skull cap attached between the antlers is indicative of an animal being dead when the antlers were taken.

Angie stated that after the retrieval of the antlers, they were taken back to Gerald Sr., Gerald Jr, or Roberts's residence depending on who poached the animal. She said the deer poached by Gerald and Gerald Jr. have been left at their residence (address #1 sought to be searched) since the day they were brought home except for the few that were taken to the taxidermist. In those instances, the antlers were delivered to the taxidermist and then returned to the residence upon the completion of the mount. She stated they always used Paul Bambrough with Wildlife Taxidermy (address #4 sought to be searched) to do the taxidermy on their heads, but was not sure whether or not he was aware of the illegal activity taking place by the Jensen's.

Angie stated there were three mule deer poached on the Dugway Proving grounds and she was present for all three. She stated those three deer are mounted and one of those deer are at her house, the other two are at Roberts house. The last time she had been to Roberts and observed the deer head was about 2 years ago.

On or about October 6, 2009, I made contact with Angie Jensen and documented and cataloged each illegally taken mule deer, elk and antelope that was inside her residence. We documented 57 sets of mule deer antlers, both in taxidermied form and antlers attached to skull plates, 2 Antelope, one of which is a taxidermied head and the other set of Antelope horns is attached to the skull plate. She stated the elk antlers were stolen in the year around 2000 from the Heiner Ranch located around Echo. She stated Gerald D. Jensen, Robert Jensen and a guy named Greg Wigreen saw the antlers during the summer when they were in the area by the cabin. They went back during the winter and broke into the cabin and stole the antlers.

Angie stated that in 1997, Gerald D. Jensen drew a limited entry archery Antelope permit and she accompanied Gerald D. Jensen, Gerald Jensen Jr., and Robert on the hunt. She stated the hunt was supposed to be an archery hunt, but Gerald D. Jensen shot the Antelope illegally with his 7mm rifle.

On November 08, 2009, I accompanied Angie Jensen to the Cedar Mountains so she could show me where the poaching activities had taken place. We were also hopeful in trying to locate decomposed carcasses left by the poachers. Angie led us to an area in the Cedar Mountains called Post Canyon. She led us to the end of the road where there was a fence line and the road ended. The fence was posted No Trespassing, Dugway Military Base. Investigator Schalpi and I conducted a search of the area for remains of any mule deer. We were able to locate a deer leg bone, jaw bone and partial skull. It was undetermined if these animal parts belonged to the same mule deer poached by Gerald, Gerald Jr., or Robert.

I know based upon my training and experience that mule deer often succumb and die due to natural elements such as predators, old age and severe weather conditions. I also know that once an animal is killed or dies and left on the ground, the decomposition process is swift and the odor attracts many animals that will feed on the decomposing carcass. I know that an animal killed in the winter could be completely consumed or decomposed to a skeletal form in a matter of months and those remains are generally scattered by predators carrying off their parts. Therefore finding the remains of an animal that was killed or died several months ago is difficult due to the natural elements.

On or about November 14, 2009, Officer Troy Hammond, Utah Division of Wildlife and I conducted another search of the Post Canyon area searching for remains of mule deer. Recent snowfall made the searching difficult to spot the bleached white bone remains of mule deer and no further evidence was located.

I know based upon my training and experience, and the training and experience of the investigators assisting me in this case, that individuals keep records at their primary residence for long periods of time. I know that Gerald, Gerald Jr. and Robert paid to have the poached animals mounted by a taxidermist and those records would be maintained in their residence in the form a cancelled checks, receipts from taxidermists or other documentation of the transaction. I also know that the deer were poached using firearms, therefore the receipts for the firearms, ammunition or the actual firearm itself would be maintained in their residences. I also know from this investigation that the poachers utilized different vehicles to facilitate their poaching activities, therefore receipt for the purchase of these vehicles, credit card receipts for repairs or fuel that substantiate the information obtained from Angie would be maintained inside their residence.

I am aware that Wildlife Taxidermy has been in business for a substantial period of time and that business commonly keep records of business activities at their business location. I know that Wildlife Taxidermy is operated in a residential area and out of the primary residence of Paul Bambrough. The receipts of business transactions between Wildlife Taxidermy and Jensen would prove valuable as to the time of the year the animals were brought in, conversations between Bambrough and the Jensen's regarding the harvest of the animal and the method

of payment used by the Jensen's. Mr. Bambrough has not been contacted because of his long history of business transactions with the Jensen's and his unknown relationship with them. I ask the court to allow investigators to search Mr. Bambrough's business records for retained at his residence and place of business (address #4 sought to be searched) and for that search to be conducted during normal business hours so as to not disrupt Mr. Bambrough's personal life or business during the search.

I also know based upon my training and experience that individuals keep mounted animals heads at their residences for long period of times. Because of the size and how fragile the head are, it is not common for the head to be frequently moved to alternate locations unless those head are moved to conceal detection from law enforcement.

This affidavit has been reviewed by Vince Meister of the Salt Lake District Attorney Office, and it has been approved for presentation to the court.

WHEREFORE, your affiant prays that a Search Warrant be issued for the seizure of said items.

I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 3rd day of January, 2010 by /s/ RAY L LOKEN