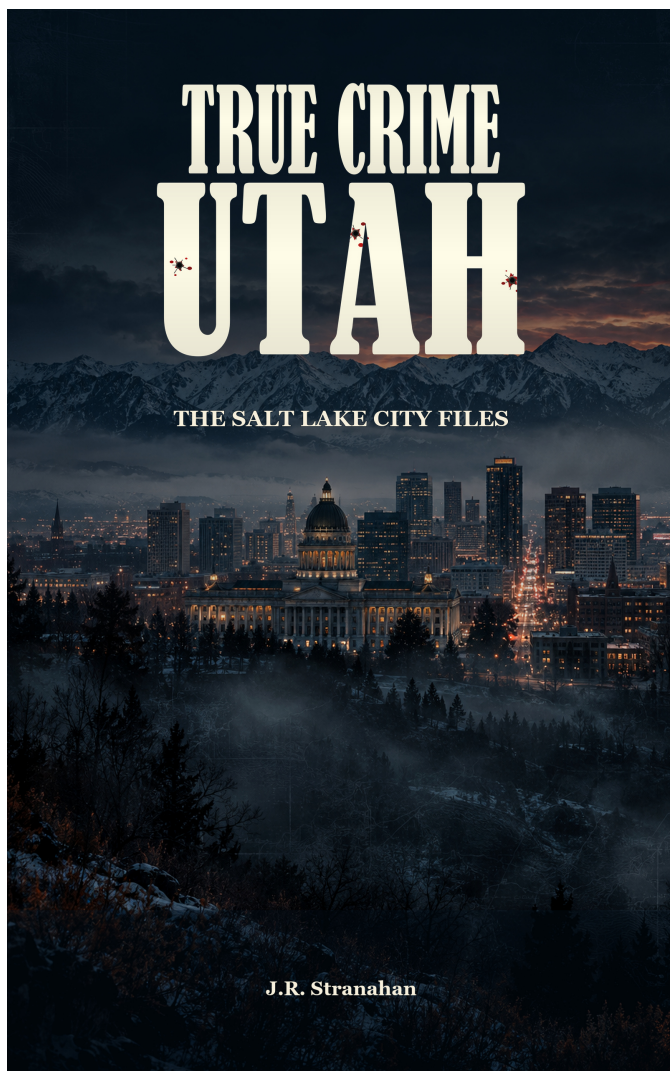


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The 2007 record from Trolley Square, Salt Lake City contains a point that resists shorthand: Off-duty officer Kenneth Hammond confronted the gunman before on-duty Salt Lake City officers arrived. The present legal posture is equally specific: The gunman was killed during an exchange of fire with police and off-duty Ogden officer Kenneth Hammond. No criminal trial occurred, so accounts of motive remain investigative rather than adjudicated findings. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, laboratories, journalists, and families occupy different roles in the record. One proposition may be established while a neighboring proposition remains disputed. Treating them separately is not hesitation; it is accurate reporting.

A headline can make this episode appear settled in a sentence. The underlying record is narrower. The gunman's death ended the immediate attack and prevented a prosecution. From there, the inquiry moves through source, timing, corroboration, and legal consequence. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, laboratories, journalists, and families occupy different roles in the record. None of those steps authorizes invented dialogue or a claim about what Jeffrey Walker, A.J. Walker, Vanessa Quinn, Teresa Ellis, Brad Frantz, the wounded survivors, their families, responders, and the Salt Lake City community privately thought.

Location matters in this file. Trolley Square, Salt Lake City determined which agencies, courts, and communities carried the case, while 2007 marks the span over which the public learned it. A gunman entered the Trolley Square shopping center on February 12, 2007. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, courts, laboratories, journalists, and families occupy different roles in the record. The result is a chronology with identifiable custodians rather than a collection of free-floating claims.

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The controlling status for this account is: The gunman was killed during an exchange of fire with police and off-duty Ogden officer Kenneth Hammond. No criminal trial occurred, so accounts of motive remain investigative rather than adjudicated findings. That sentence is deliberately narrower than a television summary. It does not merge co-defendants, convert accusations into findings, or imply that an appeal erased a human death. Later proceedings may change the legal posture, but they should not be projected backward onto the record described here.

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