

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES
v.
RAHMANULLAH LAKANWAL**

Dec. 2, 2025

1. On November 25, 2025, Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe, who are members of the Army National Guard of West Virginia (ARNG), were deputized by Acting United States Marshal Ron Carter to serve as Special Deputy United States Marshals. Under the terms of their special deputation, they were deputized “to act to protect federal property and functions in the District of Columbia and to support other federal law enforcement agencies” and “to be armed with their service-issued weapons while on duty.” Complainant Reynolds, also a member of the Army National Guard of West Virginia, who carries the rank of Major, was also deputized under the same order.

2. On November 26, 2025, Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe were on patrol near the intersection of 17th Street and I Street, Northwest in Washington, D.C. The complainants were on duty and in full uniform and were engaged in the performance of official duties.

3. At approximately 2:13 p.m., Complainant Reynolds and another Major with the Army National Guard (W-1) were on routine patrol supervising ARNG troops in the

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area. Complainant Reynolds and W-1 met up with complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe and were talking with them when gunfire erupted. Complainant Reynolds reported that he heard gunshots and saw Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe fall to the ground while simultaneously seeing the defendant, subsequently identified as Rahmanullah Lakanwal shooting a gun and screaming, “Allahu Akbar!”

4. Complainant Reynolds immediately pulled his issued service weapon and engaged the defendant. During the subsequent gunfight, the defendant was shot and fell to the ground. Complainant Reynolds reported that it appeared the defendant’s firearm was empty and the defendant was reloading his gun. Complainant Reynolds reported that W-1 immediately jumped on the defendant as the defendant was attempting to reload. Complainant Reynolds advised that he, W-1, and uniformed United States Secret Service Officers, who had responded to the scene, assisted in apprehending the defendant.

5. Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe were unresponsive and suffering from gunshot wounds to the head. Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe were immediately

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transported from the scene to a local hospital where they were admitted in critical condition.

6. The defendant, identified as Rahmanullah Lakanwal, date of birth 02/09/1996, was placed under arrest for Assault With the Intent to Kill and transported to a local hospital where he remains.

7. On Thursday, November 27, 2025, all lifesaving efforts failed and Complainant Beckstrom was pronounced dead at 1758 hours by hospital staff. Decedent Beckstrom's remains were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia ("DC OCME") pending an autopsy.

8. On Friday, November 28, 2025, Dr. Kristinza Giese of the DC OCME performed an autopsy on the remains of the decedent. At the conclusion of the autopsy Dr. Giese advised that the decedent was shot one time to the back of the head. Dr. Giese ruled the cause of death to be from a gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

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9. Video was recovered from a number of locations near the crime scene. On the video, the defendant can be observed standing on the sidewalk of I Street outside the Farragut West Metro station for about a minute. The defendant appears to be glancing westbound toward the intersection with 17th Street. The defendant then begins running in the direction of the intersection.



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10. On other video, the defendant is observed coming around the corner at the intersection with his hands raised in a firing stance. He immediately begins firing in the direction of Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe and they are both observed collapsing on the ground. Additionally, the defendant is observed chasing and shooting at W-1. Three screenshots are included below. The Defendant is circled in Red, the members of the ARNG are circled in Blue.

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As the Defendant comes around the corner, he is immediately observed firing at the ARNG members.

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After Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe collapse to the ground, the Defendant chases and continues to fire at W-1.

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The Defendant is observed bending down next to Complainants Beckstrom and Wolfe after shooting them.

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