

IN THE CIRCUIT OR COUNTY COURT
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

State of Florida

vs.

944.47 Possession of a controlled
substance in State Correctional Facility.

Christopher King

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now, the affiant, Douglas O. Foster, Law Enforcement Inspector, Florida Department of Corrections / Office of the Inspector General, a sworn law enforcement officer, who personally appeared before a notary public or certified officer, makes this affidavit, which has been electronically submitted to the Court. The affiant swears under oath that he has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated in Lake County, Florida and that on or about July 20, 2019, Christopher King did commit the offense of **Possession of a Controlled Substance** in violation of Florida Statutes 944.47.

1. That the events hereinafter set forth occurred at Lake Correctional Institution (Lake C.I.), 19225 U.S. Highway 27, Clermont, Lake County, Florida 34715.
2. On or about July 23, 2019, your Affiant was assigned an Office of Inspector General (OIG), official investigation involving possession of a controlled substance by an inmate, OIG case number 19-12564.
3. On July 20, 2019, Officer Jerome Williams was assigned to the visitation area and was conducting inmate searches (shakedown room) when inmates leave the visitation area and return to the secure area of Lake C.I.
4. The incident and actions taken regarding Inmate King and the seized contraband were documented and submitted by Officer Williams utilizing a Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) incident report # 312-7-19-158.
5. On August 07, 2019, at approximately 11:44 a.m., this inspector interviewed Officer Williams regarding this investigation. Officer Williams was placed under oath. Officer Williams stated he was assigned to the pat search area (shakedown) which is located near the visitation area to conduct inmate searches. Officer Williams stated Inmate King appeared to be

acting suspicious and he directed the inmate to be brought into the shakedown room. Officer Williams stated he observed Inmate King enter the shakedown room and when he saw him, the inmate dropped a black item and attempted to kick it away for him to conceal the item. Officer Williams said the inmate denied being in possession of the item. Officer Williams stated he secured Inmate King and seized the contraband item. Officer Williams stated two (2) items were discovered inside the wrappings. Officer Williams said one substance resembled synthetic cannabinoid, and the second item was ten pink colored pills which a "B" impressed into the side of the pill. The interview was concluded at 11:50 a.m.

6. On or about August 19, 2019, this inspector requested evidence technician Richard Perkinson submit the synthetic cannabinoid to the FDLE laboratory for testing. The pink pills included with the submission were determined to be Benadryl and therefor were not requested to be tested by the FDLE laboratory. The material and pills are currently in evidence.
7. On August 19, 2019, at approximately 02:49 p.m., this inspector interviewed Inmate King regarding this investigation. Inmate King was advised of the Miranda Rights warning and he elected to discuss the investigation. Inmate King denied being in possession of synthetic cannabinoid or the pink pills in the visitation area of the shakedown room. Inmate King denied dropping the items and trying to hide them by kicking them away from him. Inmate King stated he observed an officer pick up an item in the common area of the visitation which could have been the items he was being charged with. Inmate King stated the officer did not see him in possession of the suspected items. Inmate King was unable to provide the name of the second officer. The interview was concluded at 03:00 p.m.
8. On October 09, 2019, this inspector received test results of the suspected synthetic cannabinoid material sent to FDLE laboratory, Orlando, Fl. The material weighing in at 20.42 grams was tested and determined to meet the structural requirements of the Synthetic Cannabinoids Class m.

Your affiant believes that probable cause exists for the arrest of Christopher King for possession of a controlled substance in violation of Florida Statutes 944.47.

Douglas O. Foster, Law Enforcement Inspector
Florida Department of Corrections
Office of Inspector General

Sworn to and Subscribed before me,

This _____ day of _____, 2019.

Circle One: Notary Public – Certified Officer

Personally known to me.

Produced identification.

Type: