

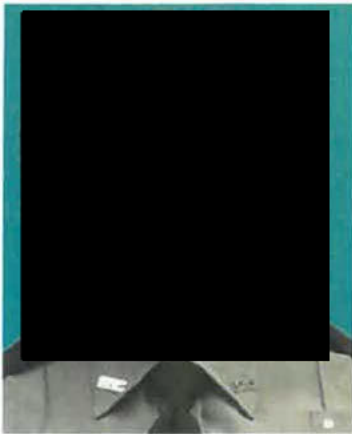
IP#: 22721

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

v.

Jesica Y. Nelson

Race: Black
Sex: Female
DOB: [REDACTED]
SSN: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JACKSON
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: 20-11328

CHARGE(s):

- I. Introduction / possession of contraband to whit: written communication
- II. Introduction / possession of contraband to whit: written communication
- III. Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device
- IV. Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device
- V. Interference with Prisoners
- VI. Interference with Prisoners

WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO ALL AND SINGULAR the sheriffs of this state and their duly appointed deputies and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections or his duly authorized Inspectors, and the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or his duly authorized Special Agents, and police officers acting within their jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, a Sworn Complaint, having been this day filed before me as Judge of the Circuit/County Court in and for Jackson County, wherein it is alleged that:

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CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY.

5-14-2021
CLAYTON O. ROOKS, III
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA



By: J. Hooppe
Deputy Clerk

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THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded to arrest instanter the said **Jesica Y. Nelson**.

WITNESS my hand and the official Seal of the Judge of the Circuit Court:

The defendant shall be admitted bail in the amount of \$ _____.

No bail until first appearance, as provided by law.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN ADDITION TO MONETARY BAIL:

Given under my hand and seal on the _____ day of _____, 2021, Jackson County, Florida.

5/11/2021

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5/11/2021 3:55:19 PM
Jackson County Judge
Acting Circuit Judge

This warrant came to hand the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____, and I executed the same by arresting the within named defendant on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____. On the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____, the within named defendant was taken before the Court to be dealt with according to law.

SHERIFF By: _____ Deputy Sheriff

Amended AFFIDAVIT - COMPLAINT

Clerk's Case No. 21-294CF
BA Case No. (s) _____

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Agency ORI # FL037278C

1. Agency Name: Florida Department of Corrections		2. Agency Report Number: 20-11328		3. Charge Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor associated felony		3a. Ordinance Type: (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> County	
4. Date/Time of Offense: April 2020 - July 2020		5. Date/Time of Arrest:		6. Arresting Officer:		7. Issuing Officer: Senior Inspector William "Eddie" Dalton	

8. Defendant's Name: (Last) Nelson		(First) Justice		(Middle) Y		ALIAS N/A		9. ORTB:	
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20. Driver's License Number/State:		21. Social Security Number:		22. Residential Telephone:		23. Business Telephone:			
24. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)		(City)		(State)		(Zip)			

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59. Charge Description: (F 1) Introduction of Contraband (Communication) (2 counts)		60. Statute or Ordinance Number: 844.47 (1)(a)(1)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
61. Charge Description: (F 1) Unlawful Use of Two-way communication device (2 counts)		62. Statute or Ordinance Number: 834.215		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	
63. Charge Description: (F 1) Interference with Prisoners (2 counts)		64. Statute or Ordinance Number: 844.38		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	

65. Victim's Name: (if business, list legal business name) (Last)		(First)		(Middle)		66. Race/Sex		67. Date of Birth:		68. Telephone Number:	
69. Contact Person if Victim is deceased, a minor child, or incompetent: (Last)		(First)		(Middle)		70. Race/Sex		71. Date of Birth:		72. Telephone Number: 850-688-6102	
73. Address: (Street, Apartment Number)		(City) Tallahassee		(State) Florida		(Zip) 32399		74. Secondary Phone Number:			
75. Victim Notification of Arrest:						76. Information Given: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Rights Card <input type="checkbox"/> App. Info			<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest into Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> Viol. Info		
NOTIFIED BY:		DATE:		TIME:							

77. Physical Evidence collected in this case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		78. Witness Statements taken in this case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		79. I certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and is page 01 of a 2 page affidavit/complaint.							
Evidence Custodian's Name: Berita Henderson		Person responsible for statement: Senior Insp. William Dalton		<i>William Dalton</i> William Dalton Officer/Complainant Signature				Senior Inspector William Dalton Title or Print Complainant Name			

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AFFIDAVIT – COMPLAINT (PROBABLE CAUSE NARRATIVE)

Clerk's Case No. _____
 BA Case No.(s) _____
 Agency ORI # **FL0972780**

60. Agency Name: Florida Department of Corrections	61. Agency Report Number: 20-11328	62. Date/Time of Arrest:	63. Investigating Officer: Senior Inspector William "Eddie" Dalton
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64. NARRATIVE OF THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR PROBABLE CAUSE: The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the herein named defendant did commit the violation of laws stated above and the factual basis for this belief is as follows:

Your Affiant is Senior Inspector William Dalton of the Office of the Inspector General, Florida Department of Corrections.

Your Affiant has probable cause to believe former Correctional Officer Jessica Nelson (Officer Nelson), in the County of Jackson and the State of Florida, did commit two (2) criminal offenses of Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Institution (Communication), in violation of s. 844.47 (1)(a)(1) Florida Statute, when Officer Nelson did actually and intentionally introduce, through unauthorized channels, into the secure perimeter of a State Correctional Institution, electronically transmitted and/or recorded communication, images, and videos to inmates. Probable cause also exists Officer Nelson did commit two (2) counts of criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, in violation of s. 934.215 Florida Statute, when Officer Nelson used an electronic communication device to introduce contraband communication to inmates housed within a State Correctional Institution. Lastly, Officer Nelson committed two (2) counts of the criminal offense of Interference with Prisoners, in violation of s. 944.39 Florida Statute, when Officer Nelson engaged in a personal relationship with inmates under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections, and while doing so allowed the inmates to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of the Department of Corrections.

Officer Nelson began her employment with the Florida Department of Corrections on or about January 3, 2020, as a correctional officer trainee at Hardee Correctional Institution. Officer Nelson worked in various dormitories while attending the Corrections academy. On August 5, 2020, Officer Nelson resigned from the Department of Corrections.

On or about June 23, 2020, (prior to Officer Nelson's resignation) Captain Kristopher Williams (Captain Williams) was reviewing incoming J-pay messages to inmate Jean Baptiste (Inmate Baptiste) who is housed at Jackson Correctional Institution. Captain Williams observed photographs of a black female in a Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) uniform. Captain Williams was able to identify, through FDC records, the female as Officer Jessica Nelson who was employed as a Correctional Officer at Hardee Correctional Institution.

On June 25, 2020, contact was made with Hardee Correctional Institution Warden Shane Baker (Warden Baker). Warden Baker advised Officer Nelson did disclose she had an uncle (Inmate Baptiste) under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections. It was explained to Officer Nelson during the hiring process, an uncle did not meet the criteria for an immediate family member for visitation or for personal or business communications by an employee. Officer Nelson was further advised any visits or communication had to be requested through the facilities Warden where the inmate was housed. Warden Baker advised he had not received or approved any requests for communication or visits to any inmate from Officer Nelson.

Sworn testimony was obtained from Inmate Baptiste. Inmate Baptiste revealed Officer Nelson exchanged electronic mail messages, through J-pay, with him and inmate Vincent Perales. Inmate Baptiste and inmate Perales were housed at Jackson Correctional Institution at the time Officer Nelson was exchanging communication with them and while Officer Nelson was employed as a correctional officer with the Florida Department of Corrections (01/03/2020-08/05/2020). Sworn testimony further indicated Officer Nelson sent and received monetary "gifts" on behalf of inmates and their associates using CashApp and other means of electronically transferring money. According to Inmate Baptiste, he introduced Officer Nelson and inmate Perales while both inmates were housed at Jackson Correctional Institution. Although Inmate Baptiste introduced Officer Nelson and inmate Perales, Inmate Baptiste advised he told Officer Nelson she should stop communicating with inmate Perales on J-pay because she would get in trouble.

On August 30, 2018, J-pay records revealed, a J-Pay account was created in the name Jessica Nelson. The customer ID number is [REDACTED]. The J-Pay account had an address of [REDACTED], telephone number of [REDACTED], and an email address of jessicalove48@gmail.com. The telephone number and email address listed in J-pay, are the same telephone number and email address Officer Nelson listed when she was hired as a Correctional Officer.

J-Pay records revealed during Officer Nelson's employment with the Florida Department of Corrections, she sent fifteen (15) and received twenty-two (22) unauthorized electronic communications (J-pay) with inmate Baptiste and inmate Perales who were incarcerated at Jackson Correctional Institution and under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections.

On April 10, 2020, Officer Nelson sent a J-pay message including a "screen shot" (an image that shows the content of a cellular telephone display screen) of a text message she received on April 10, 2020, from cellular telephone number 1-561-343-0470 to inmate Baptiste. J-pay records revealed the content of the text message was as follows: "THIS G.CODE NO LONGER IN CONFINMENT LET ME KNOW WHAT HE TRYING TO DO ON DECK WIT EVERYTHING."

A review of FDC records revealed telephone number 1-561-343-0470 was the telephone number assigned to a contraband cellular telephone confiscated from an inmate by security staff at Liberty Correctional Institution on April 22, 2020.

A review of FDC records revealed, Officer Nelson listed [REDACTED] as a contact number when she became employed with FDC. Records were obtained from AT&T Wireless, via subpoena duces tecum, including subscriber information, call and text detail records for Officer Nelson's personal cellular telephone number. AT&T records confirm Officer Nelson is the account subscriber.

Subscriber information is as follows: Account [REDACTED] Account activation date June 13, 2019, address: [REDACTED] According to AT&T wireless records, Officer Nelson's call detail records indicated Officer Nelson communicated with 561-343-0470 (Contraband cellular telephone) approximately 5 times from April 6, 2020, through April 11, 2020.

By telephone number 561-343-0470 appearing on Officer Nelson's call detail records and by Officer Nelson sharing a screenshot of communication with 561-343-0470 with inmate Baptiste, this confirms Officer Nelson was communicating with an inmate on a contraband cellular telephone, who was incarcerated at Liberty Correctional Institution, and relayed messages from that inmate to inmate Baptiste who was housed at Jackson Correctional Institution. Based on Senior Inspector Dalton's training and experience, when an inmate says "let me know what he trying to do on deck w/ everything" they are referring to contraband items.

On June 21, 2020, at approximately 5:47:59 p.m., J-Pay records revealed, Officer Nelson sent inmate Vincent Perales, who was housed at Jackson Correctional Institution, unauthorized electronic communication via J-pay. The content of the J-pay message is as follows: "Hay what's up how are you my uncle told me to hit you up and stuff like that so I'm just saying hi he said he show you my picture but I don't know how you look so send me a picture also and he said you his best friend and how old are you another thing but if you don't know who I'm talking about I'm talking about Jean Baptiste that's my uncle."

On June 21, 2020, at approximately 8:20:45 p.m., J-pay records revealed inmate Perales responded to Officer Nelson's J-pay message with general conversation. Inmate Perales described who he is and that inmate Baptiste is his "Muslim brother" and inmate Perales "Vibae" with inmate Baptiste every day. This J-pay communication between Officer Nelson and inmate Perales are unauthorized written and recorded communications.


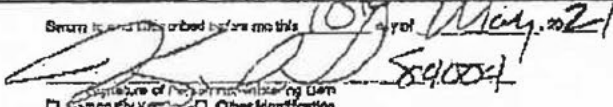
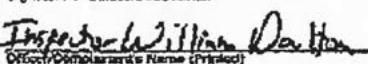
On June 22, 2020, J-pay records revealed, Officer Nelson and inmate Perales exchanged general conversation through J-pay messages.

Your Affiant, submits probable cause is established that Officer Jessica Nelson, did commit the criminal violation Introduction of Contraband (Communication) into a State Correctional Institution (2 counts), in violation of S. 944.47 (1) (a)(1) Florida Statute when Officer Jessica Nelson did actually and intentionally digitally transmit unauthorized written and recorded communications into the secure perimeter of a State Correctional Institution (Jackson Correctional Institution, Jackson County Florida) to inmates Jean Baptiste DC#L38042 and Vincent Perales DC#V41124.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Jessica Nelson did commit the criminal offense of Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device (2 counts), in violation of S. 934.215 Florida Statute, when Officer Nelson used an electronic communication device to introduce electronic contraband communication, images and videos to inmates housed within a State Correctional Institution (Jackson Correctional Institution, Jackson County Florida).

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established that Correctional Officer Jessica Nelson did commit the criminal violation of Interference with Prisoners (2 counts), in violation of S. 844.39 Florida Statute, when Officer Jessica Nelson engaged in a personal relationship with inmates under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections (Jackson Correctional Institution, Jackson Florida) and while doing so allowed inmate Baptiste and inmate Perales to violate laws of the State of Florida and rules of the Department of Corrections.

Your Affiant requests an arrest warrant be issued for Jessica Nelson, DOB [REDACTED], for two counts of a violation of S. 944.47 (1)(a)(1), the laws related introducing contraband communication; two counts of a violation of S. 934.215, the laws related to the unlawful use of two-way communication; and two counts of a violation of S. 844.39 the laws related to the interference with prisoners.

85. The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that the foregoing information contained in an affidavit consisting of 32 pages is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.		Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>10th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2021	
			
Signature of Officer/Complainant		Signature of Notary Public/Notary Gen <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary of State <input type="checkbox"/> Other Identification	
		ID Type	
Inspector/Complainant's Name (Printed)		ID Number	
87. Adult's Relation to Juvenile Delinquent: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		88. Adult's Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)	
89. Address: (Street/Apartment Number) (City) (State) (Zip)		90. Residential Phone: 91. Cellphone Phone	
92. Notarized by: (Name)		93. Notarization Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone	
94. Law Enforcement Disposition of Juvenile Contact: (Check one and complete release date)		95. Released to: (Name):	
Released Date: Released Time:		Released to (Name):	
Transferred to: <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Detention		Released to: <input type="checkbox"/> HRS Intake Officer, not detained	
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