

LPD Case Number: C4-030568

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT  
OF THE DESCRIBED PREMISES OF  
620 SOUTH 17TH STREET #1B  
BLACK 2014 NISSAN ALTIMA  
LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

*CR24-1*  
SEARCH WARRANT RETURN

STATE OF NEBRASKA     )  
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER )

The undersigned states that he received the Search Warrant issued herein on the 12th day of April, 2024, and that he executed the same on the 12th day of April, 2024, by seizing the property described in the Inventory filed herein and by delivering a copy of the Search Warrant for the said property at the place from which the property is taken.

*[Signature]* #17a  
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Joseph Villamonte

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

LANCASTER COUNTY  
2024 APR 16 PM 4:08  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT



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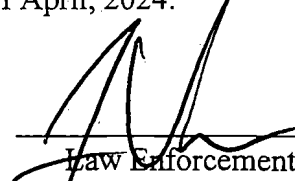
RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the following described property seized from 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B and a black 2014 Nissan Altima in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska:

- None

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DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
#1700  
Law Enforcement Officer

  
#1718  
WITNESS

LANCASTER COUNTY  
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CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

**IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**STATE OF NEBRASKA** )  
)  
**County of Lancaster** )

ss.

**SEARCH WARRANT**

TO: Joseph Villamonte, a Police Officer with the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and any and all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Joseph Villamonte, has filed an Affidavit before the undersigned Judge of the County Court of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and said written Affidavit, having been duly considered, the court finds that the facts set forth in said Affidavit are true, and that those facts do constitute grounds and probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant.

THEREFORE, you are commanded to search 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B, a residential structure broken into multiple apartments with 1B on the basement floor of the residence with '1B' clearly marked on the door, as well as a black 2014 Nissan Altima regardless of its location to the premise in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

Any and all controlled substance, including but not limited to Marijuana; drug paraphernalia item commonly used for the ingestion of controlled substances; drug paraphernalia items commonly used for the preparation and distribution of controlled substances including, but not limited to scales, plastic bags, film canisters, tin foil, or other packaging containers such as vials and plastic wrap; Equipment used in the production of controlled substance including, but not limited to grow lights, exhaust fans, fertilizers, pots, and potting soil; Any documentary evidence relating to the source of the controlled substance including, but not limited to customer lists, account sheets, ledgers, notes, or diaries; receipts; maps; cellular telephones and any other electronic storage device that could be used in the communication and storage of information of the sale of controlled substances; any proceeds directly attributable to the sale of controlled substances including, but not limited to United States currency, bank accounts, property, or other financial records, permission to photograph the same; any evidence of occupancy or ownership; and authorizing and directing seizure of the same; All firearms, ammunition, containers, or firearms related accessories and

any documentation relating to the ownership or purchase of any firearms. Law enforcement is authorized to access any safe or lockable storage container by any means necessary.

Law enforcement is authorized to measure, photograph, video tape, and seize the aforementioned items.

This search warrant shall be executed and returned within ten (10) days to a Judge of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Given under my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



*[Handwritten Signature]*

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Judge of the County Court

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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Printed Name of Judge



On 09-03-2023, Lincoln Police Officer Neelly contacted Collins on a traffic stop in the 1800 Block of O Street. During the stop, Officer Neelly noted an odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. Officer Neelly located approximately 7 grams of marijuana and Collins was cited and released.

On 11-01-2023, Lincoln Police Officer Neelly contacted Collins on a traffic stop in the 1800 Block of A Street. During the stop, Officer Neelly noted the odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle and occupants, Officer Neelly located 8.3 grams of marijuana inside of Collin's coat pocket and a digital scale in the vehicle. Collins was cited and released.

On 01-11-2024, the Lincoln Police Department received an anonymous Crimestoppers complaint involving Collins selling narcotics. The complaint states Collins lives at 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B and drives a black Nissan vehicle with A&R paper auto tags. The complaint states Collins sells cocaine and marijuana with people coming to the apartment all night long.

In February 2024, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services received an intake involving Collins, his minor child, and the living conditions at 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B. The complaint is from an unknown female who states they observed Collins minor child inside of the residence with access to firearms and cocaine that were on a kitchen table in the residence. The reporting person also stated Collins sells narcotics and described dirty living conditions for the child. On 02-29-2024, Lincoln Police Officers were radioed to the residence to assist DHHS with removal of the minor child from the apartment.

Beginning in March 2024, your Affiant began to conduct social media surveillance on Collins' known social media account. Your Affiant has observed Collings in selfie style photographs and videos while monitoring the account, verifying the account belongs to Collins. On 03-13-2024, your Affiant observed Collings post a photograph of himself in a vehicle with the caption of 'We outside with t early'. Your Affiant knows through extensive investigative experience involving social media narcotic sales that people posting this terminology to social media are referring them to be mobile selling their controlled substances. On 03-13-2024, your Affiant observed Collins post a photograph to his social media account with the caption of 'outside with it !! hit da lines' and two cell phone emojis. Your Affiant knows the investigative experience that Collins is advertising he is mobile with controlled substances and to contact him via phone to purchase the controlled substances.

On 04-02-2024, your Affiant observed Collins to post a photograph to social media in a vehicle the caption of two cell phone emojis an arrow pointing to the cell phones. Your Affiant knows through investigative experience that Collin's is wanting people viewing the post to contact him via phone to purchase controlled substances. On 04-03-2024, your Affiant observed Collins post a photograph to social media of a large bud of marijuana. Your Affiant knows through investigative experience that people commonly post photographs of the controlled substances they have for sale or that they are using. These social media posts are consistent with the behavior from 2021 to 2023 which resulted in traffic stops during which Collins was in possession of marijuana.

Your Affiant has conducted a utility check from Lincoln Electrical Services and found Collins to have an LES account at 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B with a move in date of 01-21-2023. Your Affiant and other Lincoln Police Investigators have conducted surveillance at the residence and have observed Collins exiting the building and for his black 2014 Nissan Altima with no license plates to be parked outside of the building.

On 04-11-2024, Investigators were conducting surveillance on 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Collins vehicle. Investigators observed Collins exit the north door of the building and enter the driver's side of his vehicle. Investigators then observed a male walk to the vehicle on foot and enter the front passenger side of the vehicle. The male exited the vehicle approximately 5 minutes later and left in another vehicle that was parked in a nearby parking lot. Collins then left the complex in his vehicle. Your Affiant knows through training and extensive narcotic investigative experience that short term contact in vehicles as well as residence's such as this are indicators of narcotic sales.

Your Affiant knows through investigative experience that it is common for persons to display and possess firearms on social media when they are involved in the sale of controlled substances to show they are armed to protect the product they are selling and the proceeds they may have from sales. Your Affiant also knows through training and investigative experience that in some cases persons involved in the sale of controlled substances will use a motor vehicle to transport controlled substances during the sales or to purchase controlled substances. Your Affiant knows through training and investigative experience that persons involved in the sale of controlled substances use their primary residences and/or places they commonly frequent to store their controlled substances for safekeeping.



Your Affiant conducted a criminal history check for Collins and found that he was convicted of felony possession of a controlled substance on 03-14-2019 and is prohibited from possessing firearms.

On 04-12-2024, Lincoln Police Investigators obtained a residential search warrant for 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B and Collin's black 2014 Nissan Altima. Investigators detained Collins away from the residence and conducted a search of his vehicle and the residence. Investigators contacted Mariah Sanchez at the residence, and she was without incident. During the search of the residence, investigators located a large amount of marijuana, digital scales, cocaine, and United States currency, which is all consistent with a narcotics dealing operation. Investigators located an empty handgun magazine and laser sight for a firearm, but were unable to locate a firearm. Collins was contacted at Lincoln Police Headquarters and did not wish to make a statement or answer questions. Collins asked what his charges were and when he was informed his charges were only narcotic related, he said 'that's it', and indicated he would be out by Monday. Collins then stated investigators were looking for something else and were ignorant seemingly because investigators did not locate a firearm. Investigators returned to the residence and contacted Sanchez outside of the residence who declined consent to enter the residence and continue to look for a firearm or any contraband that may have been missed during the initial search. Sanchez declined consent to search the residence.

The above does constitute grounds of probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant for 620 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street #1B, a residential structure broken into multiple apartments with 1B on the basement floor of the residence with '1B' clearly marked on the door, as well as a black 2014 Nissan Altima regardless of its location to the premise in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, for the following items:

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documentary evidence relating to the source of the controlled substance including, but not limited to customer lists, account sheets, ledgers, notes, or diaries; receipts; maps; cellular telephones and any other electronic storage device that could be used in the communication and storage of information of the sale of controlled substances; any proceeds directly attributable to the sale of controlled substances including, but not limited to United States currency, bank accounts, property, or other financial records, permission to photograph the same; any evidence of occupancy or ownership; and authorizing and directing seizure of the same; All firearms, ammunition, containers, or firearms related accessories and any documentation relating to the ownership or purchase of any firearms. Your AFFIANT requests permission from the court to access any safe or lockable storage container by any means necessary.

Law enforcement requests to measure, photograph, video tape and seize the aforementioned items.

Further AFFIANT saith not;

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Joseph Villamonte, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED to in my presence and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



  
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Judge of the County Court

*Holly J. Farsky*  
Printed Name of Judge.