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News Release

Two Ark City men arrested on suspicion of drug, firearm charges

Altiti, Nesbitt accused of marijuana, narcotics within 1,000 feet of local school

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (February 12, 2019) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested two Arkansas City men Saturday after executing a search warrant regarding suspected drug activities.

Ziad Muhammad Altiti, 20, was arrested on suspicion of one felony count each of criminal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, no drug tax stamp for a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, possession with intent to distribute narcotics within 1,000 feet of a school and unlawful selling of a prescription drug, as well as a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Altiti was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$29,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City. He since has posted bond and been released.

Kenneth Jerrod Nesbitt Jr., 21, was arrested on suspicion of one felony count each of no drug tax stamp for a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, as well as a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nesbitt was transported to and booked into the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond through Arkansas City district court. He also since has posted bond and been released.

Officers executed a search warrant at 8:25 p.m. Saturday at a residence at 117 N. Fourth St.

They made contact with Altiti and Nesbitt, who both live at the residence, which is less than a block south of Frances Willard Elementary School. Altiti later was discovered to be a convicted felon.

A search of the residence turned up 40 grams of a substance thought to be marijuana, pills with Bitcoin emblems suspected to be Ecstasy and some other pills, thought to be oxycodone.

Also found at the residence were \$1,200 in cash, digital scales, an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle and more than 80 live rounds of ammunition.

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A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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