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More Contraband Intercepted Again at Cayuga Correctional Facility

***Five Female Visitors Arrested and over 130 Grams of Drugs Seized in One Day
After Trying to Smuggle Drugs into Prison***

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Cayuga, NY – Five women were arrested and charged with promoting prison contraband after a K9 alerted to them while carrying drugs during inmate visitations on a single day at the medium-security facility.

On Sunday May 7th the following individuals were arrested and charged with promoting contraband:

- A Schenectady woman carrying a bundle of 10 grams of marijuana.
- A Binghamton woman carrying a bundle of 11.5 grams of marijuana.
- A Utica woman carrying two bundles in her bra, totaling 46.7 grams of marijuana and tobacco.
- A Syracuse woman carrying a bundle of 13.4 grams of synthetic cannabinoids, commonly known as K2.
- A second Syracuse woman carrying two bundles totaling 54.9 grams of marijuana.

All suspects were transported to the State Police for processing.

This is the second major interception of drugs and visitor arrests in the past month at Cayuga Correctional Facility. As NYSCOPBA previously reported, six women were arrested attempting to smuggle marijuana, K2 and pills into the facility in early April.

“Its not surprising that we’re seeing so many arrests of visitors attempting to smuggle drugs into our prisons. The installment of the vendor package program last year severely impacted the ability for contraband to be brought into facilities, and now individuals are resorting to

bringing them in through the visit room. The advocate community falsely claims the vendor program is cruel because inmates' families can't send in fresh fruits, when in reality this is the reason why the program is necessary. I applaud the vigilant staff for intercepting these drugs and we need the lawmakers in Albany to acknowledge the dangers our staff face on a daily basis." – **stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.**