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Visitor Arrested for Contraband at Coxsackie Correctional Facility

Female Attempts to Smuggle in Utility Knife

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Coxsackie, NY – A female visitor at Coxsackie Correctional Facility was arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband last week when officers discovered a five inch utility blade in her bag.

On Tuesday, June 5, the visitor, Dyanna Sanchez, 41, of Rockland County was at the facility to visit an inmate. During visitor processing, staff noticed a sharp object in her bag during an X-Ray of her belongings. The officers searched her bag and recovered a Sinclair Sharp V2 Utility Knife. The weapon was secured as evidence and investigators were notified.

The suspect, who was cooperative, was turned over to investigators who transported her to the State Police Barracks in Coxsackie and arrested her for Promoting Prison Contraband 1st, a Class D Felony.

To date, over 1400 pieces of contraband have been seized in correctional facilities across the state.

“The weapon seized last week by staff at Coxsackie easily could have been used as a deadly weapon if it got into the hands of an inmate. Thankfully, staff do an excellent job processing visitors and recovering weapons and drugs that they attempt to smuggle into inmates. Rest assured, the suspect will be held accountable in Greene County. Joe Stanzione, Greene County District Attorney, has been an ideal partner in holding inmates and visitors accountable when they break the law. He is one prosecutor that recognizes the damage the HALT Act has had on the safety of our prisons and has been aggressive in prosecuting crimes that occur at Coxsackie and Greene Correctional Facilities” - said, Chris Moreau, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.