



Contraband Seized, Officer Assaulted at Orleans Correctional Facility

Officers Find Synthetic Marijuana, Homemade Pills and Screwdriver in Package

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Albion, NY – On January 19, 2018, a package delivered to Orleans Correctional Facility contained illegal drugs and a screwdriver.

Based on information obtained in an investigation, correction officers searched a package that was delivered to the prison and seized 286 grams of synthetic marijuana, commonly known as “K2” and 120 homemade pills. The pills are being tested to determine what substance they contain. A screwdriver was also located inside the packaging.

In a separate incident at the facility on Sunday, January 21, an officer was assaulted by an inmate and sustained a fractured bone in his right hand and abrasions to the side of his head. The assault occurred while the inmate was being escorted from the visiting area. He became very aggressive and boisterous when he was ordered by officers to calm down. The inmate then turned suddenly and punched the officer in the mouth and head.

The officer, and a second officer who was on the scene, put the inmate in body holds and were able to apply mechanical restraints. The inmate, 22, serving seven years after being convicted in New York County for Burglary 2nd in 2013, was removed from the visiting area and placed in a special housing unit.

The officer was treated by facility medical staff and followed up at an outside hospital. He did not return to duty.

“The reality we face is that contraband and violence is still a prevalent issue in State correctional facilities. Inmates are still finding innovative ways to smuggle contraband into our prisons. The contraband, ranging from drugs to weapons and more, compromises the safety and security of inmates and staff in our correctional facilities. Unprovoked attacks on staff still continue at an alarming rate and proactive steps must be taken to provide a safer environment for our members.” – Joe Miano, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.