



## ***Visitors Arrested at Mid-State Correctional Facility***

### ***Three Women Arrested Trying to Smuggle Drugs to Inmates***

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**Marcy, NY** – Three women were arrested at Mid-State Correctional Facility, accused of attempting to smuggle drugs into the medium security prison during inmate visits.

The first arrest occurred on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at approximately 9:30 a.m. A downstate woman who was at the facility to visit an inmate was questioned by security staff as part of an ongoing investigation. During questioning, she surrendered 23.4 grams of Synthetic Marijuana (K2) to investigators. The K2 was contained in two finger tips from a latex glove.

The second arrest came at 10:00 a.m. the same day, after a woman from Rochester was found to be in possession of K2 that was contained in a rubber balloon. A DOCCS K9 Unit alerted on the drugs as the woman was visiting her son in the visiting room.

The third arrest came at 1:15 p.m. when a woman from Western, NY was stopped by security staff while trying to enter the visitor room. This was also part of an ongoing investigation. During questioning, she surrendered 25.4 grams of K2 to investigators. The K2 was contained in three finger tips from a latex glove.

All three women were transported to the State Police Barracks in Marcy for processing. They were charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup>, Reckless Endangerment 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Section 229 of the Public Health Law. They were arraigned in Marcy Town Court.

All three inmates were reassigned to special housing units and face disciplinary charges.

“Keeping illegal drugs out of our facilities is a constant struggle. This latest incident serves as a reminder that DOCCS needs to strengthen its policies for inmate and visitor behavior like this. Illegal drugs and other contraband making their way into facilities create an even more dangerous environment for our members to face on a daily basis. Without a more secure system in place to screen mail coming through the package rooms or to screen visitors coming through the visit rooms, people will continue to attempt to smuggle drugs to inmates at the prisons.” – stated Scott Carpenter, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.