



Visitor Arrested at Watertown Correctional Facility

Man Accused of Trying to Smuggle Drugs to Inmate

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Watertown, NY – A downstate man was arrested at Watertown Correctional Facility, accused of attempting to smuggle drugs into the medium security prison during an inmate visit.

The arrest occurred on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at approximately 11:55 a.m. The man, who was at the facility to visit an inmate, was questioned by security staff after a K9 alerted to him for drugs. During questioning, he surrendered 60 strips of Suboxone from his waistband to investigators.

The man was charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1st and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th. He was arraigned in Watertown Town Court.

“K9s at our facilities are extremely effective in catching visitors attempting to smuggle drugs into inmates. But 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.” – stated Scott Carpenter, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.