



Downstate Women Arrested With Illegal Drugs at Mid-State Correctional Facility

K9 Alerts to Drugs During Inmate Visits

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Marcy, NY – Two downstate women were arrested in separate incidents at Mid-State Correctional Facility, accused of attempting to smuggle drugs into the medium security prison.

Both women, who were at the facility to visit separate inmates, were questioned by security staff after a K9 alerted to them for drugs. The first arrest occurred at 9:50 a.m., March 31. Investigators recovered 64.5 grams of synthetic marijuana – or K2 –that she had hidden in her shirt.

The second arrest occurred approximately 10 minutes later. The visitor surrendered two packages containing 35.3 grams of K2 and 130 slips of prescription Suboxone celluloid strips.

Both women were charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1st, Reckless Endangerment 2nd and Section 229 of the Public Health Law.

They were arraigned in Marcy Town Court and sent to Oneida County Jail.

“Preventing illegal drugs from entering our facilities is a constant struggle. K9s are extremely effective in detecting drugs being brought in by visitors. They not only serve as a deterrent but, when they are deployed, lead us to contraband on a regular basis. These latest arrests serve as a reminder that DOCCS must continue to strengthen its security measures in order to further deter attempts to smuggle contraband into prisons,” said Scott Carpenter, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.