

## Visitor Arrested at Great Meadow Correctional Facility

## Downstate Woman Accused of Trying to Smuggle Drugs to Inmate

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**Comstock**, **NY** – A downstate woman was arrested at Great Meadow Correctional Facility, accused of attempting to smuggle drugs into the maximum security prison during an inmate visit on the morning of April 6.

A K9 alerted to woman for drugs as she was being questioned by security staff at the prison. She admitted to officers to having contraband on her, and surrendered six balloons wrapped in clear plastic. The packages were found to contain Suboxone strips, Marijuana, Synthetic Marijuana (K2) and Methamphetamine pills. The evidence was turned over to the New York State Police.

The woman, who lives in the Bronx, was charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup>, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5<sup>th</sup> and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. She was arraigned in Fort Ann 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. It presents a challenge every day and the drugs that make their way inside create a very dangerous environment for everyone. When our members are equipped with the appropriate recourses, they are very effective in combating the wave of contraband being brought into facilities." – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.