



## *Visitors Arrested at Mohawk Correctional Facility*

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

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Rome, NY – Two women were arrested at Mohawk Correctional Facility, accused of attempting to smuggle drugs into the medium security prison during separate inmate visits.

The first arrest occurred on Monday, June 24, 2018 at approximately 9:35 a.m. A K-9 officer was conducting a routine search of the Visitor's Processing Center. The K-9 alerted to a downstate woman who was at the facility to visit an inmate. She was questioned by security staff and voluntarily surrendered two rubber glove fingers that contained Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2.

The second arrest came at 11:10 a.m. , the same day, after a woman from Western, NY was found to be in possession of K2 contained in three rubber glove tips. A K-9 alerted on the drugs in the processing center and the woman turned over them over to staff.

State Police were notified and the two women were transported to the State Police Barracks in Marcy for processing. Both 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.

“Our staff and K-9’s do an outstanding job to catch illegal contraband before it makes its way into the hands of inmates. Even so, keeping illegal drugs out of our facilities is a constant struggle. These latest arrests serve as a reminder that DOCCS needs to strengthen its policies for inmate and visitor visits. Illegal drugs and other contraband create an even more dangerous environment for our members to face. 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 our prisons.” – stated Scott Carpenter, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.