

## Visitors Arrested at Five Points Correctional Facility

## Two Downstate Women Accused of Attempting to Smuggle Drugs

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**Romulus, NY** – Two Downstate women were arrested last week for attempting to bring Synthetic Marijuana into Five Points Correctional Facility during inmate visits.

The first woman, who is from the Bronx, was at the facility at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, to visit an inmate friend. A K-9 alerted to the woman in the visitor processing area. Staff immediately removed the woman from the processing area. During an interview by staff, the woman admitted she had contraband on her. She voluntarily turned over four latex glove fingers that contained Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2.

The second arrest occurred at approximately 8:50 a.m. A Brooklyn woman was at the facility with her three children to visit an inmate. A K-9 alerted to a bag she had in her possession. The woman admitted to staff that she had contraband in the bag. A search recovered two latex glove fingers that contained Synthetic Marijuana.

Both women were transported to the New York State Police Barracks in Waterloo and charged with one count each of Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

"K9s at our facilities continue to be extremely effective in catching visitors attempting to smuggle drugs to inmates. In the last six weeks, four visitors have been arrested attempting to bring drugs into Five Points. Coupled with four assaults on staff, nine inmate – on - inmate fights and over a dozen makeshift weapons confiscated during that time period, it clearly highlights the dangerous conditions that still exist in our correctional facilities for our members." – stated Joe Miano, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.