



## ***Officers Seize Over a Pound of Synthetic Marijuana at Green Haven Correctional Facility***

### ***Drugs Found in Mailed Package to Inmate***

**Beekman, NY** – Officers assigned to the package room at Green Haven Correctional Facility found 1.4 pounds of Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2, in a package mailed to an inmate incarcerated at the maximum security prison.

On Friday, March 15, 2019, the facility received a package for an inmate. Officers in the package room became suspicious of several cans of food in the package. Over 20 cans were opened and officers found contraband in each one; in total 1.4 pounds of Synthetic Marijuana, 100 strips of sublingual narcotic and approximately 36 ounces of liquid believed to be alcohol.

The contraband was placed into evidence.

The inmate faces disciplinary charges and an investigation into who mailed the package and from what location is underway.

“Our members are working diligently to stop the flow of contraband that is flooding our facilities. Contraband seized inside prisons is at historic levels but unfortunately not all contraband can be discovered. This is another prime example of why a Secure Vendor Program is needed in each facility. It would significantly decrease the amount of contraband that makes its way into facilities, yet DOCCS has yet to implement the program. There is simply no legitimate reason not to have a vendor program that will be secure and create a safer work environment for our members. Until the state takes the necessary steps to change their policies, contraband will continue to be problematic. ” – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.