



Officers Seize Synthetic Marijuana at Elmira Correctional Facility

Drugs Found in Mailed Package to Inmate

Elmira, NY – An officer assigned to the package room at Elmira Correctional Facility found Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2, in a package mailed to an inmate incarcerated at the maximum security prison.

On Friday, March 29, 2019, the facility received a package for an inmate. The officer in the package room became suspicious of one of the packages during processing. The package contained individually wrapped granola bars. When the officer opened the bar, he discovered a cellophane bundle containing a green leafy substance. The substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana. In total, 76 grams of Synthetic Marijuana, was seized in multiple granola bars.

The contraband was placed into evidence.

The inmate, who is serving a 24 year sentence after being convicted in New York County in 2011 for Assault 1st, Burglary 1st, Assault 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, 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 are at historic levels but unfortunately not all contraband can be discovered. Last month 1.4 pounds of Synthetic Marijuana was seized by officers at a Hudson Valley prison, furthering the need for a Secure Vendor Program in each facility. This type of seizure is a common occurrence in facilities across the state and it needs to be addressed by the administration. “ – stated Joe Miano, Western Region Vice President.

