



Officers Seize Drugs at Cape Vincent Correctional Facility

Methamphetamine Absorbed Into Gym Shorts Mailed to Inmate

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Cape Vincent, NY – Officers seized Synthetic Marijuana and Methamphetamine in two separate incidents at the medium security prison.

On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, the facility received a package for an inmate. The officer in the package room noticed white residue on a pair of shorts that was included in the mail. The officer removed the shorts and they were examined and tested positive for methamphetamine. The officer was unable to determine the weight of drugs because it had been absorbed into the garment fabric to avoid detection.

The contraband was placed into evidence.

The inmate, who is serving a five year sentence after being convicted in Suffolk County in 2017 for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, faces disciplinary charges.

On Wednesday, April 24, a Sergeant developed information that an inmate was in possession of drugs. The Sergeant interviewed the inmate who voluntarily turned over 2.5 grams of Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2 and seven strips of Suboxone. The inmate, 45 years old, was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges. He is serving a three to seven year sentence after being convicted in Westchester County in 2016 for Reckless Endangerment 1st.

“Our members are working diligently to stop the flow of contraband that is flooding our facilities. It shows you the depths that an individual will take to get drugs into a facility when they absorb methamphetamines into gym shorts so it will go undetected. Once again, I am calling on DOCCS to implement a Secure Vendor Program in each facility. Seizures are now a daily occurrence in facilities across the state and it needs to be addressed by the administration.” – stated Scott Carpenter, Central Region Vice President.