



Officers Seize Drugs From Visitors at Green Haven Correctional Facility

Two K9 Searches Net Marijuana & Cocaine

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Beekman, NY – K9's alerted to two visitors last week that were allegedly carrying drugs to transfer to inmates during visits at the maximum security prison.

On Friday, June 28, at approximately 8:55 a.m. a K9 and his handler were doing random searches of visitors when the K9 alerted to a Bronx woman in the lobby. The woman was removed from the lobby and brought to another room for questioning. During questioning, she voluntarily turned over a black latex balloon she had hidden in her pants. Upon inspection, officers determined the balloon contained Suboxone, ecstasy, crack cocaine and cocaine.

The drugs were taken into evidence and the woman was taken to the New York State Police Barracks in Poughkeepsie and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1st and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th and 7th degrees.

The second incident occurred on Sunday, June 30, at approximately 9:30 a.m. Investigators were conducting random searches with a K9 of visitors coming into the facility. The K9 alerted to a Brooklyn woman who was at the facility to visit an inmate. She was questioned by investigators and turned over two bundles wrapped in electrical tape from her pants. The bundles contained 94.7 grams of marijuana.

The marijuana was placed in evidence and the woman was transported by troopers to the Poughkeepsie barracks. She was processed and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1st and 2nd degrees and Criminal Possession of Marijuana.

“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. 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. The K9’s are extremely effective in detecting visitors carrying contraband into visitor areas but until the administration is willing to outfit every facility with a K9 or implement the Secure Vendor program, the drugs will continue to make their way inside the prisons. ” – stated Michael Mazzella, Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.