



Officers Seize Suboxone at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Strips of Drugs Hidden Inside Cigarette Packs

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Rome , NY – An alert officer processing mailed packages noticed something wrong with the tax stamp on several packages of cigarettes that led her to discover several bundles of Suboxone strips hidden inside the cigarette box flap at the medium security facility.

On Wednesday , June 4, at 4:45 p.m., while processing packages mailed to inmates, the officer noticed the ink on a tax stamp rub off on her fingers. Upon inspection, she noticed that a number of cigarette boxes had the same tax stamp number. Looking further, she noticed something concealed in the flap of the cigarette box.

The cigarettes, which were mailed to an inmate, were inspected further and investigators found 100 strips hidden in the flaps of several boxes. The drugs were taken as evidence.

The cigarettes were mailed from a home in Queens.

The investigation is still on-going.

“I have to commend the officer who made the illegal drug discovery. If it wasn’t for her alert action those drugs may have made their way into the hands of inmates inside the prison. This is another reason why a Secure Vendor Program is needed in each facility. It would significantly decrease the amount of contraband that makes its way into facilities. There is simply no legitimate reason to not have a vendor program that will be secure and create a safer work environment for our members. ” – stated Scott Carpenter, Central Region Vice President.