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## Drugs Seized at Five Points Correctional Facility

## Synthetic Marijuana, Cocaine, Prescription Pills Located in Mailed Package

**Romulus, NY** – An officer inspecting a mailed package to an inmate discovered drugs hidden inside latex glove finger tips that were concealed in a head of lettuce at the maximum security facility.

On Monday, April 13, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the officer was inspecting food items mailed to the inmate. While running the items through an x-ray machine, he noticed items concealed in a head of lettuce. Upon further inspection, he found 21 latex glove finger tips. The finger tips contained a green leafy substance, which tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana, cocaine powder and 43 assorted prescription pills.

The drugs were seized as evidence. The Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2, weighed two ounces. The cocaine weighed 15 grams.

The drugs were mailed from an address in Hempstead, Long island. The investigation is continuing.

"With inmate visits suspended during this pandemic, more and more contraband is coming in through mailed packages. Staff has done an excellent job seizing drugs concealed in packages mailed to inmates. The reality is, drugs are still getting into the hands of inmates through the mail. This is another reason why DOCCS should adopt the Secure Vendor Program immediately following this pandemic." – said Mark Deburgomaster, Western Region Vice President.