



**April 29, 2020**

## ***Drugs Seized at Wende Correctional Facility***

### ***Synthetic Marijuana Discovered in Mailed Packages***

**Alden , NY** – Officers discovered Synthetic Marijuana in two mailed packages and two envelopes sent to inmates at the maximum security facility.

The first discovery occurred on Wednesday, April 22 at approximately 10:45 a.m. The officer assigned to the package room was processing a box of granola bars mailed to an inmate when he discovered an abnormality in the box. Upon further inspection, the officer discovered a green leafy substance wrapped in plastic in six individual granola bars. The substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2. The drugs, which were seized, weighed 26 grams and were mailed from Rochester, NY.

On Monday, staff was processing two letters mailed to two different inmates noticed that the envelopes weighed heavier than normal. Both envelopes were opened and the officer discovered a sheet a paper inside both. The paper was tested and it had dried liquid K2 on them. The drugs, which were mailed from addresses in Brooklyn, NY, were seized as evidence.

The following day, an officer was processing another box of granola bars. He X-Rayed the box and noticed something abnormal inside. The officer opened the box and discovered a green leafy substance

and orange strips wrapped in plastic. The substance tested positive for K2. It weighed 13 grams. The orange strips tested positive for Buprenorphine, commonly known as Subutex, an opioid. The drugs were mailed from the Bronx, NY.

“Yesterday I called for the immediate installment of the Secure Vendor Program after drug seizures at Cayuga and Attica prisons. Today we are reporting three incidents in the last week at Wende Correctional Facility where drugs were discovered in mailed packages to inmates. This is a systemic problem that DOCCS appears to care little about making any positive changes to, and that is simply unacceptable.” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.