



Drugs Seized at Greene Correctional Facility

Synthetic Marijuana, Cocaine Discovered in Inmate Mail

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Coxsackie, NY – Correction officers discovered synthetic marijuana, marijuana, cocaine and Suboxone hidden in inmate mail at the medium security correctional facility.

On Friday, July 10 at approximately 7:30 a.m., a package of fruit snacks mailed to an inmate from the Buffalo area were being X-rayed by an officer in the package room. The officer noticed inconsistencies in the packages. The snacks were opened up and they contained 24 small plastic bags with a green leafy substance inside. The snacks also contained a clear plastic bag with a white powdery substance inside. The substances tested positive for synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2 and cocaine.

At approximately 9:10 a.m., an officer X-raying four cans of corn discovered five balloons inside the cans that contained six ounces of Synthetic Marijuana. The drugs were mailed from downstate.

At 10:45 a.m., an officer processing bags of potato chips and fruit snacks sent to an inmate, felt an object inside one of the packages. The individual packages were opened and the officer discovered 95 plastic wrapped packages that contained over four ounces of K2 and one ounce of marijuana. The package was sent from the Capital Region area.

At 11:15 a.m., an officer processing a letter mailed to an inmate discovered two orange strips hidden under the stamp on the letter. The strips tested positive for Suboxone. The letter was mailed from Long Island.

The drugs were seized as evidence.

Every day we are reporting drugs seized in inmate packages at prisons throughout the state. Today, we are reporting four incidents from Greene Correctional Facility in which over 10 ounces of K2 was recovered. This is a systemic problem that DOCCS appears to care little about making any positive changes to. How many more seizures need to be made during this pandemic until DOCCS takes proactive action? " – stated Michael Mazzella, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.