



Visitors Arrested, Drugs Seized at Five Points Correctional Facility

Three Visitors Arrested as Inmate Visitation Resumes

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Romulus, NY – Three visitors have been arrested attempting to bring drugs into the maximum security facility, just days after inmate visits were resumed at prisons across the state.

Two individuals were arrested on Thursday, August 6 and one person was arrested on Sunday, August 9, after K9s alerted to them in the visitor processing room.

On August 6, a K9 alerted to a visitor while he was being processed by officers. The man admitted to having synthetic marijuana and marijuana in his vehicle, which was parked in the visitor parking lot. The drugs were seized from his vehicle by officers. The second arrest that day occurred when the K9 alerted to a visitor's locker. The visitor was questioned and admitted to having synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, in her locker. On August 9, a K9 alerted to a visitor's bag in the visitor room. The visitor was questioned and she admitted to having drugs hidden inside her pants. She turned over a cellophane ball that contained cocaine and marijuana.

All three individuals were taken by the New York State Police from the facility and were charged and processed at the Romulus and Waterloo barracks.

The arrests follow 12 drug seizures that occurred at the facility from the end of June to the end of July. Officers processing inmate mail discovered Suboxone, amphetamines, K2 and

marijuana hidden in packages mailed to inmates. The drugs were hidden in variety of food packages, envelopes, books and deodorant. They were mailed from various locations throughout the state. The drugs were seized as evidence.

“ Since day one of this pandemic, we have made our concerns very clear to DOCCS that the flow of drugs coming in through mail was increasing as visitations were suspended. We have long advocated the need for a Secure Vendor Program to stem the flow of drugs coming into prisons but it has fell on deaf ears. Now with visitations started again, already we have three people arrested at Five Points attempting to get drugs into the hands of inmates. Until DOCCS takes proactive measures this is continually going to be a problem . ” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.