



## **Female Visitor Arrested at Cayuga Correctional Facility**

### ***Attempted to Attack Staff After Being Questioned About Bringing Drugs Into Facility***

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**Cayuga, NY** – A Rochester woman was arrested by State Police after she became abusive to officers and tried to attack them when they attempted to question her about bringing drugs into the medium security correctional facility.

On Saturday, August 22, an officer and his K9 were conducting routine inspections of the front lobby area. The K-9 alerted to property that belonged to the woman. Officers escorted her to a private room for questioning. She became verbally abusive and hurled racial epithets at the officers. The woman left the room and walked back into the lobby area where she threatened and pushed a female officer into the lobby desk.

As officers approached her to place her in handcuffs, the woman raised her arm with her car keys in a clenched fist and attempted to strike at the officers. She was unsuccessful. Officers took her to the ground and placed her in handcuffs.

State Police were notified and responded to the facility. Still acting belligerent, she was transported from the facility to the Moravia barracks. She was charged with Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> and released with an appearance ticket.

After the woman was transported from the facility to be processed, the officer and his K9 searched the visitor parking lot. The K9 hit on a vehicle in the parking lot that was driven by the Rochester woman to the facility.

Shortly after, officers observed the woman return to the facility and get in the vehicle and drive away. Troopers, who were still at the prison, were notified and pulled the woman over a short distance away. A search of the vehicle recovered 54.2 grams of synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2. She was taken into custody.

Specific criminal charges are not known at this time.

Two officers sustained minor injuries restraining the suspect.

“Now that inmate visits are allowed again, staff have to combat the attempt to get drugs to inmates on two levels, through the mail and inmate visits. Just last week, two inmates, who were acting highly erratic and violent, needed to be administered Narcan because of suspected drug overdoses. Until DOCCS recognizes this is a real problem and takes decisive action to reduce the amount of drugs making their way inside prison walls, our members will continue to be put at risk.” – said Mark Deburgomaster, Western Region Vice President.