



## **Drugs Found Hidden Inside Headphones**

### ***Suboxone Discovered by Officers at Cayuga Correctional Facility***

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**Cayuga, NY** – Officers discovered strips of Suboxone hidden inside the earpiece of an inmate’s headphones that were stored in his sleeping quarters in a housing dorm at the medium security correctional facility.

On Monday, August 31, at approximately 1:00 p.m., officers conducted a search of the cube assigned to one of the inmates. Inside the inmate’s locker, they discovered a cellophane bundle of 23 strips of Suboxone hidden in the right earpiece of his headphones.

The drugs were seized as evidence.

The inmate, 28, is serving a seven year sentence after being convicted of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Control Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> in St. Lawrence County in 2017. Disciplinary measures are pending.

“It is very clear that drugs are still making their way into the hands of inmates through the mail or inmate visits. In addition to the Suboxone seizure, there was one inmate, whose face was cut in the yard and visibly on drugs, who needed medical attention the same day. The following day, a second inmate who had drugs hidden inside his mouth, either swallowed them or flushed them down the toilet when officers approached him when they suspected him to be carrying. Until DOCCS recognizes this is a real problem and takes decisive action to reduce the amount of drugs making their way inside prison walls, this is going to be a daily problem.” – said Mark Deburgomaster, Western Region Vice President.