



Drugs Seized at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Officer Also Struck and Exposed to Blood at Prison

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Marcy, NY – An officer processing a package mailed to an inmate found 146 strips of Suboxone hidden inside of five bags of fruit snacks at the medium security correctional facility.

On Friday, September 4, the officer noticed a bag of snacks had been tampered with. He opened one package and found 25 orange strips hidden inside. The officer opened the remaining four packages and recovered a total of 146 strips.

The drugs, which were mailed from an address in the Bronx, was seized as evidence.

The same day, an officer assigned to a housing unit heard banging coming from the bathroom. The officer entered the bathroom to investigate. As he did, an inmate rushed out from behind the door and struck the officer in the stomach. The officer immediately grabbed the inmate in a body hold and forced him to the ground. The inmate continued to struggle with the officer. Additional staff arrived and assisted in getting the inmate in handcuffs.

The inmate was removed from the bathroom and was placed in observation for possible drug intoxication.

The officer sustained abdominal and right arm pain. He was also exposed to blood from the inmate's hand. He was treated by medical staff at the facility and stayed on duty.

"The daily call for restoring the Secure Vendor Program continues as another seizure occurs at Mid-State. Along with the fact that an officer was also assaulted by an inmate possibly high on

drugs, is just another reason staff needs to be provided with effective resources to protect them. .” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.