



## ***Drugs Recovered at Ulster Correction Facility***

### ***Visitor Arrested With Marijuana in Vehicle***

***September 23, 2020***

**Naponach , NY** – Staff recovered 3.3 ounces of marijuana from a visitor’s car in the parking lot and Suboxone from an inmate’s mail at the medium security facility.

On Sunday, August 23, an officer and K9 were conducting routine inspections of the visitor parking lot. The K9 alerted on a visitor’s vehicle. The visitor was located and questioned. He gave staff permission to search the vehicle. Three plastic bags containing marijuana were located in the trunk.

State police responded to the prison and took the visitor into custody. He was transported to the Ellenville barracks and charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana 4<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, September 8, officers were inspecting packages mailed to inmates. An officer noticed one of the packages had been tampered with. The package was opened and three plastic bags containing orange strips were inside. The 30 strips were tested and were identified as Suboxone.

The drugs, which were mailed from the Gloversville region, were seized as evidence.

“The success of staff discovering drugs in mailed packages since the pandemic occurred has been incredible. Now with inmate visits reinstated, we are seeing visitors attempting to bring contraband into inmates again. Even with the tremendous success staff has had detecting drugs, they are still getting into the hands of the inmates. An inmate at Ulster was discovered by staff in the kitchen unresponsive and needed to be given three doses of Narcan to be revived from an apparent drug overdose. Until DOCCS takes proactive measures to stem the flow of drugs this will continue to be a serious problem at every prison” – stated Mike Mazzella , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.

“ Just last month, we had an officer stabbed with a make-shift weapon while conducting a pat frisk. Thankfully in this latest attack, the inmate did not have the plastic shank on him during the assault or we could have had a similar result. This attack again was committed by an inmate serving a lengthy sentence. Without any significant discipline to be handed out to inmates who attack staff, this sadly will continue..” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.