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Visitors Arrested at Mid-State Correctional Facility

K-9 Detects Drugs on Downstate Man and Woman

Marcy, NY – Two Downstate individuals visiting inmates at the medium security correctional facility were arrested with synthetic marijuana after a K-9 detected drugs on them in the visitor's room.

On Saturday, October 24, a woman from Brooklyn entered the visitor's room to see an inmate. A K-9 alerted to her for drugs. She was interviewed by officers at the facility and voluntarily turned over two balloons she had hidden inside her pants. Inside the balloons were 2.1 grams of synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2.

On Sunday, October 25, a Queens man entered the visiting area to visit an inmate. A K-9 alerted to him. The man was brought to a separate room where he admitted to officers that he was carrying drugs inside his pants. He turned over one bundle that contained 14.8 grams of synthetic marijuana.

Both visitors were transported to the Marcy State Police barracks and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd. The drugs were seized as evidence.

“As we continue to deal in a surge of COVID cases throughout the state, discontinuing inmate visits was called for last week by NYSCOPBA as a way to help control the spread of the virus and protect staff and inmates. It would also eliminate the ability of visitors to smuggle drugs in through inmate visits. Since inmate visits were reinstated over the summer, we have seen a significant rise in drugs attempted to be brought into prisons through visits. Having to handle this on a daily basis is just one more unnecessary duty staff has to deal with during this pandemic.” - stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.