



More Drugs Seized at Marcy and Mohawk Correctional Facilities

Twenty Four Ounces of Marijuana Seized

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Marcy, NY – A week after NYSCOPBA called on DOCCS to re-install the Secure Vendor Program, officers assigned to Marcy and Mohawk Correctional Facilities seized Suboxone, Marijuana and K2 from packages mailed to inmates.

Since February 16, officers seized Suboxone strips in five separate mailed packages sent to inmates at the two facilities. Officers processing mail noticed irregularities in the packages and upon further inspection recovered orange strips that were identified as Suboxone.

In addition, officers seized large quantities of marijuana and synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, in inmate mail at both medium security prisons. One package contained gummies that were not the correct candy identified on the bag. The officer opened the bag and the gummies had a strong odor of marijuana. It was determined that the gummies contained marijuana. A second package processed at Mohawk prison contained 55 pages of paper inside an envelope. The pages were discolored and had synthetic marijuana sprayed on them.

All the drugs were seized as evidence.

An inmate on inmate assault also occurred at Marcy prison on February 19. An inmate approached an officer outside a bathroom in one of the housing dorms and he had several lacerations that were consistent with being cut with a make-shift weapon. The inmate sustained a five inch laceration to his ear and one inch lacerations to his left arm, left cheek and

thumb. Officer's investigating the incident determined the inmate was held down on a bed by another inmate while a second inmate cut him.

The inmate needed outside medical treatment for the lacerations.

The two inmates involved in the cutting were identified and placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

"On February 24, NYSCOPBA called on DOCCS to re-install the Secure Vendor Program to help combat the amount of drugs flowing into state prisons. Once again, our concerns are met with complete silence from DOCCS administration. They have failed miserably in providing staff with the necessary tools to be effective. The amount of time that officers are tied up with processing mail and seizing drugs severely hampers their ability to effectively fulfill their other responsibilities and that creates a potentially dangerous environment for them every day." – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.