



## ***Officers Seize Drugs at Gouverneur Correctional Facility***

### ***Drugs Hidden In Inmate Packages***

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**Gouverneur, NY** – Alert staff discovered unknown drugs saturated on pieces of paper and Suboxone in inmate packages mailed to Gouverneur prison over the period of two weeks in February.

Officers seized drugs on ten different occasions at the medium security correctional facility from February 12 to March 1. In four of the seizures, officers recovered sheets of paper mailed to inmates that had been saturated in some type of unknown drug. In previous seizures, synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, has been detected saturated on sheets of paper.

The other seizures were Suboxone strips that were recovered from an assortment of packages. In one particular seizure, 100 strips of Suboxone were recovered from a box of instant rice. In another seizure, officers recovered Suboxone strips wrapped in cellophane and hidden in the cuffs of sweat pants.

“As successful as staff has been stopping drugs from getting into the hands of inmates through mailed packages, drugs are still making their way inside of state prisons. Despite their best efforts, drugs are still going to get into the hands of inmates until DOCCS changes their policies and implements the Secure Vendor Program. Couple that with the fact that officers no longer have the ability to test drugs on the spot makes it much more difficult to identify certain drugs and only slows the investigation process. .” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.