



Calls Continue for DOCCS to Reinstate Secure Vendor Program

Drugs Seized From Multiple Packages at Groveland Correctional Facility

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Sonyea, NY – NYSCOPBA continues to call for DOCCs to reinstate the Secure Vendor Program after officers seized drugs in a variety of inmate packages mailed to Groveland Correctional Facility.

On five occasions since the end of December, officers have seized Suboxone, marijuana and synthetic marijuana hidden in food packages and personal items mailed to inmates at the medium security prison.

On Monday, December 28, an officer inspecting a package mailed from Syracuse found 20 orange strips hidden inside the seam of a towel. The drugs were identified as Suboxone.

On Wednesday, January 6, an officer inspecting a package mailed from Jamestown found 25 grams of a marijuana and 30 orange strips hidden inside assorted food packages.

On Wednesday, January 20, an officer located Suboxone hidden inside a package of assorted food and personal items mailed to an inmate from Port Henry, NY.

On Thursday, February 18, an officer X-rayed a box of assorted food packages. Upon further inspection he located a green leafy substance hidden in two chip packages. The substance is allegedly synthetic marijuana.

On Thursday, February 25, an officer discovered 80 strips of Suboxone in a pack of cigarettes mailed to an inmate from Rochester. Several of the cigarettes had been removed to hide the strips inside the pack.

“There are no lengths that inmates will not go to right now to smuggle in drugs to facilities. Despite the best efforts of staff, undoubtedly drugs will continue to get into the hands of inmates until DOCCS gets serious and reinstates the Secure Vendor Program” – said Mark Deburgomaster, Western Region Vice President.