



Drugs, Weapon Seized at Ulster Correctional Facility

K9 Discovers Drugs Hidden in Inmate Refrigerator

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Naponach, NY – Officers seized nine ounces of synthetic marijuana and five ounces of marijuana during searches at the medium security correctional facility. In addition, an officer recovered a sharpened metal shank underneath an inmate's bed while he was packing up the inmate's belongings.

On Sunday, February 14, the officer was packing the personal items of an inmate who was already in a Special Housing Unit for unrelated disciplinary charges. The officer located the sharpened make-shift weapon underneath one of the bed legs. It was sharpened on one side and had a handle fashioned out of masking tape.

On Friday, March 12, officers discovered synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, and marijuana, while a K9 was conducting a search of one of the dorms and during processing of inmate mail.

The K9 alerted to a refrigerator in the day room of the dorm. Staff discovered three bundles inside of a bag in the refrigerator. They also discovered three clear plastic bags and a latex glove tip inside of a second bag in the refrigerator. The contents were identified as synthetic marijuana and marijuana by investigators.

The drugs were seized as evidence.

An officer processing a package mailed to an inmate found three Cheez-it bags with the seals tampered. The bags were opened and contained marijuana. The package was mailed from an address in Brooklyn.

“Drugs and contraband continue to be an significant problem for staff at all prisons across the state. Despite the outstanding efforts of staff, drugs are still making their way into prisons, as we found here with the discovery of drugs in the refrigerator at Ulster. DOCCS sits idly by and refuses to reinstate the Secure Vendor Program, which surely would help reduce the amount of drugs getting into the hands of inmates.” - stated Chris Moreau , NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.