



Drugs Seized at Mid-State and Mohawk Correctional Facilities

NYSCOPBA Once Again Calls on DOCCS to Install Vendor Program

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Marcy, NY – Officers seized synthetic marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, and Suboxone from mail sent to inmates over a three day period last week at the two medium security prisons.

On Tuesday, March 16 a package mailed from Brooklyn was being processed by an officer at Mid-State when he noticed items that aren't allowable. The officer X-rayed the package, which included sausages. The X-ray showed abnormalities in three of the sausages. The package was opened and the sausages had been sliced open and glued back together. After opening the sausages, officers recovered synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, cocaine and methamphetamines.

The following day an officer processing a package mailed from Rochester noticed sealed packages of snack cakes had abnormalities. The packages were opened and the officer discovered plastic baggies inside that contained Suboxone strips and synthetic marijuana.

At Mohawk on Friday, March 19, officers seized synthetic marijuana in two separate packages mailed to inmates. One legal envelope addressed from an address in Albany contained 16 pages of paper that were discolored. Upon further inspection, it was determined that synthetic marijuana had been dried into the paper. The second package contained two packs of Newport cigarettes mailed from Newark, NJ. The packs had been altered. The officer opened the packages and found synthetic marijuana had been stuffed inside.

All drugs were seized as evidence.

“Officers at Marcy and Mid-State prisons battle daily to stop drugs from coming in through mailed packages. Invariably, they cannot stop all of the drugs flowing in. Drugs like K2 can cause individuals to become very violent and DOCCS has a duty to protect officers and keep them safe. Reinstalling the Secure Vendor Program would help put a significant dent in the amount of drugs that get into the hands of inmates. There is simply no justification not to put this program into effect.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.