



**New York State Correctional Officers  
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***"Keeping New York Safe"***

***Drugs Continue to Plague Cape Vincent Correctional Facility***

***Synthetic Marijuana, Suboxone Recovered from Inmate Packages***

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**Cape Vincent, NY** – As NYSCOPBA officials continue to advocate for the Secure Vendor Program to help stop drugs from making their way into state prisons, officers recovered synthetic marijuana and Suboxone from two packages mailed to inmates at the medium security prison.

On Saturday, May 12, an officer processing mail for inmates noticed irregularities in a can of food using a scanner. The officer opened the can and recovered four bundles wrapped in cellophane. The cellophane contained a green leafy substance believed to be synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2.

The drugs, which were mailed from an address in Brooklyn, weighed 80 grams.

On Friday, May 18, an officer processing a package that contained sneakers, noticed objects inside the tongue of the sneakers. The tongues were opened and staff recovered 130 orange film strips hidden inside. The film strips were identified as Suboxone.

The drugs, which were mailed from an address in North Carolina, were seized as evidence.

"Assaults and contraband continue to be a significant problem in all of our prisons. Yet, DOCCS continues to ignore both issues. Simply re-installing the Secure Vendor Program would put a substantial dent in the amount of contraband that get into the hands of inmates. There is no reasonable explanation that the administration can provide not to and that certainly shortchanges our members." – said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President.