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Drugs, Weapons Seized at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Visitors Arrested With Drugs after K9 Search

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Marcy, NY – Staff continue to seize drugs mailed to inmates and arrested two outside visitors when a K9 alerted to them in the visitor room as the medium security facility continues to see an increase in attempts to get drugs into the hand of inmates.

During the month of July staff discovered eight greeting cards that had been saturated with an unknown drug and mailed to an inmate. The greeting cards, which were all mailed to different inmates on separate days, came from various locations in the state.

Officers also discovered over two ounces of marijuana hidden inside several cans of crab meat that was mailed to an inmate at the prison.

In addition, two visitors were arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd after a K9 assigned to the visitor area alerted to them.

Both female visitors voluntarily turned over the drugs after being questioned by staff. One female had 16 grams of synthetic marijuana on her. The second female had synthetic marijuana, Suboxone and cocaine hidden in a balloon inside her pants.

Both women were transported to the Marcy State Police barracks and charged.

Staff also recovered two weapons at the facility during routine searches. A sharpened metal shank was discovered in the cube of an inmate. The second weapon, a three inch long nail, was hidden inside an inmate's mattress.

Both inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges after the weapons were located.

"Assaults, drugs, and weapons continue to plague Mid-State prison. It is a constant theme of all prisons across the state unfortunately. The requests we have made to DOCCS, the Secure Vendor Program, more staffing and resources, are simple, common sense changes that would greatly improve the safety of prisons. Yet, they fail to recognize the need to improve safety for staff and do not provide an explanation as to why. Combined with the progressive policies supported by many of our elected officials, the dangers are real and they exist, and only will get worse." – Stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.