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Drugs, Weapons Seized at Marcy Correctional Facility

Twenty Drug Seizures Occur Over Eight Days by Staff

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Marcy, NY – Just two days after announcing drug and weapon seizures at Mid-State Correctional Facility in month of July, staff at Marcy, the correctional facility across the street, recovered a large amount of drugs sent to inmates through the mail at the medium security prison.

In the course of eight days, from July 19 to July 26, staff in the mail processing room recovered letters, cards, envelopes, soap boxes and a coloring book that had been saturated in drugs and mailed to inmates at the prison. They ranged from the deadly drugs, fentanyl and synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, to cocaine, Suboxone and Oxycodone.

The drugs, which were dried into the paper, were sent from various locations in the state as well as far away as New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

Staff also recovered a small amount of synthetic marijuana from an inmate after they conducted a pat frisk and found the drugs inside his pants pockets. The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

In addition to the drugs, staff recovered three make shift weapons after conducting a routine search of two inmate's cubes inside a dorm and performing a pat frisk of an inmate in the gymnasium.

A sharpened metal shank was found in one inmate's locker and a ceramic cutting blade was found in the second inmate's cube. A ceramic scalpel was recovered from an inmate after a frisk in the gym.

All three inmates were placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

"Despite the best efforts of staff, the attempts to get drugs into the hands of inmates continue to rise at record levels. Twenty drug seizures in just over a week brings this to a whole new level. It also begs the question of how many drugs are actually getting into the hands of inmates undetected despite the success of staff. One option that I think needs to be considered is to track down the individuals who are mailing in these drugs, hold them accountable for their actions and prosecute them. Until that occurs, this will be a never ending battle that we simply can't win with the resources we have at hand right now" – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.