



Visitors' Arrested, Inmate Fights Occur at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Two Visitors Arrested Attempting to Smuggle Drugs to Inmates During Visits

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Rome , NY – Four inmate on inmate fights occurred, leaving one inmate with a broken jaw and a second inmate with a ruptured ear drum and two visitors were arrested attempting to smuggle marijuana into inmates during inmate visits at the medium security correctional facility.

Between April 11 and April 23, staff investigated four inmate attacks at the facility that required several inmates needing treatment at local hospitals. One inmate sustained two fractures to his jaw after being attacked in one of the facility dorms. A second inmate sustained a five-inch laceration to his neck when another inmate cut him with an unrecovered weapon. A third inmate was attacked while sleeping in his cube inside a dorm and sustained several facial lacerations and a ruptured ear drum in the attack. The fourth injured inmate approached an officer at the officer station after being attacked and sustaining a bloody nose and left eye.

In three of the attacks, that suspect in the assault has not been identified at this time.

The two visitors were arrested on August 26 and 27 after a K9 alerted to both while in the visitor area. One visitor, from Syracuse, turned over five bundles of marijuana weighing 173 grams after the K9 alerted to her. She was transported to the Marcy State Police barracks and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd. In the second incident, a visitor from Rome was arrested after attempting to smuggle in 74 grams of marijuana when a K9 alerted to the visitor.

In an unrelated incident, another inmate collapsed outside of the prison walkway and became unresponsive. A medical response was called, and the inmate was administered several doses of Narcan until he became responsive. He was later transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

“As many prisons continue to struggle with staffing shortages, the violence and drugs that have long plagued the correctional system continues. As we collectively work to recruit and retain staff, these pivotal issues still need to be addressed as quickly as possible, or it will continue to stress the system. We will remain committed to advocate for the men and women who continue to perform their duties on a daily basis despite the adverse conditions, as well as working with DOCCS to find meaningful solutions to correct the system and create a safer prison environment.” – stated Bryan Hluska , Central Region Vice President.