



## **Large Quantity of Contraband Seized During Search of Inmate Cell at Lakeview Correctional Facility**

### ***Cellphone Among Drugs and Weapons Recovered***

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**Brocton, NY** — Staff recovered a cell phone, drugs and several makeshift weapons hidden inside the mattress in an inmate's cell during a cell frisk on Friday, August 8 at the medium security correctional facility.

A sergeant and officer at the facility conducted the search while the inmate was a program area inside the disciplinary unit at the prison. Besides the cell phone, they located a makeshift ceramic knife, razor blade cutting weapon, two ceramic blades taped together with electrical tape, a latex glove fingertip with a brown leafy substance inside, additional brown leafy substance wrapped in yellow note paper, several sheets of liquid stained paper in a zip lock bag and two round containers containing white paste and a blue mouth guard piece. All the contraband was hidden inside the inmate's mattress. They also found additional stained paper on the shelf of the desk inside the cell.

All of the contraband was seized and placed into evidence. The liquid-stained paper and brown leafy substance were sent out for drug testing.

The inmate, 29, was placed back in his cell after the search and faces internal disciplinary charges. He is currently serving an 8-to-10-year sentence after being convicted in Suffolk County for Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, and two counts of Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup>. While on parole in 2021,

the inmate and a co-defendant committed a string of six gun point robberies of convenient stores in October. In one robbery, they pistol whipped one of the clerks who sustained a head laceration that needed 25 stitches to close.

“This seizure of contraband inside one inmate’s cell at Lakeview was significant. DOCCS Commissioner recently conducted an interview and explained the top three categories of contraband entering facilities and they were drugs, cellphones, and ceramic blades. This convict possessed all three top items alone. The members involved in securing these items may have saved another employee’s life, or possibly another inmate or even that inmate himself due to their actions. Thankfully, our members are trained in searching for serious contraband such as these items and unfortunately this is happening daily inside the walls and fences. Despite new technology being utilized to detect certain drugs, they are still finding their way into the hands of inmates. Until a major dent is put into significantly reducing it, the safety of staff will continue to be in jeopardy.” - stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.