



Large Quantity of Contraband Recovered at Greene Correctional Facility

Cellphones, Ecstasy, Tattoo Guns, and Gallons of Homemade Alcohol Seized in Two Day Search at Facility

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Coxsackie , NY – During a two-day contraband search at the medium security correctional facility that began when an officer discovered two blue coffee cans between two perimeter fences that contained cell phones and over 4000 Ecstasy pills, staff recovered over 20 ounces of what is believed to be marijuana, several weapons, two tattoo guns and gallons of homemade alcohol.

The startling seizures began when an officer assigned to perimeter patrol noticed two blue coffee cans between the perimeter fences at approximately 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 21. The cans were retrieved and opened. Inside were two cell phones with chargers, two earbud headphones, 233 grams of marijuana, tobacco, cigars, air freshening spray and over 4000 pills that tested positive for Ecstasy.

It is believed that an individual attempted to throw the cans over the fence into the facility for unidentified inmates but was unsuccessful getting them over the second fence.

Following that discovery, staff conducted searches of four dorms for contraband at the facility. Multiple cube searches were conducted by officers as well as pat frisks of inmates. During the searches, they located over 500 grams of green leafy substances from inmate cubes, hidden in dryer vents, holes in the wall and in sink rooms. It is believed the substance recovered is marijuana and will be tested.

In addition, six weapons were recovered that included aluminum can tops with taped handles, ceramic blades, and a sock wrapped with a lock inside. During a search of an inmate's cell, officers also recovered two tattoo guns hidden inside his cell.

The searches were conducted with the assistance of K9's who alerted on several inmates and their cubes during the search that assisted in recovering the contraband drugs.

The following day, on August 22, additional dorm searches were conducted on two buildings. During the searches, additional green leafy substances were recovered from a laundry bag, hidden in a divider wall between two inmate cubes, and wrapped in toilet paper inside a inmate's cube. A ceramic blade was recovered from the sink room.

Officers also recovered 14 gallons of homemade alcohol hidden in five inmate cubes during the search.

All drugs, weapons and additional contraband were seized as evidence. The inmates who were caught in possession of the contraband face internal disciplinary charges.

"As we noted last month, contraband seizures have decreased due to legal mail scanning and other technology being utilized at prisons. Certainly, after what occurred over two days at Greene, there is a lot more work to be done. The magnitude of the seizures cannot be understated. The two cell phones recovered in the coffee cans pose a dangerous threat for staff. In the hands of inmates, they can be used for criminal activities, such as escapes or drug trafficking. The sheer number of drugs recovered, over 20 ounces of marijuana and 4000 plus pills of ecstasy are significant if they had wound up in the hands of inmates. This

will always be on on-going battle as inmates continue to be creative in how they get contraband into prisons. I want to commend the staff involved in both searches for their thorough investigations and removing a significant number of drugs, weapons, and other dangerous contraband from the facility. They did an excellent job and removed an immediate threat for all staff with their work” - stated Joe Horacek, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.