



## ***Two Visitors Arrested Attempting to Smuggle Drugs at Cayuga Correctional Facility***

***Both Female Visitors Used Young Children to Sneak Drugs into Prison***

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**Cayuga , NY** – Two female visitors who brought nine and fourteen-month children into the facility on separate inmate visits were arrested for promoting prison contraband and endangering the welfare of a child after they had marijuana hidden in the children’s diapers.

On Saturday, August 30 a female from Binghamton entered the facility to visit an inmate. She had her nine-month-old child with her. A K9 at the facility alerted to the child. The woman was escorted out of the visitor area and brought to a separate office. She was questioned by staff where she admitted she had hidden four bundles in the child’s diaper. The bundles were removed and tested. They contained 91 grams of marijuana. The woman and child were transported by the State Police to the Moravia barracks and formerly charged with Promoting Prisons Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup> and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

The second incident occurred on Saturday, September 6. A woman from Michigan was at the facility with her fourteen-month-old son to visit an inmate. She went into the visitor’s bathroom. When she exited the bathroom, an officer entered the bathroom to search it. The officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana and found a diaper in the trash can with pieces of electrical tape. The officer noticed the diaper was the same brand as what the child currently had on. The woman was escorted out into the lobby and questioned. She admitted having two bundles hidden inside her pants, which she removed and turned over. The bundles contained a green leafy substance that tested positive for marijuana. The woman and child were

transported to the Moravia State Police barracks and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup> and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

“It is reprehensible that both these mothers would use babies to smuggle drugs into the prison for two inmates. Without the quick actions of our members, more drugs would’ve made their way into the prison. While the public might think it’s just drugs, our members might’ve saved someone’s life as nobody knows what was really in these drugs. There are exposures and ambulances entering facilities daily across the state which take away from the general public due to the drug crisis in our facilities. Even though both were charged with two crimes, the unfortunate reality is they amount to a slap on the wrist with the lax laws we have in this state due to a progressive criminal justice agenda supported by the majority of the New York Legislature. As inmate visits continue to be increased at facilities, we will see more contraband smuggled into the hands of inmates at a time when we are seeing a surge of staff being exposed to dangerous chemicals in these drugs. The safety and well-being of staff should be of paramount importance and regrettably it isn’t at this point. Our elected officials coddle and kowtow to the inmates and inmate advocates rather than supporting the men and women working inside these prisons!”-stated Kenny Gold, Western Region Vice President.