



Inmate Caught with Large Amount of Synthetic Marijuana at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Drugs Discovered by Staff During Investigation

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Marcy , NY – Officers conducting an investigation of an inmate discovered 176 sheets of paper that were soaked with liquid synthetic marijuana inside a sock and hidden underneath his bed in his dorm cube at the medium security correctional facility.

On June 11, during an on-going investigation of the inmate, he was placed in a Special Housing Unit while staff conducted a search of his cube in one of the dorms at the facility. During the search, they discovered the liquid-stained sheets in six bundles wrapped in cellophane inside a black sock that was hidden in storage bag underneath his bed.

The sheets of paper were sent to an outside lab for testing and came back positive for synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, on October 1.

The inmate, 34, is serving a four-year sentence after being convicted for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd in Schenectady County in 2024. He was transferred to Wyoming Correctional Facility after the incident.

“With the number of inmate overdoses that are occurring in prisons and the staff exposures to unknown substances, dangerous drugs getting into the hands of inmates continue to be a significant problem for officers. Even more troubling is the State contracts with an outside lab that is in Pennsylvania that took four months to receive the drug test results while the inmate remained in general population without any discipline charges. With the test results back now even then the punishment is like a slap on the wrist. He loses recreation, tablet, phone, and commissary privileges for 90 days. With the HALT Act legislation stripping away any real discipline that will deter inmates from possessing drugs, this will continue to be a problem for staff who are already being pushed to the brink with continued staffing shortages. K2 is an extremely dangerous drug that we have seen on numerous occasions inmates become extremely violent and assaultive while high on the drugs. In this instance, unless the Oneida County District Attorney decides to prosecute the inmate who is scheduled to come up for parole next year, there is little to no deterrent for him to do this again.” – said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President