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**Females Arrested Trying to Smuggle Drugs to Inmates at Attica and Cayuga  
Correctional Facilities**

*Females Used Six-Year-Old Boy and Teenage Girl as Drug Mules*

**For Immediate Release**

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**Attica, NY** – A 30-year-old female from the Bronx was arrested at Attica Correctional Facility for attempting to smuggle drugs into the facility during an inmate visit. The woman attempted to bypass the body scanner by using a six-year-old child, who was accompanying her to the prison, to carry the drugs inside.

The incident occurred on Saturday, February 21, when the woman, accompanied by the child, arrived for a scheduled visit. After passing through the body scanner without detection, the child, exempt from the scan, was allowed entry into the visitor area. During routine security rounds, an investigator, accompanied by a K9 alert to the woman in the lobby of the administration building.

After questioning, the woman admitted to having drugs on her and voluntarily surrendered five bundles from her waistband. The bundles contained a total of 124 grams of marijuana and a sheet of paper with an unknown liquid substance sprayed on it. The drugs were immediately seized as evidence.

During further interrogation, the woman confessed that she had used the child to carry the drugs past the scanner, highlighting the dangerous lengths to which individuals will go to smuggle contraband into prisons.

The State Police were contacted, and the woman and child were taken to the Warsaw barracks for processing. The woman faces three misdemeanor charges: Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd Degree (three counts) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. She was processed and issued appearance tickets, with the child's relationship to either the woman or the inmate being unclear.

Another incident occurred on February 15 at Cayuga Correctional Facility. A K9 and an investigator were conducting searches on visitors at the facility when the K9 indicated on a 13-year-old girl who was with her mother to visit an inmate. The K9 also indicated on the girl's mother when they were brought into a separate room to be questioned. During questioning, the teen turned over three black bundles from underneath her shirt. The bundles contained 224 grams of a green leafy substance that later tested positive for marijuana.

The teen and her mother, who is from Buffalo, were transported to the State Police Barracks in Moravia. The mother was charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The teen was also charged as a juvenile for Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd. Both were issued appearance tickets for criminal and family court, respectively.

"This is not the first time adults have used children as drug mules to smuggle contraband into New York State prisons," stated Kenny Gold, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President. "It's a despicable act to involve a child in criminal activity. It underscores the lengths to which visitors and inmates will go to subvert the law. What's even more troubling

is that both women were allowed to go home without significant repercussions. This highlights the failure of criminal justice policies that prioritize criminals over the safety of law enforcement and the public. Incidents like these serve as a reminder of the ongoing efforts needed to ensure prison security and the safety of both security and civilian employees. The employees involved should be commended for their efforts, as they immediately took additional threats out of both facilities with their actions, and made it safer those days for the everyone that works and lives in those facilities.”