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**Contraband Seized at Riverview Correctional Facility**

*Officer Sustains Orbital Fracture in Separate Incident*

**For Immediate Release**

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**Ogdensburg , NY** — Officers at Riverview Medium Security Correctional Facility successfully intercepted over two pounds of marijuana that had been smuggled into the prison, during a series of incidents involving a contraband investigation and a violent assault on staff.

**Marijuana Seizure**

On March 27, staff responded to a call from the storeroom after an inmate was seen running through the facility compound. A civilian employee working in the storeroom reported that the inmate, who was assigned to assist her, had broken open a box containing a microwave. The inmate then retrieved a black bag from inside the microwave, defying orders to stop as he fled the area and ran towards a dormitory.

An officer ordered the inmate to halt, but he continued to evade capture. After reaching a locked dormitory door, the inmate turned and ran back toward the officer, ripping open the black bag and scattering the contents. The officer quickly apprehended the inmate, restraining him in a body hold and forcing him to the ground. Despite continued resistance,

a second officer arrived, assisting in securing the inmate with handcuffs. Once restrained, the inmate became compliant and was escorted to the infirmary for medical evaluation.

Upon inspection of the contraband, a green leafy substance, believed to be marijuana, was recovered from the ground. The total weight of the seized marijuana was 1.3 pounds. It was later determined that the microwave, along with the marijuana, had been shipped via UPS from a Walmart Distribution Center.

The inmate, 32, is currently serving a 10-to-12-year sentence after being convicted in Albany in 2018 for Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree. Following treatment, the inmate was placed in the Special Housing Unit.

One officer sustained hand and shoulder injuries while subduing the inmate but remained on duty after receiving medical treatment. A subsequent search of the storeroom, conducted with the assistance of a K9, led to the discovery of an additional vacuum-sealed bag containing 1.15 pounds of marijuana, which was also placed into evidence.

### **Inmate Assault on Staff**

The second incident occurred on April 3, when a convicted murderer attacked officers inside the facility's infirmary. While being escorted for a routine medical examination, the 34-year-old inmate suddenly lunged at the officer, striking him in the face. The officer attempted to break free, but the inmate followed him into a medical exam room and continued the assault.

A response was immediately called, and a sergeant attempted to intervene, but the inmate pushed the sergeant to the ground. Additional officers arrived, and the inmate proceeded to attack a second officer, striking him in the face and neck.

OC spray was deployed three times, with no initial effect. However, the inmate became compliant after the third application and was subdued, lying face down on the floor. He was handcuffed, brought to his feet, and placed in a holding cell.

The two officers involved in the altercation were treated at the facility and later transported to a local hospital. One officer sustained a left orbital fracture from the assault.

The inmate, 34, is serving a 20-to-life sentence for Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree after being convicted in Kings County in 2010. Following the attack, the inmate was transferred to Upstate Correctional Facility.

“This vicious assault and large drug seizure at Riverview highlight both the daily dangers our officers face and the continued attempts to smuggle contraband into prisons through any

means possible,” said **John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President of NYSCOPBA**. “We are grateful to the civilian employee in the storeroom, who acted quickly to alert officers, preventing even more drugs from reaching the inmates. The swift action of our staff during these incidents underscores the dedication and bravery of those who serve behind the walls.”