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**Dorm Search Recovers Cell Phones, Drugs and Weapons at Franklin Correctional Facility**

*Over Two Pounds of Marijuana Recovered*

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**Malone , NY** — Staff at the medium security correctional facility recovered a significant quantity of contraband, including suspected drugs, weapons, cell phones, and related accessories, during a comprehensive dormitory search conducted last week.

On Wednesday, June 18, staff initiated a frisk of one of the facility dorms at approximately 9:00 a.m. During the search, officers discovered two and a half pounds of a green leafy substance suspected to be marijuana, along with 43 pieces of saturated paper believed to contain an drug substance. The suspected drugs were concealed inside four net bags containing multiple vacuum-sealed bundles hidden within a plumbing panel located in a handicapped shower.

Following the seizure, staff conducted a metal detector frisk of all inmates assigned to the dorm and searched individual living areas. During the search, officers recovered a double-edged improvised weapon concealed inside a green net bag in one inmate's living cube.

A K9 unit was deployed to assist with the operation and alerted officers to another inmate's cube. A subsequent search resulted in the recovery of two manufactured knives hidden inside a net bag. Officers also recovered a screwdriver, security bit, super glue, a cell phone charging cable, a cell phone, earbuds, and a charging block.

Before the search concluded, staff located a second cell phone and additional suspected drugs. All contraband was secured and transferred to the administration building to be processed as evidence.

"The daily challenges of keeping dangerous contraband out of inmate hands is now being compounded by the frequent use of drones to drop drugs, weapons, and cell phones into facilities. It is just another creative way inmates and their accomplices use to get contraband inside the prisons. The unfortunate reality is despite the best efforts of staff, drugs and weapons are still getting inside. Hopefully when the new drone law goes into effect in August, law enforcement will be able to identify the drone users and owners and hold them criminally responsible for utilizing them in a criminal capacity. It would hopefully deter many who might consider using them if they were arrested and prosecuted attempting to get contraband inside prisons." – stated John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.