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Three Civilians Arrested Attempting to Smuggle Drugs into Cayuga Correctional Facility

Mother had 11-Year-Old Daughter Hold Drugs During Visit

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Cayuga , NY — Three civilian visitors, including a woman who allegedly used her 11-year-old daughter to conceal marijuana, were arrested after a narcotics detection K9 alerted to them during visitor screening at a medium security correctional facility.

The first arrest occurred on Saturday, June 14. An adult female from the Bronx arrived at the facility accompanied by her 11-year-old daughter to visit an inmate. During routine visitor screening, a K9 alerted to the child. Investigators separated the pair from other visitors, and the mother surrendered a bundle the child had concealed inside her pants.

The bundle contained approximately 15 grams of a green leafy substance that field tested positive for marijuana. The woman was arrested and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree before being transported to the New York State Police Moravia Barracks for processing.

The other two arrests occurred on Sunday, July 12.

A male visitor from Philadelphia arrived at the facility to visit an inmate when a K9 alerted to him during the screening process. After being escorted to a private room, he voluntarily surrendered five bundles he had concealed inside his pants.

Four of the bundles contained approximately 20 grams of marijuana. The fifth bundle contained pills that tested positive for OxyContin and Buprenorphine, both opioid narcotics. The man was arrested and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree, a felony, and transported to the New York State Police Moravia Barracks for processing.

Later that same day, a female visitor from West Monroe was also stopped after a K9 alerted to her during her inmate visit. She voluntarily surrendered a bundle containing wax on cellophane paper that tested positive for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

She was arrested and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree and transported to the New York State Police Barracks for processing.

All the narcotics recovered during the three incidents were secured and placed into evidence.

NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President Kenny Gold praised the vigilance of the facility's staff and K9 teams. - "These arrests highlight the critical role our K9 teams and investigators play in preventing dangerous contraband from entering our correctional facilities," said Gold. "Whether it's marijuana, opioids, or THC products, these drugs threaten the safety of staff and inmates alike. What is especially disturbing is the apparent use of an 11-year-old child to conceal contraband. Our members remain vigilant every day to stop these smuggling attempts before these dangerous substances make it inside our facilities and into the hands of inmates that can cause devastating results."