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**Lab Tests Confirm Fentanyl and Synthetic Marijuana on Paper Seized from Two
Inmates at Mid-State Correctional Facility**

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Marcy, NY – Laboratory testing has confirmed that paper seized from two separate inmates at Mid-State Correctional Facility was saturated with Fentanyl and Synthetic Marijuana (K2), highlighting the continued effort by inmates to introduce dangerous narcotics into New York's correctional facilities.

The contraband was recovered during separate searches conducted by correction officers on June 17 and June 18.

On June 17, correction officers conducted a search of an inmate's living cube. During the search, officers discovered one sheet of paper concealed inside a book located in the inmate's locker. The paper was believed to have liquid narcotics sprayed onto it and was secured as evidence.

The following day, June 18, officers conducted a routine pat frisk of another inmate. During the frisk, the inmate dropped a bundle from inside his pants onto the floor. The bundle contained two sheets of paper that officers suspected had been saturated with an illicit substance.

All three sheets of paper were submitted for laboratory analysis. On July 28, the results confirmed the presence of Fentanyl and Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2.

The discovery underscores the increasingly dangerous methods being used to smuggle drugs into correctional facilities. Drug-soaked paper has become a preferred method of introducing narcotics into prisons because it can be disguised as ordinary correspondence

while exposing correction officers, civilian staff, and inmates to potentially lethal substances during handling.

The inmates face internal disciplinary action, and the investigation into the source of the narcotics remains ongoing.

"Every day our members are exposed to increasingly dangerous drugs that are finding their way into our correctional facilities," said NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President Bryan Hluska. "The confirmation that these papers contained both Fentanyl and K2 is another reminder of the serious risks correction officers face simply performing routine security duties. These seizures prevented highly dangerous narcotics from circulating throughout the facility, but they also reinforce the need for continued investment in drug detection technology, aggressive interdiction efforts, and policies that protect the men and women working inside our prisons."