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**Eight Weapons and Suspected Narcotics Recovered During Contraband Sweeps at
Gouverneur Correctional Facility**

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GOVERNEUR, NY – Correction officers at Gouverneur Correctional Facility recovered eight improvised weapons, suspected narcotics concealed on an inmate, and additional contraband during a series of dormitory searches conducted throughout the month of July.

The proactive searches, conducted between July 1 and July 28, resulted in the seizure of eight homemade weapons, two pieces of paper believed to be saturated with illicit drugs, and five pills suspected to be narcotics.

Four of the weapons were recovered during routine pat frisks of inmates. The remaining four weapons were discovered hidden in various locations throughout inmate dormitories during targeted contraband searches by correction officers.

One of the more significant recoveries occurred after an inmate was being escorted to the facility's Special Housing Unit. During a pat frisk, two homemade weapons fell from the inmate's waistband. When officers attempted to conduct a strip frisk, the inmate initially refused to comply. Once the search was completed, officers discovered a cardboard bundle concealed inside the inmate's boxer shorts. The bundle contained two pieces of paper suspected of being saturated with illegal drugs and five pills believed to be narcotics.

The improvised weapons recovered ranged from sharpened metal shanks to a piece of sharpened ceramic tile capable of causing serious injury.

All contraband was seized and secured as evidence. The four inmates found to be in possession of weapons were placed in the Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary action. The suspected drugs and pills have been submitted for laboratory analysis to determine their exact composition.

“These recoveries are a clear reminder of the constant threats our correction officers confront inside our facilities. The seizure of eight improvised weapons and suspected narcotics at Gouverneur Correctional Facility shows exactly why proactive contraband searches matter. Our members put themselves at risk every day to keep weapons and drugs out of the hands of inmates. I commend the officers who conducted these thorough searches throughout July—their vigilance directly protects staff, the facility, and the public. This is the kind of dedicated work that keeps New York’s prisons safer.” – stated Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President

The recoveries highlight the ongoing efforts by correction officers to identify and remove dangerous contraband before it can be used to threaten the safety of staff, inmates, and the overall security of the facility.