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## **Visitor Arrested With Contraband at Clinton Correctional Facility**

### ***K-9 Dog Hits on Woman With Drugs***

***Dannemora, NY*** – A downstate woman was arrested by the New York State Police for having drugs in her waistband in the visitors' room of the maximum security prison.

The incident occurred on Saturday, July 15, at approximately 10:15 A.M. A K-9 Sergeant and his dog were in the visitors' room when the K-9 alerted on a female visitor. The sergeant approached the woman and she voluntarily surrendered two objects wrapped in black electrical tape that appeared to be drugs.

A State Trooper was called to the prison and the objects were turned over to him. He determined that the objects contained varying amounts of marijuana, crack cocaine, heroin and suboxone.

Katya Richards, of the Bronx, was transported from the prison to the Plattsburgh barracks for processing. She was charged with Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup> and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>.

Richards was at the facility to visit an inmate but did not have contact with him before she was confronted.

"Contraband making its way into the facilities is at an all-time high. In the future, we can hopefully deter visitors from trying to smuggle in drugs and paraphernalia by having K-9's available throughout our prisons statewide. They are tremendously successful in discovering drugs as well as deterring anyone from bringing them into the visitor areas", said Chris Hansen, Vice President of NYSCOPBA's Northern Region.