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## Officers Seize Drugs at Auburns Correctional Facility

## Heroin, Synthetic Marijuana Discovered in Mailed Packages

**Auburn, NY** – Officers at Auburn Correctional Facility discovered heroin and synthetic marijuana in two packages mailed to an inmate last week.

On Wednesday, February, 7, 2018 at approximately 11:15 a.m., officers discovered the drugs in separate packages in the package room of the maximum security prison.

Eleven grams of heroin, concealed inside of a can, were discovered by officers during a routine search. Additionally, approximately 196 grams of synthetic marijuana (K2) were located inside of four other cans.

The drugs were placed in evidence. The inmate, whose name is not being released, is serving 25 years to life for Murder  $2^{nd}$  and Robbery  $1^{st}$ . The investigation is ongoing.

"This recent seizure certainly serves as an example of how dangerous contraband continues to make its way into our state prisons. Since the Vendor Pilot Program was suspended, the ongoing problem of contraband being mailed to prisons or being brought in by visitors highlights the need for serious policy changes on how inmates receive items from outside of the facilities. Until those changes occur, this is going to be a recurring theme." – said Joe Miano, Western Region Vice President.