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Officers Seize Drugs at Riverview Correctional Facility

Synthetic Marijuana Discovered in Mailed Package

Ogdensburg, NY – Officers at Riverview Correctional Facility discovered Synthetic Marijuana (K2) concealed inside of a head of cabbage in a package mailed to an inmate last week. The officers at the medium security prison found the contraband on Wednesday, February 13, 2018 at approximately 1:00 p.m. while x-raying incoming packages.

Upon inspection of the package, the officer noticed irregularities in the x-ray and opened the package. A rectangle shaped hole had been cut out of the cabbage and two clear plastic bags containing 13 grams of K2 had been placed inside.

The drugs were placed in evidence. The inmate, whose name is not being released, is serving 3 to 6 years for Burglary 3rd and Robbery 1st. 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. The officer who discovered the drugs did a great job picking up on irregularities in the package that led him to make the discovery. The contraband problem continues to be a recurring theme that needs to be addressed.” – said John Roberts, Northern Region Vice President.