

## Officers Seize Synthetic Marijuana at Marcy Correctional Faculty

## **Five Ounces Located inside Canned Goods**

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Marcy , NY – Officers assigned to the package room at Marcy Correctional Facility found Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2, in a package mailed to an inmate incarcerated at the medium security prison.

On Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 12:45 p.m., an officer was processing a package for an inmate. He became suspicious of several cans of food whose weight didn't seem correct. He opened three cans and found a balloon in each one. The balloons contained a green leafy substance and tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana.

The contraband was placed into evidence.

The inmate, 65, who is serving a three year sentence after being convicted of Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> in New York County in 2019, faces disciplinary charges.

The package was mailed from downstate.

"The last several months there have been sizable amounts of Synthetic Marijuana discovered in packages mailed to inmates. Our members make a valiant effort to stop the flow of contraband into prisons, but despite their best efforts, not all contraband can be discovered. Plain and simple, a Secure Vendor Program is needed in each facility. It would significantly decrease the amount of contraband that makes its way into facilities, yet DOCCS disbanded a pilot program shortly after it was started. There is simply no legitimate reason to not have a vendor program that will be secure and create a safer work environment for our members. Until the state takes the necessary steps to change their policies, contraband will continue to be problematic. "— stated Scott Carpenter, Central Region Vice President.