



## ***Drugs Seized at Willard Correctional Facility***

### ***Two Men Arrested Attempting to Smuggle Drugs to Inmates***

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**Willard, NY** – Two men were arrested for misdemeanor drug possession and promoting prison contraband after a K9 alerted to them while they were at the drug treatment campus to visit an inmate.

The first incident occurred at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020. During visitor processing the K9 alerted to a Corning, N.Y. man. He was interviewed by investigators and admitted to having drugs on him. He turned over five orange strips of Suboxone and five pills of Seroquel. The visitor was turned over the New York State Police and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The second incident occurred minutes later. The K9 alerted to a Clifton Park, N.Y. man as he was awaiting processing in the visitor building. The visitor was interviewed by investigators and admitting to having drugs in his car and in the visitor room locker where he stored his personal belongings. One strip of Suboxone and one Adderall pill were seized by investigators. The man was charged by New York State Police with Promoting Prison Contraband 2<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>.

“Without the Secure Vendor Program drugs and weapons continue to flood our prisons despite the best efforts of staff. These two arrests show how successful staff can be when they have a K9 available. A K9 should be assigned to every correctional facility across the state but unfortunately there are not enough resources to do that. Until the administration steps up and provides staff with the necessary tools to combat contraband it will continue to be significant problem.” – stated Mark Deburgomaster, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.