



## ***Two Visitors Arrested at Upstate Correctional Facilities***

### ***One Woman Hid Drugs in Her Wig***

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**Ogdensburg, NY** – Two woman were arrested this past weekend for attempting to smuggle drugs into inmates at Ogdensburg and Bare Hill Correctional Facilities.

The first incident occurred on Saturday, February 29, at approximately 8: 00 a.m., at Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. During K9 inspections of the visitor process center, the K9 alerted to one of the visitor lockers. The user of the locker was identified. She was interviewed by officers and admitted to having drugs in her purse. Officers located 10 Percocet pills in her purse which she did not have a prescription for. Suboxone strips were also found inside the purse. During further questioning, she admitted to hiding Suboxone inside her wig, which she retrieved for officers.

New York State Police were notified and responded to the facility. The visitor was placed under arrest and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>. She was transported to the State Police Barracks for processing.

On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Bare Hill Correctional Facility a K9 alerted to a female visitor. Investigators interviewed her and she voluntarily surrendered a black latex bundle from inside her pants. The bundle contained 50 orange strips that were identified as Suboxone.

The visitor was transported to the State Police Barracks in Malone and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 1<sup>st</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5<sup>th</sup>.

“The constant battle to keep contraband from entering the prisons will continue to tie up staff until DOCCS reinstates the Secure Vendor Program statewide and assigns a K9 to every facility. You see how successful having a K9 assigned to every prison is. In both instances here, the dog alerted to a visitor who was attempting to smuggle drugs to an inmate. They not only are highly successful but serve as a deterrent as well. ” – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.