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## ***Drugs Seized at Watertown Correctional Facility***

### ***Synthetic Marijuana, Subutex Located in Mailed Packages***

**Watertown, NY** – Officers inspecting mail for inmates discovered Synthetic Marijuana and Subutex at the medium security correctional facility.

The first incident occurred on Wednesday, April, 15, at approximately 9:30 a.m. The officer assigned to the package room discovered an orange film in the glue flap of an envelope. Upon further inspection, the officer found five orange strips inside the envelope. The strips tested positive for buprenorphine, an opioid commonly sold as Subutex. The drugs, which were mailed from a location in the Bronx, were seized as evidence.

The second discovery occurred at 10:35 a.m. An officer was inspecting fruit snack containers mailed to an inmate. The officer noticed one of the containers had been tampered with. Upon further inspection, the officer found a blue latex glove fingertip with a green leafy substance inside. The officer found 70 finger tips inside of 22 fruit snack containers. The substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2. The drugs, which were mailed from Rochester, weighed 42 grams. The drugs were seized as evidence.

“With inmate visits suspended during this pandemic, more and more contraband is coming in through mailed packages. Staff has done an excellent job seizing drugs concealed in packages mailed to inmates. The reality is, drugs are still getting into the hands of inmates through the mail. This is another reason why DOCCS should adopt the Secure Vendor Program immediately following this pandemic.” – said Bryan Hluska, Central Region Vice President.