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Drugs Seized at Cayuga, Attica Correctional Facilities

NYSCOPBA Again Calls for Secure Vendor Program

Cayuga , NY – NYSCOPBA is once again calling on DOCCS to implement the Secure Vendor Program to help stem the flow of drugs coming in through mailed packages at correctional facilities across the state.

The latest drugs seized occurred at Cayuga Correctional Facility. On Friday, April 10, at approximately 12:30 p.m., the facility was alerted to a package coming in for an inmate that may contain drugs. The package was X-rayed and an officer noticed abnormalities in a number of fruit snack packages. Upon closer inspection, the officer discovered a green leafy substance in 14 of the fruit snacks. The substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana. Collectively it weighed over eight ounces.

The drugs were mailed from an address in Rochester.

On Tuesday, April 14, at approximately 11: 48 a.m., an officer was processing a package for an inmate when he noticed abnormalities in two cans of fish. The cans were opened and the officer discovered two cellophane bundles that contained Synthetic Marijuana. The cans also contained two bundles of orange strips that tested positive for Buprenorphine, Hydrochloride and Naloxone.

The Synthetic Marijuana collectively weighed eight ounces.

The drugs were mailed from an address in Brooklyn.

In addition, officers seized nine ounces of Synthetic Marijuana, Suboxone and Amphetamines in mailed packages to inmates at Attica Correctional Facility in March and April, continuing a consistent trend of drugs being hidden in different forms of mailed packages across the state.

“ With inmate visits suspended during this pandemic and possibly for the foreseeable future, there is no better time for DOCCS to implement the Secure Vendor Program in correctional facilities across the state. Staff is doing an excellent job detecting drugs but it is very clear that they don’t have the tools to stop it all from coming in. Installing the Secure Vendor Program is one step towards reducing the amount of dangerous drugs getting into the hands of inmates. Inmates, who when high on K2, can be extremely violent. There is simply no legitimate reason not to have it. .” – said Mark Deburgomaster , Western Region Vice President.