



Numerous Drugs Seized at Franklin and Clinton Correctional Facilities

Drugs Sent to Inmates Through the Mail During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Malone, NY – Despite the fact that inmate visits have been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, inmates are still attempting to smuggle drugs into correctional facilities through the mail.

Since March 25, officers have seized drugs that have been mailed to inmates from various locations in the state and as far away as Florida. Seven mailed packages or envelopes have been seized with drugs inside during an eight day period at both the medium and maximum correctional facilities.

Franklin Correctional Facility

- On March 25 , an officer processing a letter to an inmate noticed discoloration on the letter. The letter was tested and it contained liquid Synthetic Marijuana. It was mailed from Valley Stream, NY.
- On March 26, an officer processing a letter to an inmate noticed a dried saturated substance on the letter. The letter was tested and it contained liquid Synthetic Marijuana. It was mailed from Staten Island, NY.

- On March 30, an officer processing a letter to an inmate noticed yellow spots on two pages inside the letter. The letter was tested and it contained liquid Synthetic Marijuana. The drugs were mailed from Jackson, Florida.
- On April 2, an officer processing bags of chips and gummies discovered seven plastic bundles with a green leafy substance inside and two bundles with 58 orange strips. The green leafy substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana and the orange strips tested positive for Suboxone. The drugs were mailed from Rochester, NY.
- On April 2, an officer discovered eight plastic bundles of a green leafy substance and 13 strips wrapped in plastic. The green leafy substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana. The strips tested positive for Buprenorphine, an opiate used to treat opioid addiction. The drugs were mailed from Rochester, NY.
- On April 2, an officer x-raying a can of peas noticed something inside the can. Upon opening the can, he found a green leafy substance wrapped in plastic. Four additional cans mailed to the inmate were opened and contained a substance wrapped in plastic. The substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana. It weighed five ounces. It was mailed from the Bronx.

Clinton Correctional Facility

On March 27, an officer processing a package for an inmate in the package room opened two cans of beans that contained four bundles of a green leafy substance wrapped in plastic. In addition, there were two bundles of orange strips wrapped in wax paper and plastic wrap. They were tested and came back positive for Synthetic Marijuana and Buprenorphine. The Synthetic Marijuana weighed seven ounces.

All of the contraband were seized as evidence.

“Even with inmate visits suspended during this pandemic, mailed packages with drugs hidden inside or envelopes containing dried liquid Synthetic Marijuana continue to come into our prisons. Our members are already at a great risk being a front line essential employee without having to deal with unconscionable individuals mailing drugs to inmates. This is exactly why the administration needs to install a Secure Vendor Program. ” – stated John Roberts, NYSCOPBA Northern Region Vice President.