



Drugs Recovered from Mail Room at Ulster Correction Facility

Synthetic Marijuana Hidden in Sardine Cans

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Naponach, NY – Staff recovered 3.5 ounces of Synthetic Marijuana, commonly known as K2, from three sardine cans that were mailed to an inmate at the medium security prison.

On Tuesday, May 12, an officer was processing incoming packages for inmates when he noticed the weight of the sardine cans was not normal. The officer X-Rayed the cans and noticed abnormalities inside. The cans were opened and the officer recovered 21 latex bundles inside. A brown leafy substance was inside the bundles. The substance tested positive for Synthetic Marijuana.

The drug were seized as evidence.

Last Tuesday's seizure follows an alarming trend of drugs recovered from package rooms at facilities across the state.

"Since the pandemic shut down most operations in the state, the amount of drugs mailed to inmates in prisons has significantly increased. Contraband seized was already at record levels before COVID-19, but with inmate visits suspended, they are finding new creative ways to smuggle drugs in through the mail. Last week the Sullivan County District Attorney announced a new task force to address assaults on staff and the flow of contraband making its way into facilities. I would encourage other counties to consider doing the same, to not only prosecute inmates who attack staff, but also hold those attempting to send drugs in through the mail accountable as well." – stated Mike Mazzella, NYSCOPBA Mid-Hudson Region Vice President.