



Drugs Seized at Marcy Correctional Facility

K2, Marijuana Hidden in Packages

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Marcy, NY – Officers discovered seven ounces of marijuana and three ounces of synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2, hidden in packages mailed to inmates at the medium security correctional facility.

On Tuesday, June 9, an officer was processing a package mailed to an inmate from downstate. He noticed four snack packages had been tampered with. The packages were opened and they had a strong marijuana odor to them. Inside, seven ounces of marijuana was recovered from the four packages.

On Wednesday, June 10, officers recovered eight bundles from two packages of chicken mailed to two inmates. The bundles contained a green leafy substance that tested positive for synthetic marijuana. The drugs, which were mailed from the Rochester area, were seized as evidence.

In addition to the drugs seized, an officer sustained minor injuries when an inmate lowered his shoulder and struck him in the chest on June 10 at 6:00 p.m. The officer was conducting rounds in a bathroom in a housing unit. The officer found an inmate smoking inside the bathroom. He ordered the inmate to extinguish the cigarette. The inmate refused and lowered his shoulder and struck the officer. The officer grabbed the inmate and pushed him up against the wall. The inmate continued to violently struggle. The officer administered several applications of OC Pepper Spray, which had its desired effect. Additional staff arrived and the inmate was placed in mechanical restraints and removed from the bathroom.

“As we continue to navigate out of this pandemic, drugs are still being mailed to inmates at prison across the state. The last three months there has been a surge of drugs hidden in packages that have been recovered by staff. That surge can be attributed to inmate visits being suspended during the pandemic. Once those restrictions are eased DOCCS needs to implement the Secured Vendor Program to help stem the flow of drugs into facilities or this will continue to be a serious problem.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.