



## ***Drugs Seized at Mid-State, Mohawk Correctional Facilities***

### ***Synthetic Marijuana, Suboxone Discovered in Mail Packages***

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**Marcy, NY** – Synthetic marijuana and Suboxone strips were discovered in mailed packages to inmates at the two medium security prisons last week.

On Monday, June 15, at Mohawk Correctional Facility, an officer was processing a package that include two books. He noticed the spine of one of the books had been tampered with. Upon further inspection, he discovered individually wrapped plastic bundles hidden in the spine. The bundles were removed and opened. A total of 128 strips of Suboxone were contained in the bundles.

The drugs were mailed from downstate.

The following day at Mohawk, an officer processing a package that contained tuna cans, determined that one of the cans weight was different than what was on the label. The can was opened and one balloon was inside the can. Inside the balloon was a green leafy substance that tested positive for synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2.

The drugs, which weighed 30 grams, were mailed from downstate.

On Tuesday, June 16 at Mid-State Correctional Facility an officer discovered food cans in a package had been tampered with. The officer X-Rayed the cans and found discrepancies

inside. The cans were opened and 41 balloons containing four ounces of K2 were removed. Four strips of Suboxone were also inside the cans.

The drugs were mailed from the Niagara Falls area.

“Another week, another seizure of drugs at our prisons. Three more packages that contained drugs at Mid-State and Mohawk add to the growing list. This is a daily occurrence at the facilities across the state and it will only get worse once DOCCS loosens the restrictions on inmate visits. They are consistently silent on this issue and seem to have no interest in implementing the Secure Vendor Program.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.