



Drugs Seized at Mid-State Correctional Facility

Six Ounces of Synthetic Marijuana Recovered

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Marcy, NY – Officers recovered synthetic marijuana and Suboxone in five mailed packages sent to inmates at the medium security correctional facility.

On Monday, June 29, an officer processing snacks mailed to an inmate noticed the packages had been tampered with. Upon opening the packages, the officer found a green leafy substance mixed in the snacks. The substance tested positive for synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2.

On Saturday, July 11, officers recovered K2 and Suboxone strips from two packages mailed to two inmates. One package of cookies was opened after the officer noticed the seal had been tampered with. Inside, he found 16 orange strips that tested positive for Suboxone. The second package contained two boxes of cigars. The cigars had the middle hollowed out and 81 grams of K2 stuffed inside. The ends of the cigars contained tobacco to maintain a regular appearance.

On Wednesday, July 15, officers processed two packages for two inmates at the facility. In one package of cookies the officer noticed the seal had been tampered with. He opened the packages and recovered 38 orange strips of Suboxone and seven grams of K2. The second package processed contained 14 balloons hidden inside packages of cookies. The balloons contained 63 grams of K2.

All drugs were seized as evidence. They were mailed from various locations in the state. One package was mailed from North Carolina.

“Since day one of this pandemic drugs mailed inside packages to inmates rapidly increased across the state without a single action taken by DOCCS. They have been silent on this issue while NYSCOPBA continues to call for the implementation of the Secure Vendor Program. While staff continues to do an exemplary job detecting the drugs being mailed in, until we hold those sending the drugs criminally responsible this will continue to be an on-going problem.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.