



Officers Injured at Willard Correctional Facility

Two Visitors Arrested With Drugs

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Willard, NY – Four officers were injured at Willard Correctional Facility when an inmate became combative and refused to enter his room at the drug treatment campus.

Two visitors were also arrested attempting to bring drugs into the facility during inmate visits in September.

On Saturday, September 26, at approximately 11:45 a.m., an inmate was being escorted back to his room by an officer. The inmate refused to enter the room. He was given several orders to enter the room. He grabbed the door handle and refused to enter. Several more orders were given to the inmate. He continued to refuse. OC spray was administered to the inmate but had no effect. The inmate attempted to run past officers and struck them with his body, knocking a female sergeant to the floor. Staff used body holds on the inmate who continued to struggle. Handcuffs were applied and the inmate was placed in his room. He continued to be combative kicking at officers.

Once under control, the inmate was escorted to the infirmary for evaluation.

Following evaluation, he was transferred to Five Points Correctional Facility pending disciplinary measures.

Four officers sustained bruising, swelling and abrasions. They were treated by medical staff and remained on duty.

On Saturday, September 19, a female visitor was being processed in the visitor processing building. She was questioned by an investigator regarding being in possession of drugs.

The woman admitted to the investigator that she had drugs on her. She voluntarily turned over three latex balloons from inside of her pants that contained 43 grams of synthetic marijuana.

State police responded and the woman, who is from the Rochester area, was transported to the Waterloo barracks and charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd.

On Saturday, September 12, an officer in the visitor's room noticed a visitor pass an object to an inmate while sitting at a table. The inmate was searched by staff and four latex balloons were recovered from the inmate's pants pocket. Synthetic marijuana was inside the balloons. The drugs weighed 58.7 grams.

The visitor, who is from the Rochester area, was transported by state police to the Geneva barracks. He was charged with Promoting Prison Contraband 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th.

"Without the Secure Vendor Program, drugs and weapons continue to flood our prisons despite the best efforts of staff. Now that inmate visits have begun again we are starting to see an uptick of visitors attempting to smuggle drugs into prisoners. In addition to the two arrests at the facility, officers also recovered drugs from an inmate who was had just finished meeting with a visitor. Until the administration steps up and provides staff with the necessary tools to combat contraband it will continue to be significant problem." – stated Mark Deburgomaster, NYSCOPBA Western Region Vice President.