



Drugs, Weapon Seized at Mohawk Correctional Facility

Paper Coated With Synthetic Marijuana

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Rome, NY – Officers recovered a make shift weapon in an inmate’s cell and seized pages of paper mailed to an inmate that had been coated with synthetic marijuana at the medium security prison.

On Friday, February 12, an officer processing inmate mail noticed pages of paper inside an envelope had a course feel to them and had clip marks on the corner of the pages. It appeared the pages had been hung to dry. Upon further inspection, officers determined the pages were coated with synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2. The pages, which were mailed from Staten Island, were seized as evidence.

On Thursday, February 18, an officer conducting rounds in a Special Housing Unit was notified by an inmate in the unit that he was ready to fight and had a weapon in his cell. The inmate was removed from his cell and the cell was searched. A four inch long plastic shank was discovered on the bottom side of the cell radiator. The weapon was placed in evidence.

The inmate, 33, already in a Special Housing Unit for previous disciplinary measures, was convicted in Saratoga County in 2019 for Attempting to Make Terrorist Threat. He was arrested in 2017 for threatening to kill everyone in a Saratoga winter shelter. He is serving a one to three year sentence.

“The continued reduction in disciplinary measures will continue to create an unsafe environment for staff. Weapons and drugs create a dangerous atmosphere for officers and with disciplinary measures that have no real deterrence, our members will continue to be in harm’s way until DOCCS takes real proactive measures.” – stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.