



# **New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.**

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## ***"Keeping New York Safe"***

### ***Drugs Seized, Officer Injured at Marcy Correctional Facility***

#### ***Officer Sustains Laceration to Head***

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**Marcy, NY** – Just days after Assemblyman Mark Walczyk renewed calls for DOCCS to re-install the Secure Vendor Program in correctional facilities across the state, staff at Marcy Correctional Facility seized cocaine, Fentanyl, Suboxone, Oxycodone and synthetic marijuana from inmate packages mailed to the facility between August 2 and August 5.

An officer also sustained a two inch laceration to the top of his head, when an inmate, believed to be intoxicated, pushed the officer into a door jamb causing him to hit the top of his head at the medium security facility.

The incident occurred on August 4. The inmate was being loud and disruptive in the dorm. Staff escorted him out to the vestibule where he pushed the officer into the door jamb. After being handcuffed and removed from the dorm, officers found Suboxone strips on him during a search.

The inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit pending disciplinary charges.

The injured officer was treated by facility medical staff.

As drugs continue to plague prisons in the Central Region, staff assigned to the mail processing room seized letters sent to seven inmates that had cards or sheets of paper with drugs saturated and dried in them.

The mail, which was mostly sent from addresses in New York, came as far away as Florida. They were seized as evidence.

A second inmate was found with Suboxone strips on him when staff found him incoherent and fully dressed in the shower. The inmate, initially combative, needed to be subdued and placed in handcuffs after fighting with officers. Once under control, the inmate was placed in a Special Housing Unit.

During a frisk, officers found the Suboxone strips on the inmate.

"I would like to thank Assemblyman Walczyk and his colleagues for addressing the need for the Secure Vendor Program in our correctional facilities. The drugs that are sent through the mail to inmates are getting to overwhelming numbers. Even despite our member's best efforts, drugs are still getting into the hands of inmates in the facilities and that creates a dangerous environment for staff. The Acting Commissioner of DOCCS should listen to the wisdom of Assemblyman Walczyk and his colleagues that support the men and women of NYSCOPBA." – Stated Bryan Hluska, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President.