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Investigation Results in Multiple Charges for Drug Smuggling at Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility

(TOWN OF DICKSINON) An anonymous tip from the community led to multiple drug smuggling charges at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility this week.

Investigators from the Corrections Investigation Unit (CIU) of the Broome County Sheriff's Office received information from anonymous community member that an incarcerated individual, Devon Trew, age 36 of Endicott, was allegedly smuggling contraband into the Correctional Facility.

As investigators began to initiate Contraband Protocol, Trew attempted to flush a package of contraband down the toilet of his cell. Officers and investigators recovered the container and further investigation revealed multiple packages containing various narcotics and contraband, including:

- 167.5 suboxone strips of 3 different dosages. Within those strips, 13 were found to contain a green dot. Further testing revealed these dotted strips contained Methamphetamine
- 2 packages of marijuana and synthetic cannabis
- 1 package of tobacco
- 113 matches and 6 striker strips

As a result of the investigation, Devon Trew was arrested and charged with:

- Criminal Possession Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, a Class B Felony
- Criminal Possession Controlled Substance 5th Degree, a Class D Felony
- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree (2 Counts), a Class D Felony
- Tampering with Evidence, a Class E Felony
- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 2nd Degree (3 Counts), a Class A Misdemeanor

This is the second time Trew has been arrested on contraband-related charges at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility. On January 31, 2018, Trew came into the facility, and during his initial search he was found to be in possession of a contraband package. The package was opened to reveal Heroin, Oxycontin pills, synthetic cannabis, tobacco and matches with striker pads. He was arrested and subsequently sent to state prison for the charges related to this previous case.

At the time of this most recent arrest, Trew was serving a Broome County Court sentence related to a Petit Larceny charge.

"This investigation demonstrates how valuable our community members are in helping create a safer more secure environment at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Thanks to an anonymous tip and the excellent work done by our investigators and corrections officers, our team was able to once again thwart an effort to smuggle dangerous narcotics into our facility. We all have a stake in building a stronger and safer community, as well as a safer, more secure correctional facility. Our continued, collective vigilance and cooperation is already creating results."

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