

# **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### <u>Correctional Facility Searches by K-9 Marley and Corrections Investigations Team</u> <u>Lead to Felony Drug and Contraband Charges</u>

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) K9 Marley, the newest addition to the Broome County Sheriff's Corrections Investigation Unit (CIU), successfully helped investigators recover smuggled drugs and contraband on two separate occasions within the Correctional Facility last month, leading to multiple felony charges.

#### Case #1

On February 14, 2024, the CIU, with the help of K-9 Marley, conducted a search of female-occupied K-Dorm. K-9 Marley alerted investigators to the presence of narcotics at the bunk assigned to Heather A. Aviles, age 36 of Owego, who had recently entered the facility following burglary and contempt charges.

Investigators then searched the bunk, recovering a clear plastic bag containing a grey powder, which field texted positive for heroin.

Following the investigation, Heather A. Aviles was charged with:

- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Misdemeanor

Aviles will be arraigned for her charges on a future date in the Town of Dickinson Court.

#### Case #2

On February 23, 2024, the CIU, with the help of K-9 Marley, conducted a search of the male-occupied F-pod housing unit. K-9 Marley alerted investigators to the cell that housed Marvin R. Greene, age 34 of Binghamton, who was remanded to the facility one day prior on drug-related charges.

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As investigators arrived to enter Greene's cell and conduct a search, Greene began flushing his toilet multiple times. Investigators proceeded to conduct a cell search and strip search for the presence of contraband. During the search, Greene became uncooperative, physically struggling with officers while attempting to conceal an item on his person.

Despite Greene's efforts to conceal the item, the contraband was successfully recovered, appearing to be a green leafy substance inside of a condom, wrapped in black tape. The substance field tested positive for synthetic cannabinoids (K2).

Following the investigation, Marvin R. Greene was charged with:

- Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1st Degree, a Class D Felony
- Attempting to Conceal/Alter/Destroy Physical Evidence, a Class E Felony
- Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Misdemeanor

Greene was processed and arraigned at Central Arraignment Part.

"Outstanding work by our Corrections Investigations Team and K-9 Marley," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "We continue to see our targeted investments in the Correctional Facility paying off. Let these incidents serve as a clear message to anyone considering an attempt to compromise the health, safety and security of those working and living in the Broome County Correctional Facility: You will be found and held accountable for your crimes."

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