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Visitation at Dixon Correctional Institute Ends with Arrests

Vehicle search uncovered contraband of illegal substances

Baton Rouge, LA – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections announced Dixon Correctional Institute (DCI) staff uncovered 27 grams of marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids in a visitor's vehicle during a search on Tuesday, Dec. 23 that resulted in Terrionna Brown and Tidasha Garner being taken into custody. Upon further search, staff also found a package of Suboxone 8A and opioid-laced paper. The East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office (EFPSO) arrested both women on multiple charges related to contraband.

While undergoing a body scan, a correctional professional detected an irregularity that subsequently prompted Terrionna Brown to leave the facility abruptly. Brown was immediately questioned by correctional professionals at the vehicle she arrived in. Staff smelled marijuana and requested a K-9 unit to search the vehicle. Located inside the vehicle's driver seat was Tidasha Gardener. Brown later admitted to staff that she tried to introduce the contraband into the facility.

Terrionna Brown was charged with violation of Louisiana Revised Statute (La. R.S.) 14:402 Introduction of Contraband, La. R.S. 40:966.C Possession of Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) and La. R.S. 40:966A Distribution with Intent to Distribute Heroin. Tidasha Garner was charged with violation of La R.S. 14:402 Introduction of Contraband, two counts La. R.S. 40:966.C Possession of Schedule I CDS, La R.S. 40:966A Distribution with Intent to Distribute Heroin and La. R.S. 40:968A Distribution with Intent to Distribute Suboxone.

"Contraband of any kind, especially illegal drugs do not belong within a correctional facility," said Dustin Bickham, warden, Dixon Correctional Institute. "Our staff handled this situation in an excellent manner and ensured that these substances did not make it to their intended destination inside the facility."

Louisiana law expressly indicates that no person shall introduce or attempt to introduce or possess contraband on the grounds of any state correctional facility. The regulation also states that no person shall send, give or attempt to give contraband to an inmate. These actions may result in criminal charges, and the person who is incarcerated may also face disciplinary actions, lost visitation privileges or extended sentences.

This [link](#) contains visitation guidelines, which the department encourages visitors to follow to avoid arrest.

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