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### Correctional Facility Investigation Leads to Six Felony Drug Charges for Smuggling Cocaine and Fentanyl

(TOWN OF DICKINSON) An incarcerated Binghamton man at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility is facing six felony charges for smuggling Cocaine and Fentanyl within the facility.

On April 2, 2023, members of the Corrections Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) acted on information obtained by a housing unit corrections officer that an incarcerated individual, Tymel A. Platt, age 25 of Binghamton, was in possession of contraband.

Investigators escorted Tymel to the facility's body scan machine, which revealed an item hidden on his person. A subsequent strip search allowed the item to be recovered from Platt. Further investigation revealed that the recovered item contained 2 smaller packages, containing the following:

- A white, rock-like substance weighing 5.8g, which tested positive for Cocaine
- A white powdery substance weighing 4.1g, which tested positive for Fentanyl

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, as little as 2 milligrams of Fentanyl can be fatal, depending on the size of the victim. The above package represents as many as 205 fatal overdoses of Fentanyl recovered by the CIU.

Following the investigation, Tymel A. Platt was charged with:

- Two Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Class B Felonies
- Two Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Class C Felonies
- Two Counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Class D Felonies

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Platt is currently incarcerated on charges of Assault, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing/Blood Circulation and Aggregated Family Offense.

“Our hardworking men and women of the Broome County Sheriff’s Correctional Facility continue to prove that there is no substitute for their vigilance and unwavering commitment to the health and safety of those housed within our facility and the officers charged with their care,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Those who attempt to compromise that safety through illegal drugs or other contraband, whether from the outside or from within, will be held accountable for their actions.”

Tymel Platt will be arraigned at a later date in the Town of Dickinson Court.

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