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Baltimore Woman Arrested For Allegedly Attempting to Deliver Drugs To RCI Inmates

TOWSON, MD (October 20, 2009)---A Baltimore woman who admitted attempting to deliver drugs to an inmate at Roxbury Correctional Institution was arrested yesterday by detectives of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Internal Investigative Unit (DPSCS IIU), who had actually been expecting her arrival based upon excellent intelligence gathering and cooperative efforts.

49-year old Carla Davis of Northwest Baltimore faces up to 18 years in prison if convicted of the multiple criminal charges she faces, which include possessing drugs in a place of confinement, a separate and serious charge under Maryland law.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 19, a Division of Correction K-9 sergeant was preparing to search the visitor when she handed-over two small bags of tobacco and heroin. Investigators believe she had previously delivered drugs twice to Roxbury, one of three medium-security prisons south of Hagerstown.

Roxbury and Division of Correction intelligence and K9 Unit officers and DPSCS IIU detectives had been developing information which led them to believe that the suspect would be delivering the drugs on that very day. Their cooperative effort is typical of the enhanced intelligence gathering and contraband interdiction efforts which have led to dramatically reduced levels of contraband-fueled violence in State prisons recently. Overall serious assaults on staff in DPSCS correctional facilities were down 50% between FY '06 and FY '09. And offender-on-offender assaults during the same period were down 48%. Because contraband often fuels violence, reducing contraband---preferably by intercepting it before it gets in--- makes for safer prisons.

The RCI suspect, Ms. Davis, was being held Tuesday afternoon on \$15,000 bail at the Washington County Detention Center.

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