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# Parolee shipped marijuana to Cape Vincent prison, state charges

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After being paroled last year from Cape Vincent Correctional Facility, a New York City man began sending packages to another inmate at the prison — packages containing marijuana, state authorities allege.

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Crosby R. Perez, 34, was arrested Tuesday in Manhattan by the state inspector general's office, and was taken to Pamela Town Court for arraignment on three counts of third-degree promoting prison contraband. He also is charged with single counts of second- and third-degree criminal sale of marijuana.

Justice Richard C. Baker ordered him held without bail in the Metro-Jefferson Public Safety Building to await grand jury action.

Documents filed with the court allege that he shipped by United Parcel Service a box containing 277 grams of marijuana that was received on Oct. 29 at the prison. That was followed Nov. 15 by a second shipment, containing 74 grams. A third shipment, having 240 grams, was intercepted Jan. 17.

The documents do not reveal what efforts, if any, were made in the packaging to conceal the contraband. The intended recipient also is not revealed, nor is it disclosed how the marijuana was discovered.

In a statement provided to authorities, Mr. Perez said his actions were prompted by "pressure" to support his family and to pay bills.

According to the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision website, Mr. Perez was released on parole from the Cape Vincent prison on May 31 after serving a term given him in 2008 in New York City for the sale and possession of a controlled substance. He also had served an earlier prison sentence, also from New York City, in 2000 for possession of a controlled substance.

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