

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## Body Scanner Utilized to Prevent Contraband from Entering Facility

**Onondaga County, New York-** The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office has installed a new tool in its's Justice Center to prevent dangerous contraband from entering the facility. This new tool, the TEK84 Intercept Body Scanner, which is located inside the Justice Center's Booking Section, is a high-tech machine that takes a detailed look at an incarcerated individuals' anatomy. It serves as additional eyes that allows a deputy to see if the incarcerated individual is hiding contraband anywhere on, or in, their body, which could be missed by a traditional pat-down and strip search. The scanner is capable of detecting both metallic and nonmetallic threats, drugs, cell phone and other contraband.



Since being implemented, there has been 15 incidents in which the body scanner has detected illegal drugs, weapons, and other dangerous contraband such as lighters, hypodermic needles and metal objects that were discreetly hidden in/on the incarcerated individuals. Some of the drugs that were recovered consisted of cocaine and molly. Additionally, deputies have recovered tobacco and smoking papers.

The media is invited to participate in a demonstration of the body scanner on October 19th at 2:00 P.M. This will provide an opportunity to show the effectiveness of this tool and to allow for questions to be answered by our trained staff.

Protecting our visitors, staff, deputies, nurses, and the incarcerated individuals is paramount, and the body scanner has proven to be an invaluable tool in our facility.

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