

Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi mounts 'comprehensive contraband search' of Ludlow Jail and House of Correction



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LUDLOW -- Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi mounted a "comprehensive contraband search" of the entire Ludlow Jail and House of Correction Tuesday morning.

"We cannot tolerate any contraband entering our facilities," Cocchi stated in a release. "As a result, I have authorized a comprehensive search of the entire facility. My priority is the safety and security of our staff and the inmates in our custody. As such, this demands we do all in our power to prevent drugs and other contraband entering our facilities."

Canine teams from throughout the region, including those from other sheriff's departments, are assisting in the effort.

"I want to send a clear and direct message that we will not allow those who would attempt to introduce contraband and drugs into our jail and house of correction to succeed in doing so," Cocchi stated.

The sheriff, who took office Jan. 4, lauded the cooperative effort behind the "top-to-bottom" search of the facility.



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"Just as we cooperate with outside law enforcement on Drug Task Force, Opioid Task Force and other regional efforts, I am pleased with the support we have today as we ask their assistance in this important effort. I want to thank all the agencies for their assistance today," he stated.

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