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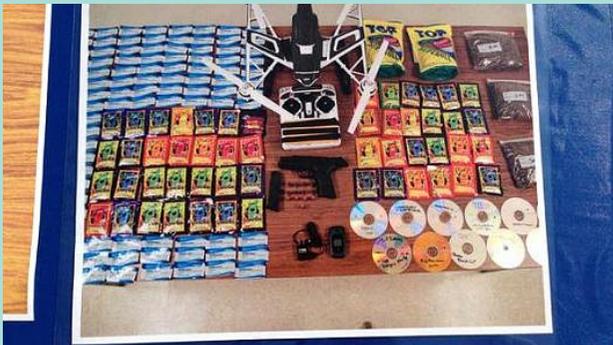
Did the Inmates Teach Amazon About Drone Delivery Packages of Contraband to Jails and Prisons?

MANY INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AROUND THE WORLD WHERE INMATES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DIRECT PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE WALLS TO REMOTELY PILOT DRONES TO DROP CONTRABAND WITHIN THE SECURE WALLS.

Police from Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services intercepted a drone that contained tobacco, synthetic marijuana, prescription narcotics, porn DVDS and a handgun.

Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation reported Mansfield Correctional Institution had a drone flown over the yard with a package which contained 144.5 grams of tobacco, 65.4 grams of marijuana, and 6.6 grams of heroin. The heroin was enough for 100 doses.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary noticed a drone crashed on prison grounds with a package containing two 12-inch hacksaw blades, 5.3 ounces of marijuana, .8 ounces of methamphetamine, less than a gram of heroin, cell phone, cellphone battery, hands-free device, two packs of Newport cigarettes, Black and Mild cigars, and two tubes of super glue.



<http://www.cnbc.com/2015/08/25/police-stop-another-drone-delivering-drugs-porn-to-prison.html>



<http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/04/us/prison-yard-drone-drugs-ohio/>



<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/drone-carrying-package-drugs-blades-found-oklahoma-prison-yard-n452221>



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South Carolina Department of Corrections prison officials discovered a drone carrying marijuana, cellphones, and tobacco tangled in the power lines outside Lee Correctional Institution. SCDC reported international incidents abroad in Ireland, Britain, Australia, and Canada.



Contraband collected from various prisons run by the South Carolina Department of Corrections and some of it was flown in by drones.



[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/23/us/drones-smuggle-contraband-over-prison-walls.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/23/us/drones-smuggle-contraband-over-prison-walls.html?_r=1)

**Summary:** These smuggling incidents in South Carolina, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Ohio are made easier with the relatively low prices for drones and lack of penalty in existing laws. Last year in California Senate Bill SB 170 (T. Gains) was introduced consistent with other states' desire to have tougher penalties for the use of a drone over a correctional facility, but was vetoed by the Governor citing overcrowding. A new bill was introduced January 4, 2016, SB 811 (T. Gains) with basically the same intention. Clearly this will be an issue Correctional Officers will have to deal with given the limited ways of stopping drones. Perhaps the blocking of cell service will be a help at the institutions that have that ability.

### VISIT SITES FOR DRONE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- [HTTP://WWW.HOVERLAW.COM/](http://www.hoverlaw.com/)
- [HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/REGISTRATION/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/)
- [HTTPS://WWW.FAA.GOV/UAS/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/)
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