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Contraband Seized at the Rice Street Jail and South Annex

Atlanta, GA – An alert Fulton County Sheriff's Office Sergeant assigned to our K-9 Unit identified a breach in the perimeter fencing of the Rice Street Jail on the morning of June 5, 2025. Further investigation revealed a hole in an exterior window of the jail, prompting an immediate and thorough shakedown of the corresponding housing zone. As a result of the operation, the following contraband was seized:

- 32 packs of cigarettes
- 5 bags of loose cigarettes (99 total)
- 8 packs of rolling paper
- 5 lighters
- 10 baggies of suspected marijuana (approx. 1 lb. total)
- 3 cell phone chargers
- 4 cell phones
- 1 digital scale

This follows the arrests of Matthew Abdul-Baqi, Malachi Abdul-Baqi, and Asia Henry, in Union City at our South Annex facility on June 4, 2025. The two men and woman were found with a cutting tool near a hole in the fencing on the perimeter, along with a bag containing the following contraband:

- 5 packs of cigarettes
- 5 cell phones
- 11 cell phone chargers
- 2 vapes
- 10 McDonald's cheeseburgers
- 5 oatmeal raisin cookies
- 1 hammer
- 1 set of bolt cutters
- Marijuana approx. 70 grams
- Assortment of candy

None of these items entered the South Annex facility and there is no evidence at this time that these two incidents are related. They do, however, underscore the vigilance of our team and our ongoing commitment to facility safety and security. If anyone has information about this incident or other attempts to smuggle contraband into the Fulton County Jail and wants to report it anonymously, they can submit a tip through the Crime Stoppers platform. If the tip leads to an arrest, the tipster may be eligible for up to a \$5,000 reward. NO REPORTS, NO COURT, NO NAMES. A tip can be submitted by calling 404-577-TIPS(8477), texting CSGA to 738477, downloading the P3 Tips mobile app, or submitting a tip through the website at www.crimestoppersatlanta.org.

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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