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M^CDONALD'S SUBOXONE INVESTIGATION

AUBURN, ME – On June 30, 2021, the Auburn Police Department received a complaint that the mother of an 11-year-old boy had found prescription Suboxone in her son's "Happy Meal" after picking it up from the drive-through at the Center Street McDonald's.

Once the incident was reported to police, Auburn detectives began to investigate the source of the drugs and the circumstances that led to them being found in a customer's meal.

Through an extensive review of in-store video surveillance footage and by conducting employee interviews, investigators have concluded that this incident was an accident on the part of an employee.

The investigation has determined that an employee, while preparing meals for the drive-through, had the Suboxone prescription in a shirt pocket, along with a Bic pen. While the employee was preparing the meal box, bent over to retrieve something from behind the counter, at which time the prescription and pen fell from the shirt pocket, landing in the "Happy Meal" box. The employee had no knowledge that the prescription was missing from the shift until later in the shift, when the incident was brought to the store's attention.

The employee responsible for dropping the prescription into the "Happy Meal" had obtained the items illegally from another employee earlier in the shift.

Auburn Police have charged Michael Sevey 43y/o of Turner with Unlawful Possession of Schedule (W) drugs, Class D and Mariah Grant 29y/o of Auburn with Unlawful Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (W), class B.

Both are expected to appear in court on November 3rd.

McDonald's management has cooperated with Auburn Police Department's investigation.