



# Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

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## Media Release

**Incident Date: 3/29/10**

**Incident Location: Cumberland County Jail**

### Incident Synopsis:

On the above date, Corrections staff at the Cumberland County Jail became suspicious of an inmate reporting for a sentence, who requested to be housed in a specific unit of the jail. After a brief investigation, Corrections Supervisors searched 33-year-old inmate John H. Fontaine, from Biddeford, and found a plug-looking object in his sock that contained forty Suboxone, a highly regulated prescription drug used to treat opiate addiction, similar to Methadone. Fontaine was serving a 48 hour sentence for Domestic Violence Assault. He is now being held on a charge of Trafficking in Prison Contraband, a class C Felony with a cash bail of \$5000.

The investigation is on-going but this incident appears to have been a pre-planned attempt to bring contraband into the facility. More charges could follow.

If not for the quick actions of corrections staff, this could have been a potentially dangerous situation. Contraband in county jails is a significant issue that challenges management and corrections staff daily.

**For more information:** Major Francine Breton  
Cumberland County Jail  
207-774-1444 ext. 2107

**Release Date: 3/30/10**

**Release Time: 9:00 AM**

