



# RACINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## \*\*\*\*\*MEDIA RELEASE\*\*\*\*\*

On August 23, 2022, correction officers at the Racine County Jail intercepted a lunch tray intended for a specific inmate that had a nicotine vape pen hidden in the food. During the investigation, investigators determined that Aramark employee Kristie M. Jones, a 30-year-old female from Kenosha, was in a relationship with the inmate and had placed the vape pen in his food. Aramark is a company the Sheriff's Office contracts with to provide food services within the jail.

Jones was escorted from her work area and arrested. When Jones was booked into the jail, she was put through the body scanner and a foreign object was detected in her vagina. The object was removed and identified as a vape pen containing marijuana. Later in the investigation, a cell phone Jones was using was found hidden in the kitchen area of the jail.

The Racine County District Attorney's Office charged Jones with two counts of Deliver Illegal Articles to Inmate and Possession of THC, see [Racine County case file 22CF1189](#). On October 27, 2023, Jones pled guilty to one count of Deliver Illegal Articles to Inmate and one count of Possession of THC. The other count was dismissed but read in. Judge Gasiorkiewicz sentenced Jones to one-year of initial confinement in prison and one-year extended supervision (similar to parole) for the Deliver Illegal Articles charge. Jones was sentenced to three months jail to be served concurrently on the marijuana charge.

On today's date, November 9, 2023, the Sheriff's Office transported Jones to the Taycheedah Correctional Institution to serve her sentence.

Sheriff Schmaling stated, "As I have previously promised, anyone who smuggles contraband into the Racine County Jail will eventually be caught, arrested, and severely punished."

Christopher Schmaling  
Sheriff, Racine County

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