

# Clinton County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

**TO: AREA NEWS**

**REPORTED BY: Deputy Lee LaValley Jr.**

**APPROVED BY: Major Michael Reid**

**SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Felony Arrest**

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**NAME OF ARRESTEE: Kayla M. Whelden, AKA Kayla Carroll**

**ADDRESS: Plattsburgh, NY**

**AGE-SEX: 30-Female**

**CHARGES: Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (B Felony)  
Possess Dangerous Contraband in Prison 1<sup>st</sup> degree (D Felony)**

**DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 05/17/2018 at 9:37am**

**NARRATIVE:** On May 16, 2018, Deputies of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation on Kayla Whelden, an inmate at the Clinton County Correctional Facility. Deputies suspected that Whelden was in possession of narcotics. Whelden had been committed to the Clinton County Correctional Facility on May 10, 2018, following her arrest on an indictment warrant issued by Clinton County Court for the Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Investigating Deputies, assisted by the facility's Correction Officers, gathered supporting evidence during the investigation. Whelden had displayed obvious signs of narcotic impairment within the Correctional Facility, to the extent that Whelden was evaluated by jail medical staff, and was placed in a one on one observation cell secluded from the general population. Corrections Officers conducted numerous cell searches of Whelden's cell and housing block and were unable to locate any contraband.

Sheriff's Office members assigned to narcotics investigations drafted a search warrant for the person of Whelden, to include an X-Ray of body cavities. The search warrant was obtained from the Town of Plattsburgh Court. Whelden was subsequently transported to The University of Vermont Health Network – CVPH facility where an X-Ray was conducted. Whelden was found to be in possession of a substance which had been secreted in a body cavity. Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies seized a substance from Whelden, suspected to be a heroin / fentanyl mix, weighing approximately 18 grams.

**DISPOSITION:** Whelden was processed at the Sheriff's Office on the above listed charges. She is scheduled to appear in the Town of Plattsburgh Court at a later date and is remanded to the Clinton County Correctional Facility until such time.