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**TWO WOMEN, INCLUDING ATTORNEY ARRAIGNED IN SCHEME TO  
SMUGGLE DRUGS INTO PLYMOUTH COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

**BROCKTON** – Two women have pleaded not guilty to charges that together they conspired to allegedly smuggle Soboxone strips into Plymouth County House of Correction, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Elana Gordon (DOB: 11/08/75) of Bridgewater, pleaded not guilty this morning in Plymouth District Court to one count each of Possession with Intent to Distribute Class B, Suboxone, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws and Delivering Drugs to a Prisoner. A second woman, Minoska Bello (DOB: 01/29/98) of Roslindale, turned herself in at the Plymouth District Court today and was arraigned on charges of Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws and Accessory Before the Fact of Delivering Drugs to a Prisoner. Both women pleaded not guilty to the charges. The Commonwealth requested that Gordon be held on \$5,000 cash bail. Judge Sullivan held Gordon on \$1,000 bail and ordered her to be placed on a GPS monitoring bracelet and to stay away and have no contact with any inmates or correctional facilities in Massachusetts. Bello was released on personal recognizance. They are due back in court on June 11.

The arrests follow several months-long investigation by State Police Detectives and Inner Perimeter Security investigators at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department into the smuggling of contraband substances at courthouses and at the Plymouth County House of Correction. Through a preliminary investigation, Gordon, who is an attorney, and Bello, who has a relative housed at the Plymouth County House of Correction were identified as conspiring together to smuggle drugs into the jail. Through surveillance video and audio, the investigation alleges that Bello arranged for Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws and Accessory Before the Fact of Delivering Drugs to a Prisoner .

On May 4, 2018, Gordon, utilized her attorney privileges to gain entrance to the jail and meet with an inmate who is not her client. Gordon brought 61 Suboxone strips in two manila envelopes and allegedly passed them to an inmate. The inmate returned to his cell with envelopes before they were seized by investigators.

Gordon is due back in court on June 11 for pre-trial conference and Bello is scheduled to return to court on June 19.

The investigation is ongoing by State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Inner Perimeter Security investigators at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

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