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Clarification made regarding execution final statement

(Sioux Falls, S.D.)- The South Dakota Department of Corrections is issuing the following clarification regarding Inmate Donald Moeller's final statement prior to his execution October 30, 2012:

"Some witnesses to last night's execution reported hearing voices or audible noises during the execution as Inmate Moeller made his last statement. Several of the other witnesses, as well as DOC and Penitentiary staff members in and near the execution chamber, have since reported that they could distinguish the voices as coming from a few inmates in a nearby housing unit. Although one can only speculate, it is our belief that Inmate Moeller's reference to a 'fan club' was intended toward the other inmates, and not those people witnessing or staffing the execution."