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DOC begins pilot program for messaging, video visits

PIERRE, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) has implemented a pilot program that may lead to the reintroduction of messaging and video visit options for incarcerated offenders, their family, and friends.

The testing began at the Women's Prison in Pierre on September 25th.

"We are monitoring this pilot to determine if this is a safe and secure method for messaging and video visit options for offenders via their tablets," said Secretary of Corrections Kellie Wasko.

Messaging was removed from the offender tablets earlier this year because of inappropriate use.

You must be registered as an approved visitor in order to receive messages from offenders. Messages are not instant, and no photos are allowed with the testing.

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