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Department of Corrections Begins New Pilot Project

(Pierre) - The Department of Corrections (DOC) began a new pilot project in May 2001 to notify law enforcement of releases of prisoners into the community. The DOC has completed programming that will enable them to provide improved information to law enforcement on prisoners being released from custody. A letter will be sent from the DOC that will contain information on:

- the prisoner,
- a photo of the prisoner,
- the charge for which the prisoner was in custody,
- county where the prisoner was convicted,
- parole agent if applicable, and
- the forwarding address given by the prisoner on where they anticipate living upon release.

The letters will be provided to law enforcement in the area where the prisoner intends to reside after release and to law enforcement from the area where the prisoner was convicted.