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South Dakota State Penitentiary resumes standard operations

(Pierre)- The South Dakota State Penitentiary resumed standard operations as of 6:00 a.m. today.

Inmate visitation, telephone calls, religious activities, work and educational classes are being conducted according to established schedules.

The Penitentiary was placed in lockdown status following an attempted escape on April 12th in which Correctional Officer Ronald Johnson was killed and another correctional officer was injured.

A review of policies and procedures is underway, as is the standard operating procedure of the Department of Corrections following any major incident.