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State expands execution protocols

(Pierre)- The South Dakota Department of Corrections (SDDOC) has expanded its protocols to allow for one-drug, two-drug, and three-drug options to carry out the execution of an inmate as prescribed in state law.

The new one-drug protocol includes the option to use either pentobarbital or sodium thiopental alone to carry out an execution as provided in South Dakota Codified Law 23A-27A-32.

An inmate sentenced to death prior to July 1, 2007, may choose to be executed in the manner provided by South Dakota law at the time of the person's conviction or by any one of the protocols available to inmates convicted after July 1, 2007. The inmate can also request to be executed by the two-drug protocol that was in state law prior to that date.

For an inmate sentenced to death after July 1, 2007, the Warden will select the method of execution from either the one-drug, two-drug, or three-drug method for which the SDDOC possesses the necessary substance or substances at the time scheduled for the inmate's execution.

One-Drug Protocol
Sodium Thiopental **or** Pentobarbital

Two-Drug Protocol
Sodium Thiopental **or** Pentobarbital **and** Pancuronium Bromide

Three-Drug Protocol
Sodium Thiopental **or** Pentobarbital **and** Pancuronium Bromide **and** Potassium Chloride

The SDDOC policy on Execution of an Inmate has been revised to include the expanded protocols. The new policy was signed by Secretary Denny Kaemingk on October 19, 2011.

