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## **NDCS Prepared to Carry Out Court-Ordered Executions**

In response to a media request, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) announced today that it has received a shipment of sodium thiopental, the last of the three drugs needed to carry out an execution.

NDCS received 500 grams of sodium thiopental on January 7, 2011, from Kayem Pharmaceutical, Pvt., Ltd. of India. The cost was \$2,056.15. A sample was tested and confirmed to be sodium thiopental by an independent U.S. laboratory.

The expiration date on the current inventory of sodium thiopental is August 2012.

Director Robert P. Houston said, "With the receipt of this chemical, the Department is ready to fulfill its statutory obligation with regard to capital punishment."

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