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McAuliffe, John@CDCR Kernan, Scott@CDCR

To:

RE: Purchase Order #

Subject: Date:

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 1:18:00 PM

Yes and he

will update me at least once a week....l told him to get whatever is out there....

John

From: Kernan, Scott@CDCR [mailto:Scott.Kernan@cdcr.ca.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 1:02 PM

To: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Subject: Re: Purchase Order #

They are still looking for more, right?

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

To:

Cc: Kernan, Scott@CDCR; Rice, Benjamin@CDCR; Cullen, Vincent@CDCR;

Sent: Tue Aug 24 12:45:01 2010

Subject: RE: Purchase Order #



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To:

Kernan, Scott@CDCR; Rice, Benjamin@CDCR

Cc: Subject: Cullen, Vincent@CDCR; FW: Purchase Order #

Date:

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 12:23:00 PM

Scott

Good news....

John

From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:52 AM

To: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Subject: RE: Purchase Order #

We have received all of the Pancuronium today. This product needs to be kept refrigerated. I will ship this today for delivery tomorrow. I will include plenty of ice packs but it needs to be placed in a refrigerator tomorrow.

We are expecting a small amount of the Thiopental Sodium today also-I will let you know later today when it has been received so you will know how much to expect.

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To:

Subject:

FW: letter from Scott Kernan, Undersecretary, Operations, California Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation regarding procurement of Sodium Thiopental

Date:

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 10:20:00 AM

Attachments:

Drug Enforcement Administration 081820100001.pdf

Thanks for your help.
John McAuliffe

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 10:13 AM

To:

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From: Acosta-Hoshall, Christina@CDCR [mailto:Christina.Acosta-Hoshall@cdcr.ca.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 1:10 PM

To:

Cc: Kernan, Scott@CDCR; McAuliffe, John@CDCR

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1515 S Street, Suite 502-S
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#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

P.O. Box 942883 Sacramento, CA 94283-0001



August 18, 2010

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SCOTT KERNAN

Undersecretary, Operations

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Terri McDonald, Chief Deputy Secretary, Adult Operations
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McAuliffe, John@CDCR

To:

Subject:

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McAuliffe, John@CDCR

To:

Duffy, Brian@CDCR

Subject: Date:

RE: Purchase Order # Friday, August 20, 2010 11:04:00 AM

Going down the list.....Same response so far with 23 called....Who are you? Why are you asking? And we do not give out that information to the public!

John

From: Duffy, Brian@CDCR [mailto:Brian.Duffy@cdcr.ca.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 10:43 AM

To: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

**Subject:** RE: Purchase Order #

John,

Any luck with calling hospitals? Anything I can do to help?

Brian

From: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 9:47 AM To: Gaddi, Kathy@CDCR; Duffy, Brian@CDCR **Subject:** FW: Purchase Order #

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 9:46:50 AM

To: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Subject: Fw: Purchase Order #

Auto forwarded by a Rule

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To: Subject: Kernan, Scott@CDCR Fw: Purchase Order #

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To:

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Subject:

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Date:

Thursday, August 19, 2010 12:39:00 PM

Christina,

Here is the address for Scott's Letter ....

Office of Diversion Control



Thanks

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McAuliffe, John@CDCR Duffy, Brian@CDCR

Subject: Date: FW: Import/Export Permit Application Tuesday, August 17, 2010 1:38:00 PM

FYI John

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 12:44 PM

**To:** Kernan, Scott@CDCR **Cc:** Gaddi, Kathy@CDCR

**Subject:** Import/Export Permit Application

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McAuliffe, John@CDCR Cullen, Vincent@CDCR McClease, Kelly@CDCR

Cc: Subject:

Fw: Drug Order

Date:

Friday, August 06, 2010 12:04:56 PM

Fyi

From:

To: Kernan, Scott@CDCR; McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Cc

Sent: Fri Aug 06 12:01:21 2010

Subject: Drug Order

# Scott/John:

Your order has been placed and John will get a call from Monday should there be any questions. Please be assured that partial shipments will be sent as soon as received.

We continue to do a worldwide search for Sodium Thiopental



# From

All products have been ordered. The Potassium Chloride is being shipped to us now (should arrive in Nashville next week). The Pancuronium and Pentothal will ship when they are available.

Purchase Order # dtd 8/5/2010
Hospira Confirmation #





McAuliffe, John@CDCR Kernan, Scott@CDCR Drug Mailing Wednesday, August 04, 2010 2:49:00 PM

Subject: Date:

Scott



McAuliffe, John@CDCR Gaddi, Kathy@CDCR Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Cc: Subject:

FW: Timeline

Subject: Date:

Wednesday, August 04, 2010 1:36:00 PM

Attachments:

execution.doc Timeline Pentothal.doc

#### Kathi

Here is the timeline....sorry for the product.....call me if needed....

John

From: Kernan, Scott@CDCR [mailto:Scott.Kernan@cdcr.ca.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 12:38 PM

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I added a couple of lines to this. Need quick and probably need to get to Gaddi. 2 pm is my target.

From: Gaddi, Kathy@CDCR

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To: Kernan, Scott@CDCR Subject: FW: Timeline

Kathy Gaddi

**Executive Assistant to Scott Kernan** 

Undersecretary, Operations

(916) 341-7015

From: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2010 5:40 PM **To:** Gaddi, Kathy@CDCR; Duffy, Brian@CDCR

Subject: FW: Timeline

## **Timeline Pentothal (Sodium Thiopental)**

#### Introduction

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	~~	pharmacy
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CDCR was forced to focus on hiring a medical doctor from outside the Department from the beginning due to the Receiver refusing to allow CDCR to approach and/or ask CDCR medical staff if they were interested in volunteering to help with executions.

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$\triangleright$	<b>Dec 2008</b>	CDCR attempts to seek proposal from Governor's Office to procure

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		drugs from
	Feb 2009	CDCR attempts to recruit doctors from CDCR Adult Paroles Division
	Apr 2009	APA Filing
	May 2009 recruit	Secretary CDCR sends second request to Federal Receiver to allow to
	Jan 2010	Federal Receiver approached again
	> Apr 2	
	SQ	
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	Jul 2010	moral and ethical issues will not help CDCR in procuring any drugs
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	<b>July 2010</b>	Secretary contacts who agrees to help locate drug.
	Jul 2010	CDCR finds out for first time that Pancuronium Broide has had a
	national re	
	<b>July 2010</b>	Called for
	assistance.	
	Aug 2010	DEA working on import exemption for CDCR to allow overseas
	shipment.	
		CDCR searching for imports to receive orders
	Aug 2010	ooking for international importers

No confirmed date, but anticipating within 30 days. Formal order with shipping instructions and billing data provided.

> Notified today that they found international supply. Working on getting ordered.

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From: Duffy, Brian@CDCR

Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 5:40:22 PM

To: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Subject: FW: Timeline

# Auto forwarded by a Rule

John provided the timelines. Not what we needed, but I'll see if I can re-write tomorrow morning.

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Hey, isn't over by Pakistan? Maybe he can hop over and help out.

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 3:24 PM To: Duffy, Brian@CDCR Subject: Timeline

Brain

FYI

John

McAuliffe, John@CDCR Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Subject:

RE: Timeline

Date:

Monday, August 02, 2010 2:12:02 PM

Brian asked for bullets but I can do narrative....coming from you, Undersecretary, I agree narrative.

From: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 2:10 PM

To: McAuliffe, John@CDCR Subject: Re: Timeline

Don't you thing this should be in narrative formally asking for exemption?

**From**: McAuliffe, John@CDCR **To**: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Sent: Mon Aug 02 13:49:06 2010

Subject: FW: Timeline

Scott

Look at attached if you approve I will forward email to office tomorrow....

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John

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

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McAuliffe, John@CDCR

To:

c:

Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Subject:

FW: Drug shortage putting hold on lethal injections

Date:

Monday, August 02, 2010 12:46:25 PM

#### Warden

Here is the article. Nice talking to you and thanks.

From:

Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 11:49 AM

To: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Subject: Drug shortage putting hold on lethal injections

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# You have received a link to azcentral.com content from

(The email address of the sender has not been verified.)

# Here's the article that we talked about. Let me know when this week you w

To access the content, click the link below or copy and paste the full address into your Web browser:

# Drug shortage putting hold on lethal injections

http://www.azcentral.com/php-bin/clicktrack/email.php/9387167

From: To: Subject: McAuliffe, John@CDCR Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Date:

Monday, August 02, 2010 12:20:03 PM

From: McAuliffe, John@CDCR Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 10:20 AM

To: Kernan, Scott@CDCR
Subject:

#### Scott

Here is the email for the guy"s name......Also when you talk to him to have him place the order I would recommend placing an order for 3 executions.

63 grams of Sodium Thiopental 1050 milligrams of Pancuronium Bromide 4200 milliequivalents of Potassium Chloride

Each execution to include training will require a minimum of:

21 grams of Sodium Thiopental 350 milligrams of Pancuronium Bromide 1400 milliequivalents of Potassium Chloride

#### John McAuliffe

From: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:28 PM

To: McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Subject: FW: Lethal Injection Process

Fyi Matt is calling to see if they receive a script from a doc will they order it. Let you know. Any luck from other states?

Scott

From: Cate, Matt@CDCR

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:13 PM
To: Kernan, Scott@CDCR; Rice, Benjamin@CDCR

Subject: Fw: Lethal Injection Process

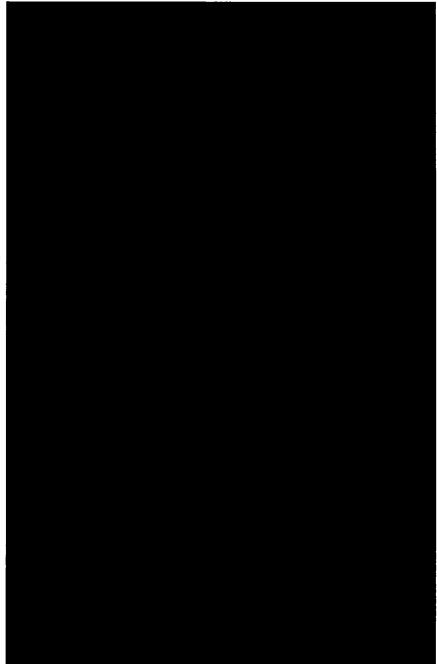
From:

To: Cate, Matt@CDCR

**Sent**: Wed Jul 07 06:47:17 2010 **Subject**: Lethal Injection Process

# Matt:

The process of procuring drugs for the lethal injection process was studied extensively in the Texas system and a variety of approaches explored. After much research, the following process was employed and to my understanding, is still in use to date.



Note: Because the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is protective about "giving out information" about its execution team and product suppliers/purchases, the above process is restricted for release only to other state and federal jurisdictions.

I am also including the most recent copy of the "Open to the Public" TDCJ Execution Procedure:

http://texasafterviolence.org/tavp\_ftp/ExecutionProcedureTDCJ2008.pdf

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.



From: Cullen, Vincent@CDCR To: Subject:

Giurbino, George@CDCR RE: Pancuronium Bromide

Date:

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:13:07 AM

K... I will await word from Scott. I do have sufficient quantities.

VINCENT S. CULLEN Warden (A) San Quentin State Prison

----Original Message----

From: Giurbino, George@CDCR

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:07 AM

To: Cullen, Vincent@CDCR Cc: Kernan, Scott@CDCR

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Sent: Wed Sep 29 10:01:10 2010 Subject: FW: Pancuronium Bromide

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----Original Message----From: Luna, Rudy@CDCR

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 9:12 AM

To: Cullen, Vincent@CDCR; Rodriguez, William A.@CDCR

Subject: FW: Pancuronium Bromide

FYI...

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Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 8:08 AM

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To:

Giurbino, George@CDCR; Cullen, Vincent@CDCR

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RE: Pancuronium Bromide

Date:

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 11:22:23 AM

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#### Scott

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From: To:

McAuliffe, John@CDCR Cullen, Vincent@CDCR

Cc:

"McDonald@cdcr.ca.gov"; Giurbino, George@CDCR; Kernan, Scott@CDCR

Subject:

Date:

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 12:32:40 PM

# Warden

Just got off the phone with DEA concerning AZ request for Pancuronium Bromide ((350 mg). For accountability we should use a blank chain of custody form that we use for LI. List the drug: amount: lot numbers: number of vials: Dr.'s DEA # (SQ and AZ). DEA #'s will reflect transfer to Feds. John

Cullen. Vincent@CDCR

Pancuronium Bromide

To:

Kernan, Scott@CDCR; McAuliffe, John@CDCR; Giurbino, George@CDCR

Cc: Subject: Rodriguez, William A.@CDCR;

Date:

Wednesday, September 29, 2010 2:36:14 PM

Just an FYI....

(Team Administrator) and myself just removed 35 10mL vials of Pancuronium Bromide from the Lethal Injection Facility to ship to Arizona. We completed the chain of custody log. will accompany Business Services to UPS/Fedex to witness the transfer to Arizona.

VINCENT S. CULLEN Warden (A) San Quentin State Prison

McDonald, Terri@CDCR Giurbino, George@CDCR

To: Cc:

McAuliffe, John@CDCR

Subject:

RE: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REQUEST FOR EXECUTION CHEMICALS

Date:

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 5:41:13 PM

Let's have them talk to John McAuliff as first discussion and he can elevate to Scott if necessary. I tagged him on the email.

----Original Message-----

From: Giurbino, George@CDCR

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 4:58 PM

To: McDonald, Terri@CDCR

Subject: ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REQUEST FOR EXECUTION CHEMICALS

Hi Terri,

The Arizona Department of Corrections would like to have a follow up discussion with an appropriate CDCR representative concerning the availability of "any" available chemicals associated with the three chemical process used for a lethal injection. I provided preliminary information to the representative below earlier today; however, it appears that they would like more specific information. Is there someone specific in agency that we would want to contact and work with Arizona on this issue??

Thank you,

George

George J. Giurbino, Director
Division of Adult Institutions/
<u>California Dep</u>artment of Corrections and Rehabilitation

----Original Message-----

From: THERESE SCHROEDER

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Najera, Elizabeth@CDCR; Giurbino, George@CDCR

Cc: ROBERT PATTON Subject: phone call

Mr. Giurbino, I hate to bother you again but I wanted to send you an email as I am leaving for the day and I know you are in a meeting.

When we talked earlier today you mentioned that you could assist us (ADC) with the other two drugs needed for the 3 drug protocol. I would like to speak with you about this.

If you are able to call today- you could speak with my boss- Division Director of Operations- Robert Patton.

I truly appreciate your help. Thanks again.

Therese Schroeder Security Operations Administrator- ADC for either the DD or me.