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Jeffrey Motts becomes 1st S.C. inmate executed with new lethal mix

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In South Carolina's first execution in almost 2 years, Jeffrey Motts became the first inmate to die using a new combination of lethal drugs.

His execution was the state's first use of a certain three-drug combination for the death penalty, said John Barkley, spokesman for the state Department of Corrections.

State officials replaced sodium thiopental with pentobarbital for the injection after delivering their supply of sodium thiopental to the Drug Enforcement Administration, Barkley said.

Several states have stopped using sodium thiopental out of concern they had acquired it illegally from England, which bars export of the drug for executions.

Jeffrey Motts, 36, was serving a life sentence for killing two elderly people in Pacolet in 1995 when he strangled his cellmate a decade later in a Pelzer prison and received the death penalty.

Motts told the state Supreme Court that he wanted to die for the strangling of cellmate Charles Martin in 2005 at the Perry Correctional Institution.

Motts testified that he bound Martin with a bed sheet and choked him to death to settle a dispute.

Martin was three weeks away from completing a five-year sentence for assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and trespassing.

Motts had earlier been convicted in the shooting death of the two elderly people, one of whom was his great-aunt.

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Motts is the first prisoner executed in South Carolina since Thomas Ivey was put to death in May 2009 for a double murder, Barkley said.

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