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### **Lethal Injection Drugs Identified for Potential Execution**

SALT LAKE CITY (June 7, 2024) In anticipation of the upcoming hearing on the Utah Attorney General's execution warrant application for Taberon Dave Honie, the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) has made arrangements to secure the drug combination that would be used in carrying out a death sentence by lethal injection.

Utah State statute requires that a lethal quantity of sodium thiopental or other equally or more effective substance sufficient to cause death be used for death sentences being carried out by lethal intravenous injection. (UCA 77-19-10(2))

The hearing is scheduled for June 10, 2024, in the 5th District Court in Cedar City, Utah. UDC provided the court with the names of the specific drugs that will be used. Based on the recommendation of medical professionals, they are as follows: Ketamine, Fentanyl, and Potassium Chloride.

Ketamine serves as an anesthetic, Fentanyl relieves pain, and Potassium Chloride stops the heart.

This step is part of UDC's effort to fulfill its statutory responsibility.