

No more birdshot behind bars at Nev. prisons

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Nevada prison guards will no longer use birdshot rounds and instead opt for less-lethal options when fights erupt, the agency said Tuesday.

The removal of all birdshot was ordered by new Department of Corrections Director James Dzurenda, with the full support of Gov. Brian Sandoval. It became effective Tuesday.

The agency has moved to implement less-lethal tools, such as rubber bullets, as well as update policies with new compliance measures and “more effective” defensive practices, the agency said in a news release.

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