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## **IDOC Museum Receives New Addition**

New Castle, IN (January 26, 2012) – The Indiana Department of Correction’s (IDOC) Correctional Training Institute continues to increase the number of artifacts on display in the Reflections of Pride: The History of the Indiana Department of Correction Museum.

Now featured on display in the museum is the IDOC’s former electric chair. The electric chair was previously housed behind the walls of the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, IN.



The electric chair on display at the IDOC Museum.

In 1913, the Indiana General Assembly modified statutes and electrocution was established as the method of execution. The electric chair was authorized for use until 1995 when statutes were again modified authorizing lethal injection as the mode of execution.

Prior to construction of Indiana’s electric chair, Indiana State Prison staff traveled to Sing-Sing Prison in New York and the Ohio State Prison to study and sketch New York’s and Ohio’s electric chairs.

Indiana’s electric chair was fashioned from parts of Indiana’s original hangman’s scaffold and based on sketches of Ohio’s electric chair.

For further information or to donate items to the museum, please contact Matt Andrick at 765 521-0230 ext: 5004, or via [MAndrick@idoc.in.gov](mailto:MAndrick@idoc.in.gov)