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Sitting Bull replied, " all is good - your request shall be granted".

The sacred stone - swear bath ceremony was resorted to, to locate the offender.

Black Bird was requested to furnish the booth and five of the most qualified medicine men were invited to participate in the ceremony.

When every thing was ready, Sitting Bull and the invited medicine men enter the booth. Now the door was closed and the booth was air-tight and dark. The medicine men started singing sacred <sup>stone</sup> songs. After this, Sitting Bull offered up a very devout prayer to the sacred stone - asking help to locate the guilty party who had committed this outrageous evil. The Boulders that were heated outside the booth were sent in by some one qualified to do so and there were placed in the centre of the booth which was well prepared beforehand. Then one of the medicine men recited some words of honor to the sacred stones and poured some cold water upon the boulders. The booth was now filled with the vapor - rather unbearable. The second application of water upon the boulders was administered by another medicine man in the same manner. After this they wiped themselves with sage and the ceremony concludes by Sitting Bull's report of the findings of the sacred stones.