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SIOUX FALLS, S.D.- A state prison inmate has died following an illness.

Robert Sumner, age 65, passed away in a comfort care setting at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls Jan. 24.

Sumner was sentenced in 2009 to 60 years in prison for a conviction of first-degree rape out of Minnehaha County.

An autopsy will be conducted.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.