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State Prison Inmate Melvin Edelman Dies

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

Melvin Edelman, age 72, died in a comfort care setting at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls November 19 following an illness.

Edelman was serving a 60-year sentence for a sexual contact with a child under 16, 25-year sentence for first-degree rape and a consecutive 125-year sentence for first-degree rape. All convictions were from Lawrence 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.