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State Prison Inmate Scott Richards Dies

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

Inmate Scott Richards, age 45, passed away last evening in a comfort care setting at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

In 2015, Richards was sentenced to 10 years with five years suspended for possession of a controlled substance and 25 years with seven years and six months suspended for escape. Both convictions were from Pennington 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.