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Inmate Commits Suicide while in Federal Custody in Iowa

(Pierre) - A South Dakota inmate who was in custody of federal authorities committed suicide in a county jail in Iowa overnight.

Mark Thompson, age 31, was found dead in his cell at the Woodbury County Jail in Sioux City, Iowa at approximately 12:43 a.m. today.

He had been in the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Office since February 10, 2003 to face federal charges of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

In South Dakota, Thompson was serving a five-year sentence with two years suspended for Possession of a Controlled Substance out of Union County.