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State prison inmate dies

Pierre, S.D. - An inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary has died from an apparent suicide.

Brian Leingang, age 34, was found unresponsive in his cell by Penitentiary staff June 17th. Staff attempted to revive Leingang as an ambulance was responding. Leingang was pronounced dead a short time later.

Leingang was serving two concurrent life sentences for first degree murder out of Minnehaha County.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the death. An autopsy will be conducted.