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State Prison Inmate Dies

Yankton, S.D.- A state prison inmate has died.

Inmate Ronald Rodden, age 73, passed away April 15 at a Yankton hospital following a lengthy illness.

Rodden was sentenced to three consecutive 15-year sentences for second degree rape out of Pennington County.

An autopsy is being 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.