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State Prison Inmate Dies

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

Inmate James Smith, age 63, was hospitalized after falling ill at the South Dakota State Penitentiary April 21. He died at a Sioux Falls hospital April 29.

Smith was sentenced in March 1990 to two concurrent life sentences for first-degree murder and first-degree robbery out of Lincoln 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.