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State Prison Inmate Dies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A state prison inmate from the State Penitentiary has died from suicide.

Inmate Nicholas Tchida was hospitalized Sept. 4 after being found hanging in his cell at the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

He passed away Sept. 9.

Tchida, age 25, was serving an eight-year sentence with four years suspended for possession of a controlled substance and a concurrent eight-year sentence with four years suspended for distribution of a controlled substance out of Roberts 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.