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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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