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State Prison Inmate Dies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.- A state prison inmate has died following an illness.

Inmate Terry Willis, age 55, passed away at a Sioux Falls hospital Oct. 24. He had been hospitalized since Oct. 21.

Willis was sentenced out of Lawrence County in 2010 to 25 years for attempted first-degree murder, two 15-year concurrent terms for aggravated assault and two 5-year consecutive sentences for committing a crime while armed.

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.