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State Prison Inmate Dies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.- A state prison inmate has died from an apparent suicide.

James Cottier, age 46, was found unresponsive in his cell at the Jameson Annex to the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls Jan. 12. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

Cottier was sentenced in 2006 to 40 years in prison for a first-degree manslaughter conviction out of Minnehaha County.

An autopsy is being conducted.

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