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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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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.