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State Prison Inmate Lewis Ashker Dies

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

Inmate Lewis Ashker, age 75, passed away last evening in a comfort care setting at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

In 1986, Ashker received a life sentence for first-degree murder out of Douglas County.

An autopsy will be 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.