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State prison inmate Christopher Defender dies

SPRINGFIELD, S.D.- A state prison inmate has died.

Christopher Defender, age 40, was found unresponsive at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield this morning. He was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The death is currently under investigation.

Defender was serving sentences for possession of a controlled substance, perjury and second-degree escape from Minnehaha County.

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