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Youth Offender Who Died Identified July 22, 1999

(Pierre) -- The female from the State Training School who died July 21 has been identified as 14-year old Gina Score of Canton, South Dakota.

Score completed a 2.5 mile walk/run as part of physical training when she sat down and said she wouldn't continue back to the facility. Medical staff at the Training School examined her and found no signs of distress while continuing to monitor her. A few hours later, she apparently suffered a seizure. An ambulance was called to transport her to Mitchell, where she later died at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital.

Score was given a physical Tuesday and was cleared to take part in the program.

An autopsy is being conducted. Results of the autopsy should be known sometime in the next two weeks. Governor William J. Janklow has requested that Attorney General Mark Barnett have the Division of Criminal Investigation take the lead in the investigation into Score's death.

Counselors continue to be made available to both the youth and staff at the Training School.