



## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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### **State Prison Inmate Dies Overnight**

(Pierre) - A state prison inmate died early this morning at Unit C of the Jameson Annex of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

56-year old John Luther was found in his bed at approximately 6:15 AM. Prison staff and medical personnel attempted CPR, but were unable to revive him.

An autopsy conducted by the Minnehaha County Coroner's Office determined the cause of death as a heart attack. The state Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating, as is the common practice for any inmate death.

Luther was serving a two-year sentence for DWI out of Lawrence County.