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Penitentiary Inmate Dies of Suicide

(Sioux Falls) - South Dakota State Penitentiary inmate Leighton Rich committed suicide in his cell March 17th.

Inmate Rich was found in his cell by officers doing rounds at approximately 5:00 AM. Efforts to resuscitate Rich were unsuccessful. He was pronounced dead at 5:40 AM.

Rich, 36, was serving a 25-year sentence for aggravated assault and habitual offender out of Pennington County.

The inmate's death was investigated by the Division of Criminal Investigation.