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Trusty Walk-Away Found Dead In Tyndall Home

(Pierre) - A prison trusty who walked away from the Yankton Trusty Unit was found dead in a home in Tyndall Sunday.

The body of Robert Schaefer, age 29, was found in his wife's home. An autopsy showed Schaefer died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Schaefer signed out of the trusty unit to work in the dining hall at the Human Services Center but staff reported he never showed up for work.

The Bon Homme County Sheriff's Office later received a call from Schaefer's wife, stating she had found the body in her home.

Schaefer was serving a ten year sentence for Grand Theft out of Yankton County.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the death, as is customary with the death of an inmate.