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STATE PRISON INMATE DIES

(Sioux Falls) - An inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary has died of an apparent suicide. Shane Luce, 29, was found unresponsive in his cell at the Jameson Annex at approximately 6:30 AM this morning. Correctional officers attempted to resuscitate Luce, who was transported to Sioux Valley Hospital. He was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

Luce had returned to the penitentiary January 31, 2002 for violating his suspended sentence for a drunk driving conviction out of Brown County. He was also awaiting sentencing for a rape and kidnapping conviction from Brown County.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating Luce's death. An autopsy will be performed.