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### **Prison Trusty Killed In Storm Cleanup Accident Identified**

(Pierre) -A state prison trusty who died July 31<sup>st</sup> during storm cleanup efforts has been identified.

Neil Ambrose, 22, died after coming in contact with a downed power line on a farm near Sinai.

Ambrose was among a crew of inmates that were helping clear up debris following last weekend's storm in Brookings County.

A truck involved in the cleanup effort struck an overhead wire, accidentally knocking a power line loose. The line sparked and ignited a fire. As inmates and correctional staff attempted to extinguish the fire, Ambrose came in contact with the power line. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy is scheduled. The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating, as is done in the event of an inmate death.

Ministerial and psychological counseling is being made available to the inmates and staff who were present.

Ambrose was serving a two-year sentence for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary out of Codington County.