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### **Prison Inmate Dies**

(Pierre) – An inmate from Kansas who was housed in South Dakota as part of an interstate compact between the two states has died.

Jose Cordoba, age 43, passed away at a Sioux Falls hospital this morning. He had been hospitalized there since December 6, 2003.

Cordoba was sentenced to life in Kansas for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Kidnapping, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Rape and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Robbery. He was transferred to South Dakota to serve his sentence in January of 2000.

An autopsy will be conducted. The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the death, as is customary in the death of an inmate.