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**State prison inmate dies**

Pierre, S.D. - A state prison inmate housed at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls has died.

David Theel, age 57, passed away May 1<sup>st</sup> of apparent natural causes.

Theel was serving a 50-year sentence out of Minnehaha County for First Degree Rape.

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