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State prison inmate dies

Pierre, S.D. - A state prison inmate housed at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield has died.

Leroy Kookken, age 66, died May 6th of apparent natural causes. Kookken was serving a 15-year sentence out of Pennington County for third 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.