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State prison inmate dies

Pierre, S.D. – A state prison inmate from the South Dakota State Penitentiary has died.

Bruce Payne, age 56, died earlier today at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Payne was serving a term of 35-years for convictions out of Pennington County for Sexual Contact with a Child Under 16.

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