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State prison inmate dies

Pierre, S.D. – A state prison inmate has died.

Elwood Black Bear, age 48, died today at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Black Bear was sentenced in 2005 to 15 years with two years suspended for Aggravated Assault out of Minnehaha County. He was housed at the Jameson Annex to the South Dakota State Penitentiary at the time of his death.

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