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State prison inmate dies

(Sioux Falls, S.D.)- A state prison inmate has died.

Dennis Burton, age 64, passed away in a comfort care setting at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls May 15.

Burton was sentenced in March 2012 from Grant County to an 8 year, 6 month sentence with three years suspended for grand theft and a concurrent 1 year, 9 month sentence for failure to pay sales tax.

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

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.