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State prison inmate dies
(Pierre, S.D.)-A state prison inmate has died.

Inmate Patricia Halling died at a Sioux Falls hospital today of natural causes.

Halling, age 63, was serving a 10-year sentence for distribution of controlled substance, a 5-year sentence for possession of controlled substance, and a 10-year sentence with 2 years suspended for possession of controlled substance, all out of Minnehaha County.

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.