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### State Prison Inmate Dies

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

Inmate Ramon Garcia, age 54, passed away at a Sioux Falls hospital Jan. 22 following an extended illness.

At the time of his death, he was serving a 72-year sentence out of Minnehaha County for first-degree rape.

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