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State Prison Inmate Dies

Pierre, S.D.- A state prison inmate has died as the result of an apparent suicide.

Heidi VandenBosch, age 33, was found unresponsive in her cell at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre on Feb. 19. VandenBosch was transported to a local hospital and airlifted to a Sioux Falls hospital that evening.

VandenBosch was a registered organ donor. Her family is making those arrangements.

She was serving a seven year sentence for first-degree burglary out of Minnehaha County.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the death. 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.