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State Prison Inmate Dies

SIoux FALLS, S.D. – A state prison inmate from the State Penitentiary has died from suicide.

Inmate Elijah White Magpie was hospitalized Oct. 28 after being found unresponsive in his cell at the Jameson Annex to the South Dakota State Penitentiary after committing self harm. White Magpie was found leaning into a bed sheet that was around his neck.

He was moved from a Sioux Falls hospital to a hospice care provider on Nov. 5. He passed away Nov. 7.

White Magpie, age 23, was serving a 25-year sentence from Pennington County for aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer.

An autopsy is being conducted.

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Note: Additional sentence information is available on the DOC website at: doc.sd.gov/adult/lookup/.

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.