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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections Police Services and S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating two unrelated inmate deaths believed to be connected to illicit drug use.

James Farrow, 46, an inmate at Tyger River Correctional Institution, was found unresponsive in a bathroom Sunday and was pronounced dead on the scene.

Ronnie Williams, 52, an inmate at Kershaw Correctional Institution, was pronounced dead at a local hospital Sunday after his roommate alerted officers that Williams was unresponsive.

Autopsies are being performed to determine the cause of death.

Inmates are being reminded of the consequences that can occur when taking or combining different drugs.

SCDC will seek criminal charges against anyone caught bringing in contraband to an institution.