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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Inmate Leonard Jones was found unresponsive in his cell at Ridgeland Correctional Institution last night.

Jones, 53, was pronounced dead at the institution. S.C. Police Services and the S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating the case, and an autopsy will be performed.

Jones was currently serving a four-year sentence for shoplifting. He also served two prior sentences for burglary and shoplifting in 2011 and 2015.