



## **South Carolina Department of Corrections**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – An inmate at Lee Correctional Institution died at the institution today.

Lee Mikeal Cawthon, 45, was found dead in his cell this morning. He did not have a cellmate. The SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence and S.C. Law Enforcement Division are investigating the death as a suspected suicide.

An autopsy will be performed.