

South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Peter Fred Hernandez, an inmate at Tyger River Correctional Institution, died at the Spartanburg County prison this morning.

Hernandez, 60, was found dead in his cell. He did not have a cellmate. His death is being investigated as a suspected suicide.

An autopsy will be performed. The case is being investigated by the S.C. Law Enforcement Division, Spartanburg County Coroner and the SCDC Inspector General's office.