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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Trenton James Black, an inmate at Lee Correctional Institution, died in a local hospital today.

Black, 40, was injured during a fight with his cellmate early this morning and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. An autopsy will be performed. The cellmate was treated for injuries at the Bishopville prison and did not require outside care.

Black's death is being investigated as a suspected homicide by the SCDC Inspector General's office with assistance from the S.C. Law Enforcement Division Crime Scene unit and the Lee County Coroner.