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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Joel Nathaniel Witman, 32, an inmate at Ridgeland Correctional Institution, died at a local hospital early today. His death is being investigated as a suspected drug overdose.

Before being taken to the hospital Sunday, Witman was seen by the institution's medical staff and administered two doses of Narcan, as well as given CPR.

An autopsy will be performed. The case is being investigated by the SCDC Inspector General's office.