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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Gregorio M. Leon, an inmate at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center, died at a local hospital late last night.

Leon, 56, was found hanging in his cell about 12:30 p.m. Friday. Emergency lifesaving measures began immediately. He was transferred to a local hospital, where he died shortly before midnight.

Leon had a cellmate but was alone in the cell at the time. 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, Richland County Coroner and the SCDC Inspector General's office.