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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Max J. Knoten, an inmate at Lee Correctional Institution, died at the institution last night.

Knoten, 46, was found unresponsive 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, Lee County Coroner and the SCDC Inspector General's office.