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Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

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Inmate Michael Petersen

(LINCOLN, Neb.) Michael Petersen # 80271 assigned to the Lincoln Correctional Center in Lancaster County was found dead at 6:14 am on September 22, 2014. Mr. Petersen, 59, began serving a life sentence on 05/28/2014 for 1st Degree Murder (Buffalo County). Mr. Petersen had no parole eligibility or tentative release date.



At approximately 6:14 am on September 22nd, Mr. Petersen was found unresponsive in his cell. Staff immediately called 911 and began administering CPR. Lincoln Fire and Rescue arrived and took over the resuscitation. Efforts to resuscitate Mr. Petersen were not successful and he was pronounced dead at 6:47 am. While the cause of death has not been determined, it appears to have been a suicide. Mr. Petersen next of kin was contacted.

As is the case whenever an inmate dies in the custody of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, a grand jury will conduct an investigation.

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