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Nebraska State Penitentiary
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Royal Lewis, #28744, who was housed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, died on July 17, 2011 at approximately 10:53 p.m. Lewis had been incarcerated since March 23, 1973, and was serving 96 to 163 years for three counts, Robbery, one count Kidnapping, two counts Sexual Assault 1st Degree and four counts of Use Firearm to Commit Felony from Douglas and Lancaster counties.

Lewis was 58 years old. The cause of death has not yet been determined. Lewis had been treated for long-term medical issues and he passed away in the penitentiary hospital.

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

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