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**Nebraska State Penitentiary  
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Leroy Hand, inmate #44140, died on October 14, 2011, at approximately 2:45 p.m. Hand was assigned to the Nebraska State Penitentiary and had been incarcerated since February 16, 1993. He was sentenced in Dodge County to LIFE to LIFE for Kidnapping.

Hand was 54 years old. While cause of death has not been determined, it appears to have been a suicide.

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

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