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Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that on October 14, 2017, the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office responded to a suicide of an inmate at the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center, 5061 La 3127 Killona, LA 70057. Deputies rendered medical aide, however their attempts to revive the inmate were unsuccessful.

During the investigation it was learned that federal inmate Matthew Pere (W/M 33 yoa), who was recently sentenced to 28 years on October 5, 2017, for producing child pornography and coerced minors to engage in sexual activity, hung himself in his cell using a string from a laundry bag. Pere was the only inmate in the cell at the time of the incident.

Inmate Pere was last observed alive by deputies just before 2200 hours, speaking to him briefly with the deputy during a security walk through. During another walk through at approximately 2300 Pere was located unresponsive. Several deputies and a nurse responded to Pere's cell and attempted to revive him until St. Charles Parish EMS arrived. St. Charles EMS also attempted to revive Pere, but to no avail.

Pere was transported to the New Orleans Forensic Center for a post mortem examination, which was consistent asphyxiation by hanging.