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Anti-Supermax activist's records archived

Mitchell Kaufman died at age 54 from a reaction to medication.

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PUEBLO, Colo.—Documents and videotapes made by an opponent of the federal Supermax prison are being archived at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Archivists at the university's Southern Colorado Ethnic Heritage and Diversity collection are reviewing the papers of Mitchell Kaufman, who died in 1998.

Kaufman's brother Joel says Mitchell Kaufman initially opposed Supermax because he believed the prison system was inherently racist, citing its disproportionate numbers of Hispanic and black inmates.

Joel Kaufman says his brother also opposed Supermax for its small cells where inmates might be confined for all but a half-hour each day.

Supermax, built in 1994, houses the nation's most dangerous prisoners.

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