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### **(S.D.)-Dakotas Shoppers Hit The Stores On Black Friday**

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BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Many residents of the Dakotas didn't wait until Black Friday to get started on their holiday shopping, instead lining up outside stores on Thanksgiving.

Crowds were reported in the major cities across North Dakota and South Dakota as some stores opened Thursday night and others early Friday. Temperatures in the early morning hours Friday were mostly in the teens, but shoppers said snapping up holiday deals is worth standing out in the cold.

Black Friday is named because it traditionally was the day when crowds would push stores into "the black," or profitability.