Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office Officer Involved Shooting Summary Detailing the Events That Took Place on October 9, 2026

On October 9th, 2026, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) was requested by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to investigate a shooting at 2908 S Keyrell Dr, Sioux Falls, SD. The suspect, Brandon John Oetken (Oetken), fired a handgun at Minnehaha County Deputies, fatally injuring Deputy Katherine Frank. In return, an MCSO Deputy shot and wounded Oetken.

The following is a summary of the events that occurred in Sioux Falls, SD, and the result of the investigation conducted by the DCI.

SYNOPSIS

On October 9th, 2026, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office received a mental health detention warrant for Oetken. The mental health detention warrant was initiated by Oetken's family. Oetken's spouse contacted Dispatch and stated Oetken was at 2908 S Keyrell Dr, Sioux Falls. At approximately 7:32 PM three Deputies arrived at 2908 S Keyrell Dr to serve the warrant on Oetken.

When the Deputies arrived, they took a position at the threshold of the door outside the residence. Deputies negotiated with Oetken for several minutes before Oetken went further into the residence around a corner. With permission from Oetken's spouse, Deputies entered the residence so they could keep a visual on Oetken. Oetken reappeared, allowing only the right side of his body to be seen.

Deputies repeatedly attempted to get Oetken to exit the residence, but Oetken did not comply. Oetken, a short distance away from Deputies pointed a firearm toward the Deputies. Oetken proceeded to discharge the firearm one (1) time, striking MCSO Deputy Frank. A short time after Deputy Frank was struck, Deputy #2 shot four (4) rounds from his handgun, injuring Oetken. On October 12th Deputy Frank died as a result of the gunshot injury.

INTERVIEW: MINNEHAHA COUNTY DEPUTY #2

DCI Special Agents interviewed MCSO Deputy #2 in Sioux Falls on October 21st, 2026. Deputy #2 was on duty on October 9th and received information regarding a mental health detention warrant for Brandon Oetken. Deputy #2 wore his full uniform, including a duty vest with "SHERIFF" displayed on the front and back.

Deputy #2 reviewed the mental health paperwork and gathered two additional Deputies to serve the warrant. Deputy #2 contacted Oetken's spouse regarding the papers, and she advised Oetken was not home at the time. Oetken's spouse later notified Dispatch when Oetken was home.

Three (3) Deputies arrived at 2908 S Keyrell Dr and contacted Oetken's spouse at the front door. Oetken's spouse went to get Oetken, and Oetken came to the door. Deputies advised why they were there, and Oetken stated he did not want to come with them. Deputy #2 attempted to have Oetken step outside to avoid detention in front of his family.

At this point, Oetken went further into the house out of view. Deputy #2 asked permission from Oetken's spouse to enter the residence, which was granted. When Deputies entered, Oetken was positioned near the mudroom entrance with only the right side of his body visible. Deputy #2 estimated Oetken was five (5) feet away from Deputies at that time.

Deputies continued to talk with Oetken regarding the process and the paperwork. At approximately 8:01 PM, Oetken stepped out with the firearm, pointing it at the Deputies, saying, "Nope." At this point, Deputy #2 became in fear for his life and for the other Deputies' lives.

Deputies reacted to the firearm and attempted to create distance between them and Oetken. Deputy #2 observed Oetken advancing toward them with the firearm raised and pointed at the Deputies. Deputy #2 stated that the fear for his life became greater as the firearm was pointed directly at them. Deputy #2 drew his handgun as he heard one (1) shot and noted Deputy Frank was injured. Deputy #2 stated he then fired four (4) rounds at Oetken.

Deputy #2 heard Oetken fall and believed he was struck by gunfire. Deputy #2 advised Deputy #3 to go back into the residence to check Oetken's status. Deputy #2 reported shots fired and he tended to Deputy Frank.

WITNESS INTERVIEWS

MCSO Deputy #3 was present and witnessed this incident. Deputy #3 was interviewed by DCI Agents on October 18th, 2026. Statements from Deputy #3 were consistent with statements made by Deputy #2 as well as information obtained through video review.

A DCI Special Agent interviewed Oetken's spouse who was inside the residence at the time of the shooting. She reported hearing the Deputy yell and then observed the Deputies attempting to exit the residence. Oetken's spouse stated Oetken came around the corner following the Deputies with a firearm in his right hand. She reported that Oetken then began shooting at the Deputies. Oetken's spouse noted that the Deputy began shooting at Oetken, and Oetken was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground. She stated Oetken knew they were law enforcement officers.

SCENE INVESTIGATION

The shooting scene was processed by the DCI, which produced items of evidentiary value that corroborate statements from Deputies and witnesses. Video was also obtained from Deputies' Body Worn Cameras (BWC).

Deputy Frank, Deputy #2, and Deputy #3 were processed by DCI Agents. Deputy Frank, Deputy #2, and Deputy #3 were each wearing their duty issued vest, which displayed a Sheriff's office badge on the front as well as a patch that displayed "SHERIFF" on the front and the back of the vest. Deputy Frank, Deputy #2, and Deputy #3's gear included their duty issued Glock 179mm handgun, three (3) magazines with ammunition and a Taser.

The handguns utilized by the Deputies were examined following the shooting. Deputy Frank and Deputy #3's handguns were not fired. Deputy #2's Glock 179mm handgun contained thirteen (13)

rounds in the magazine and one (1) round in the chamber, indicating it was fired four (4 times. Four (4) 9 mm fired shell casings were located in the area where Deputy #2 fired his weapon. Three (3) bullet defects were located in the wall opposite the front door.

Oetken's handgun, which was recovered near the location Oetken was apprehended, was identified as a .22 rimfire revolver. The revolver was recovered with six (6) unfired cartridges and one (1) fired casing in the cylinder.

VIDEO EVIDENCE

BWC footage captured the Deputies' initial contact and shooting incident. The following was clearly observed through audio and video recordings.

On October 9th, 2026, Deputies made contact with Brandon Oetken at the front door of 2908 S Keyrell Dr. Deputies notified Oetken that they have mental health papers and need to take him to get evaluated. Deputies repeatedly explained to Oetken that his family is worried about him, and he needs to come outside to talk with them.

Oetken asked if more cops were going to show up and then asks the Deputy if it is just the two of them out there. Oetken tells the Deputies he does not want to do this again. Oetken subsequently turns and walks down the hallway to the right. Deputies are granted permission to enter the residence and took a position where Oetken had been previously standing.

From the Deputies' perspective, there are three doorway openings down the hallway. Oetken is heard saying "no," and his head appears briefly from the doorway on the right. Oetken is not visible but can be heard saying "get out." Oetken partially emerges from the doorway on the right, only allowing the right side of his body to be visible. Deputies continue to explain that his family is concerned about his mental health, well-being, his safety, and their safety. Oetken is informed that the documents are signed, and he must go.

Oetken continues to be argumentative and defiant about the process. Just after 8:00 PM, Oetken transfers a handgun from his left hand to his right hand. Oetken proceeds to point the handgun at the Deputies.

Deputies react by creating distance between them and Oetken. Oetken can be heard saying, "Nope! Nope! Get out! Get out!" As the Deputies are creating distance, Deputy #2 turns to face the inside of the home, and Oetken is observed following around the corner of the hallway. Oetken continues toward the Deputies with the revolver pointed at them. Deputy Frank verbally indicates that Oetken has a firearm.

Following Deputy Frank's indication, a single gunshot can be heard. Immediately following the single gunshot, Deputy Frank is injured. The sound of four (4) gunshots in quick succession is heard. At 8:01:36 PM, Deputy #3 commands Oetken to put the gun down. Deputy #3 places Oetken in handcuffs and renders aid.

SOUTH DAKOTA FORENSIC LAB TESTING

The South Dakota Forensic Laboratory (SDFL) conducted testing on the duty-issued Glock 9mm handgun fired by MCSO Deputy #2, as well as the .22 long rifle caliber rimfire revolver fired by Oetken. The SDFL also conducted testing on the fired shell casings recovered from the scene.

The testing concluded that Deputy #2's Glock 179mm duty handgun was functioning properly. The lab concluded that the four (4) fired 9mm casings found in the area where Deputy #2 shot were fired from Deputy #2's duty handgun.

The testing concluded that the .22 caliber revolver used by Oetken was functioning properly. The one (1) fired shell casing found still in the cylinder was fired from the same revolver. The lead bullet collected from Deputy Frank was fired through the barrel of the revolver belonging to Oetken.

MEDICAL REPORTS

MCSO Deputy Frank sustained a fatal gunshot wound. MCSO Deputy #2 and #3 were not injured.

Blood and urine testing was conducted on Deputy Frank, Deputy #2, and Deputy #3. The test results showed none of the Deputies had any amount of alcohol or illegal drugs in their samples.

Oetken sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

A review of Oetken's criminal history shows a prior arrest for DUI and careless driving.

Oetken's law enforcement contacts show an incident in Minnesota where Oetken was making suicidal statements and then pulled a gun from his pants and began waving it in front of his mother. This prompted a large law enforcement response to the family members residence.

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of the circumstances, a Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office Deputy reasonably present at the scene utilized lethal force in a situation that was tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving. Deputies attempted to apprehend Brandon Oetken for a mental health detention warrant and were wearing clearly marked Sheriff's vests. Oetken was non-compliant and disregarded the Deputies verbal commands to exit the residence. Oetken engaged Deputy Frank, Deputy #2, and Deputy #3 and fired at the Deputies with a revolver, striking and fatally injuring Deputy Frank. Oetken demonstrated a clear and present danger to Law Enforcement Officers.

This information is based on the investigation conducted by the DCI, crime scene processing, Law Enforcement Officers' statements, video review, and lab results. All the information is consistent with the described events that occurred on October 9th, 2026, in Sioux Falls, SD.

It is the conclusion of this report and the South Dakota Attorney General that MCSO Deputy #2 was justified in firing his duty weapon and using lethal force.

Photo 1

Weapon recovered at the crime scene belonging to Oetken.

