

**Pennington County Sheriff's Office Shooting Summary that occurred
on April 6, 2011**

On 4-6-2011, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation was called upon by the Pennington County Sheriff's Office to conduct an investigation into a deputy involved shooting that resulted in the death of Scott H. Mollman. This shooting took place at the address of 6248 Blake Road, Rapid City, SD. The following information is a synopsis of the events that occurred on 4-6-2011 and the investigation that was conducted by the Division of Criminal Investigation.

On 4-6-2011, an individual identified as the girlfriend of Scott Mollman, advised that around midday on 4-6-2011, Mollman told her that he was very upset with a local physician regarding treatment he had received for pain and prescriptions he may or may not have received and may or may not have been taking. Mollman told his girlfriend that this physician "was going to pay" and he should feel the pain that he (Mollman) was in. He stated that somebody should pay as he was in a lot of pain, could not stand it anymore and, "I just want to die." Mollman told her that she should stay away as he was letting everyone down. Mollman was visibly upset and crying when he was talking.

Mollman then left Spearfish, SD enroute to Rapid City, SD driving a black Pontiac Grand Prix. Between 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM, the girlfriend and Mollman were texting and having phone conversations while Mollman was driving to Rapid City. Text messages from Mollman to his girlfriend included the following:

- "Stay away gonna do the worst killing spree ever seen death by cop!!!!"
- "Gonna be fanninus"
- "don't call it's 223 murder time!!!" "dual it murder time"
- "suicided by cop!!!!" "docs are gonna get it"

During a phone conversation, the girlfriend asked Mollman where he was. Mollman replied, "On the highway to hell". She told Mollman to come home and Mollman responded, "No, I love you, I'm not coming home."

At approximately 6:38 PM, Law Enforcement Dispatch received a 911 call from a citizen to report a black sports car driving erratically near Black Hawk, SD.

At approximately 6:50 PM, Mitzel received another phone call from Mollman stating that he blew a tire and lost a fender on the car.

At approximately 6:55 PM, a different citizen called 911 to report a black Grand Prix, SD license #9DM013, speeding for over a mile with a flat tire; last seen traveling west on Highway 44 near the Fish Hatchery.

At approximately 6:58 PM, Pennington County Deputy Ed Johnson was dispatched to investigate the vehicle complaint. Dispatch identified the registered owner's address as 6248 Blake Road Rapid City, SD.

At approximately 7:12 PM, Deputy Johnson arrived at the address of 6248 Blake Road to follow up on a vehicle complaint. Deputy Johnson was wearing an issued deputy tan uniform with his shoulder patches, badge and duty gun belt.

At approximately 7:15 PM, Deputy Johnson walked to the front door of the residence. He knocked on the door with no response. As he was standing in front of the residence, he heard a gunshot from the area of a large garage just to the northwest of the main house. Deputy Johnson radioed dispatch and advised that he had heard a gunshot.

Deputy Johnson observed an open door leading into the garage. This was the same direction that he heard the gunshot come from. He then walked toward the garage to investigate. Upon arriving at the garage, he looked inside the garage and then heard noises and voices coming from inside. It should be noted that there were lights on in the garage and light entering the garage from the open door. As Deputy Johnson was standing in the doorway of the garage, a male subject appeared to his left. This subject, later identified as Scott Mollman, continued to walk toward him. Deputy Johnson then observed that Mollman was carrying two firearms. One firearm was a scoped rifle that was in Mollman's left hand. The other firearm was a large revolver that was in Mollman's right hand.

Deputy Johnson could see that Mollman had his right hand index finger on the trigger and his thumb on the hammer of the revolver. Deputy Johnson commanded Mollman at least 4-5 times to put the gun down. Mollman was approximately 8-10 feet away from Deputy Johnson when Mollman stated, "Why, why put the guns down? Haven't you heard of death by cop?" Mollman did not comply with Deputy Johnson's commands and continued walking toward Deputy Johnson. Deputy Johnson stated that he was scared and in fear for his life. Deputy Johnson described that if he and Mollman reached out their arms they could have touched fingertips. He believed that Mollman had the ability to shoot him and as a result, Deputy Johnson fired his duty weapon seven (7) times at Mollman.

At approximately 7:18 PM, Deputy Johnson called dispatch and reported shots fired, subject down and that Deputy Johnson was okay. Emergency Medical Services was then dispatched to this location. A short time later, other law enforcement officers arrived.

A canvass of the neighborhood identified witnesses to this event. Several witnesses were interviewed.

Two witnesses identified were outside for a walk near the address of 6248 Blake Road at approximately 7:00 PM. They described seeing a dark Pontiac Grand Prix that had something wrong with its tire driving pretty fast in the area. Shortly after that, a law enforcement vehicle drove into the area. Moments later, they heard a single gunshot and then five (5) minutes later they heard five (5) more shots in rapid succession.

A third witness reported hearing one gunshot. He went outside of his garage and saw the deputy approaching the garage with his weapon drawn. The deputy walked to the south side of the garage and headed west toward the south door of the garage. Shortly thereafter, the witness heard the deputy commanding, "Put the gun down! Put the gun down!" He then heard five (5) gunshots.

A fourth witness that lives on Blake Road advised that she and her daughter were outside of their residence at approximately 7:10 PM. It was at that time that she heard a loud gunshot, and then observed a deputy sheriff dressed in tan clothing at the front door at 6248 Blake Road. She immediately grabbed her daughter and ran inside of her residence. Approximately five (5) minutes later, she heard at least 4-5 more gunshots. A short time later other law enforcement arrived.

A fifth witness advised that he was outside of his residence at approximately 7:00 PM. His residence is located on Blake Road. He observed a black vehicle with a flat front right tire pull into the driveway and park at the residence of 6248 Blake Road. When the driver got out of the vehicle, the driver appeared to be stumbling drunk. A short time later, he observed this same person go inside of a shop adjacent to this residence. Approximately ten (10) minutes later, a sheriff's deputy car arrived at the address of 6248 Blake Road. He observed the deputy walk into the front door of the shop and immediately say, "Sir, drop the gun. Sir drop the gun." Approximately five (5) seconds later, he heard five (5) gunshots in quick succession. A short time later other law enforcement arrived.

During an interview with Pat Mollman, who is identified as the brother to Scott Mollman, he advised that during phone conversations with Scott during the day, he talked about guns, specifically their father's guns. Scott also talked about committing suicide. Pat was aware that numerous guns were located at the address of 6248 Blake Road and believed that was where Scott would go to get the guns. Scott also told Pat that he was suicidal, mad at the world, and mad at doctors for not helping him. Pat was concerned about Scott obtaining these guns and tried to get to the residence to speak with him. Pat arrived at the residence a short time after the shooting took place.

On 4-7-2011 an autopsy was conducted on Scott Mollman. The autopsy revealed that Mollman died of multiple gunshots. The pathologist reported that Mollman had a blood alcohol content of .14 and the results of the drug screen were negative.

The scoped rifle that Mollman was holding was loaded with one .223 round in the chamber and sixteen (16) additional rounds were in his pocket. The .357 handgun Mollman was holding was unloaded.

The crime scene investigation conducted by the Division of Criminal investigation is consistent with statements by Deputy Johnson and the witnesses. All seven rounds that were fired by Deputy Johnson were accounted for.

Deputy Johnson was tested for the presence of alcohol or drugs and the results were .000 blood alcohol and the results of the drug screen were negative.

The Division of Criminal Investigation conducted a criminal history check on Scott Mollman. It was determined that Mollman had been arrested approximately 12 times since 1986. The most recent was an arrest for vehicular battery that occurred in 2002.

End of Summary