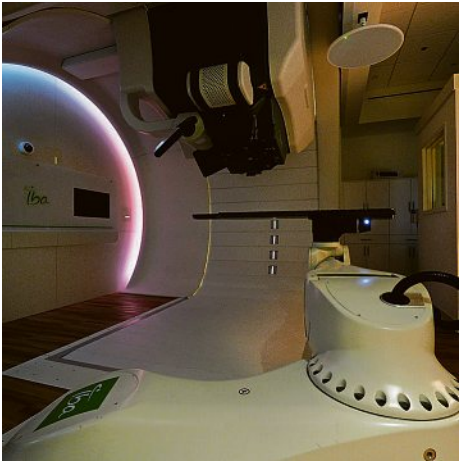




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MCSO: Deputy fighting for life after Sioux Falls shooting

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The Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office is asking for prayers as one deputy is currently in the hospital with critical injuries following a shooting Friday night in Sioux Falls.

Brandon Oetken, 39, of Sioux Falls,

was arrested and charged with three counts of attempted murder an a law enforcement officials and six counts of aggravated assault of a law enforcement official after a shooting involving multiple officers at 8:02 p.m. Friday night in the 2900 block of South Keyrell Drive.

The initial call for service happened at about 7 p.m., but the nature of the call remains unclear. Three deputies arrived for a response at the home involved in

the call by 7:30 p.m.

During an exchange of gunfire, Oetken and a female deputy were both struck, Philips said. Both were given medical aid on scene, and then taken to area hospitals, he said.

The exact condition of the suspect is unclear, but he was not yet booked into the Minnehaha County Jail as of Saturday afternoon.

MCSO leaders did not expand on in-

formation, stating details are limited out of respect for the family.

“We are asking for prayers for our deputies who are working; for our deputy who’s in the hospital,” sheriff-elect Capt. Josh Phillips said during a press briefing with the media on Saturday as he tried to stifle tears.

The Argus Leader sent a reporter to

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A look inside one of the new artist rooms during a ribbon cutting for an expansion at the Levitt in Sioux Falls.

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Levitt welcomes community to see completed expansion of band shell

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Of the seven Levitt band shells nationwide, a network of outdoor music venues, the Sioux Falls location attracts more attendees than nearly all the others, averaging well over 100,000 guests who show up for over 50 concerts a season each summer.

The top Levitt band shell in the country, in Denver, sees about 130,000 people per summer but also has a lawn that fits about 17,000 concertgoers in a night. Our Levitt, situated right at the gateway to Falls Park on North Phillips Avenue

downtown, is maxed out about half that. Yet in 2022, the Levitt brought in a record-breaking 10,000 in one night alone for Native American music group Brulé (a favorite here).

But keep the crowds comin.’

On Thursday, Levitt at the Falls officials revealed a \$6 million, donor-funded, 7,000-square-foot expansion to their already sprawling band shell, now including:

- the larger Paulson Family Green-room;
- three new dressing rooms;
- two kitchenettes;
- four bathrooms;
- a 250-seat, indoor performing arts

center for smaller concerts, called the DSU Community Room;

- a second, more intimate outdoor stage with weather-friendly Roman shades above, called the Lust Family Stage;
- a video editing suite and production area;
- half a dozen new office spaces inside the Sweetman Atrium;
- more accessible ramps;
- improved parking;
- and “The Castle,” a much larger storage area that affords staff the luxury of storing equipment onsite.

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‘Foss Fields’ begins construction in honor of Joe Foss

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Foss Fields development, a long-planned development that will re-shape shopping, housing and economic activity on Sioux Falls’ east side, including five national retailers, is currently underway.

At the southwest corner of Sixth Street and Veterans Parkway/South Dakota Highway 100, the 300-acre mixed-use development will include a 118,500-square-foot retail center anchored by Hobby Lobby, as well as Sierra (a first for Sioux Falls), Ross Dress for Less, Five Below and Petco, with nine additional outlots planned for restaurants and smaller retailers in the near future.

The retail center is expected to open in fall 2027.

The development will also include another Casey’s location at the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Madison Street, near Lewis Drug and Sanford Clinic. An opening date has yet to be announced.

Housing is planned as well at the new Foss Fields development, including Foss Fields Ascent apartments with a total of 500 units. The apartment complex is expected to become the largest multifamily development in South Dakota, according to Mailbox Money Real Estate.

“This development here on the east side of Sioux Falls is really transformational,” Clark Meyer, President of Knife River and Board Chair of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, said during the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday. “This is going to be a new retail power center. ... creating hundreds

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