

So. Sioux City Shooting Kills Two

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South Sioux City, Neb. — First degree murder charges were filed Saturday against Robert C. McArthur, 50, of South Sioux City, in the death of his wife, Dakota County Sheriff Allan Bligh said.

Mrs. Leona McArthur, 45, and Mike Koskovich, 19, also of South Sioux City, died, apparently of gunshot wounds, Friday.

Only one murder charge was filed against McArthur, who was taken into custody after the shooting affray.

McArthur was being held without bond in the Wayne County jail at Wayne.

Sheriff Bligh said it is expected McArthur will be arraigned Monday in Dakota County court, where the charge was filed by Deputy Dakota County Attorney Donald Fitch.

The father of Mrs. McArthur, Clarence Russel, about 75, was wounded in the alleged incident.

South Sioux City Police Chief Gene Claxton said police, responding to a disturbance report Friday night, were ordered away from a private residence by a man with a shotgun. He said police followed the man to about six blocks from the residence where he was seen arguing with Marvin Koskovich, father of the other victim.

Authorities said Michael Koskovich was apparently shot as his father attempted to disarm the suspect.

Claxton said that after McArthur was arrested, he told authorities he had shot his wife.

All victims were from South Sioux City.