



Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office Press Release

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Sioux Falls, South Dakota – In late March 2026, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation into potentially fraudulent Republican Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman Statement forms submitted to the Minnehaha County Auditor's Office. The investigation began after the Auditor's Office identified 16 forms that appeared to contain signatures that did not match the individuals named on the documents.

As a result of the investigation, the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office issued an arrest warrant on June 22, 2026, for Thomas Pischke of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, on two counts of Offering a False or Forged Instrument for Filing (Class 6 felony).

Pischke voluntarily turned himself into the Minnehaha County Jail on June 23, 2026, where he was booked and subsequently released on a personal recognizance bond.