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December 8 - A Sedgwick County sheriff's detective is doing well, and should be out of the hospital Thursday, after accidentally shooting himself.

It happened Wednesday at a shooting range at Pawnee and Meridian.  
>Now there are questions about what caused the gun to go off.

For any Sedgwick County officer's gun to fire, Sergeant Dave Mattingly, who's assisting in the investigation, says the officer's finger must be on the trigger.

Sgt. Dave Mattingly says, "One of the reasons the Sheriff's office and the Wichita Police Department has gone to the Glock model is because of it's safety factors. It will not fire period, unless the trigger is pulled."

But sheriff's investigators say the circumstances behind Wednesday morning's accidental shooting show the detective's hand was nowhere near his gun's trigger.

Investigators say the detective was trying on a holster at the time. The gun was in the holster. When the detective reached in to take the gun out, it went off. Investigators say they'll look into whether the holster somehow came in contact with the trigger and caused the gun to go off.

For the gun to discharge three different safeties must also be removed. That's why accidental discharges are so rare. Until this shooting, Mattingly says there have only been two other accidental discharges in the last six years.

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