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OCCURRENCE DATE(S) ON OR BETWEEN			DATE REPORTED		AGENCY NMSP ALBUQUERQUE				COUNTY Bernalillo				
MM/DD/YYYY 08/02/2015		MM/DD/YYYY 08/02/2015		GEOGR. CODE 05072		OPTIONAL USE (CASE NO., ETC.) 15-185611			BURGLARY Force No F ☐ ☐		NO. OF		
TIME 08:00		DAY SUN		TIME 08:00		DAY SUN		HATE / BIAS MOTIVATION No Hate/Bias motivation apparent				GANG REL. Yes No ☐ ☒	
ADDRESS/LOCATION OF INCIDENT Street Address: 4601 AVOCET RD City: ALBUQUERQUE State: NM Zip: 87114 County: BERNALILLO Country: UNITED STATES Descriptive Info: VACANT FIELD NEXT TO CHURCH ALIVE!													
OFFENSE / INCIDENT 1 INFORMATION ONLY-BALLOON CRASH													
FEL./ MISD.				ATTEM -		COMP -		DOM. VIOL.		SEX		CHILD	
N						X		N		N		N	
STATUTE OR ORDINANCE				OFFENDER(S) SUSPECTED OF USING :				ALCOH.		DRUG		COMP.	
				N				N		N			
UCR OFFENSE Information Reports WEAPON													
CRIM. ACTIVITY WEAPON													
LOCATION Field / Woods WEAPON													
PERSON CODE INTERVIEWED				TYPE CODE INDIVIDUAL				INJURY CODE APPARENT MINOR INJURY					
1-NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) LOYA-RUSLER, JANET				SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]				DOB [REDACTED]		AGE SEX 39 F		RACE: WHI BLK ASIA IND UNK X	
OCCUPATION BALLOON PILOT				VICTIM OF OFF. NC ☐ ☐ ☐		HEIGHT WEIGHT [REDACTED]		HAIR EYES BRO GRN		ETHNIC C		AGG ASSAULT ☐ ☐	
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL UNKNOWN				VICT. OF SUSP. NO. RELATIONSHIP ☐ ☐ ☐									
GANG AFFILIATION													
ARREST/CITATION NO. F.B.I. NO				S.I.D. NO.		NCIC NO.		Type of Arrest:		ON VIEW CITED CUST.		Residential Status:	
												RES NON X	
IDENTIFICATIONS DL NM [REDACTED]													
Address Type: HOME ADDRESS Street Address: [REDACTED] City: TAOS State: NM Zip: 87571 County: TAOS Country: UNITED STATES													
TELEPHONES Home Phone [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]													

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PERSON CODE INTERVIEWED		TYPE CODE INDIVIDUAL		INJURY CODE NONE							
2-NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) RUSLER, MARK				SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]		DOB [REDACTED]		AGE SEX 59 M		RACE: WHI BLK ASIA IND UNK X	
OCCUPATION				VICTIM OF OFF. NC [REDACTED]		HEIGHT WEIGHT [REDACTED]		HAIR EYES BRO BLU		ETHNIC C	
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL				VICT. OF SUSP. NO. RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]							
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M.O. EVENT CODES : (AGENCY OPTIONAL USE)								TOTAL VALUE STOLEN		TOTAL VALUE REC.	
SYNOPSIS This report documents my investigation into the crash landing of a hot air balloon piloted by Janet Marie Loya-Rusler.											

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NARRATIVE

On August 2, 2015, at approximately 0804 hours, I was notified of a hot air balloon crash at 4665 Irving Blvd. When I arrived on scene, I noticed a balloon on a vacant lot adjacent to Church Alive!. I also noticed several Albuquerque Police (APD) units, fire and rescue units were on scene. I made contact with the rescue personnel that were tending to a female in the balloon gondola. One of the APD officers gave me the pilot's and the passenger's names. They were identified as Janet Marie Loya-Rusler, pilot, and Mark Rusler, passenger. Ambulance personnel stabilized Ms. Loya-Rusler's foot and carried her to the ambulance.

Members of the chase crew advised me she was planning to land in the field. When she landed, Ms. Loya-Rusler's foot was stuck between the propane tank and the gondola wall. She fell over, but her foot stayed between the tank and the wall, causing her leg to break. Ms. Loya-Rusler was transported to Rust Medical Center Emergency Room.

Mr. Rusler stated they launched from a field across from Rust Medical Center at approximately 0630 hours that morning. They landed at approximately 0800 hours. When they landed, Ms. Loya-Rusler fell over and broke her leg. He stated her foot was caught between the propane tank and the gondola wall when she fell. As she fell over, her foot remained stationary, causing the leg to break.

I identified the balloon as "Vacation," with FAA Balloon Number 787TC.

I photographed the balloon and gondola using the State Police issued Sony digital camera. I did not notice any damage to the balloon or the gondola. From the marks on the ground, the balloon did not appear to drag the gondola after it touched down. There was no property damage to the vacant lot. I spoke to Mike Schafer, the Head Pastor of Church Alive!. Mr. Schafer stated the field was owned by Church Alive!. I advised Mr. Schafer the emergency vehicles would be cleared out of his parking lot as soon as possible.

I made contact with Ken Hand, from the FAA Flight Standards Bureau. I briefed him on the incident and advised him I would complete a report to document the incident. I would not be filing any charges and there was no reported property damage. Mr. Hand stated he would meet with the pilot, Ms. Loya-Rusler. Mr. Hand asked me to e-mail the photographs of the balloon to him.

I met with Ms. Loya-Rusler in the Rust Medical Center Emergency Room. Ms. Loya-Rusler stated she has been training to be a pilot since January. She has been practicing every weekend since May. In that time, she has logged 20.4 flight hours. Her training consisted of supervised flights with a flight instructor and solo flights. On August 1, 2015, Ms. Loya-Rusler completed her final test flight and was certified as a balloon pilot. The flight that morning was her first flight after being certified as a pilot. Ms. Loya-Rusler showed me her Temporary Airman Certificate. The certificate was issued to Ms. Loya-Rusler on 08/01/2015. The certificate number indicated it was Pending. Ms. Loya-Rusler stated she found a spot to land in the vacant lot adjacent to Church Alive!. When the gondola touched down, her foot got stuck between the propane tank and the gondola wall. She lost her balance and fell over, but her foot remained wedged. As she fell, she felt her leg twist and break.

I advised Ms. Loya-Rusler I would file a report to document the incident. I gave her my name, office phone number and the report number.

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At approximately 1330 hours, I emailed a copy of the photographs to FAA Investigator Ken Hand. This case is closed and clear.						
"I WILL PROSECUTE / TESTIFY SHOULD THE OFFENDER" Y N		"I UNDERSTAND IT IS A CRIMINAL COMPLAINTANT / VICTIM OFFENSE TO FILE A CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE X			DATE	
REPORTING OFFICER EDWARD SMITH		RANK PATROLMAN	I.D. NO [REDACTED]		08/02/2015	
ASSISTING OFFICER						
APPROVING OFFICER RAUL VIGIL		SERGEANT	[REDACTED]			
DETECTIVE / FOLLOW-UP OFFICER / REFERRED TO						
PROCESSED BY DATE		DATA ENTRY PERSON ESMITH			08/02/2015	
INCIDENT STATUS CLOSED		C.L.A. 	C.L.E. X	EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE CODE		08/02/2015
AGENCY OPTIONAL USE (DISTRIBUTION, OTHER OFFICERS, ETC.)			CASES CLEARED BY THIS ARREST Case No. Case No. Case No.			