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This afternoon, at 12:13 P.M., December 18, 2024, deputies of the Valencia County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a victim of a gunshot wound to the chest at the intersection of S. El Cerro Loop and Inspiration Drive. At 12:19 P.M., deputies arrived and confirmed that a 61-year-old male, from Los Lunas, had been shot. Deputies rendered aid until medical assistance arrived on scene. The man made several statements to deputies, which indicated that he had been shot at a residence located on the 300 block of E. El Cerro Loop. He also had indicated that at least one additional victim was located at the home. The man was transported by AMR to UNM Hospital in Albuquerque where he was immediately taken into the Trauma Unit. At 1:49 P.M. the man succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Law enforcement officers with the Valencia County Sheriff's Office, along with the Los Lunas Police Department, responded to that location at 12:26 P.M. Call outs were initiated without a response from any residents. At 12:55 P.M. law enforcement forced entry into the home where another victim was found deceased. The man, a 64-year-old resident of the home, was found deceased with a gunshot wound to the head. A subsequent search of the home was completed and a female suspect was located hiding in a bathroom. She was taken into custody as a person of interest in this double homicide investigation. She was transported to the Valencia County Sheriff's Office for questioning and further processing. At this time, the Valencia County Sheriff's Office is not seeking any outstanding persons of interest related to this incident.

The Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) has been dispatched to the scene. Identification of the victims is pending a next of kin notification. Detectives with the Valencia County Sheriff's Office, along with the New Mexico State Police Crime Scene Processing Unit, and the Los Lunas Police Department Criminal Investigations Division will be working both scenes throughout the day. Portions of El Cerro Loop, along with Sandhill Rd. will be closed throughout the night as we continue the scene processing. We urge local residents to seek alternate routes in the area.

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UPDATE

On the afternoon of Wednesday December 18, 2024, 61-year-old Los Lunas resident John Miramontes called 911 to report that he had been shot. He stated the shooting had occurred at 310 El Cerro Loop, and that after being shot, he had fled that location to Inspiration Drive. Valencia County Sheriff's deputies made contact with Mr. Miramontes at that location and started to render aid. Mr. Miramontes informed the deputies that another man, named George, was also shot at the home. He

also stated that Amy was the person who had shot him. Mr. Miramontes was then transported by medical units to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Law enforcement personnel at 310 El Cerro Loop decided to force entry into the home after learning of a potential second victim. Upon entry, the 64-year-old resident of the home, George Yzquierdo, was located deceased with a gunshot wound to the head. Law enforcement searched the home where a woman was found hiding in a bathroom. She was identified as 41-year old Amy Pendleton of Los Lunas. Law enforcement resources indicated that Mrs. Pendleton was currently on probation and in violation for absconding on the terms of her release though no arrest warrants were currently active from the Adult Probation and Parole Office (APPO). Amy was taken into custody by deputies on scene and transported to a hospital in Albuquerque where she was medically cleared for incarceration. She was then transported to the Valencia County Sheriff's Office where she was processed pursuant to a search warrant for DNA and other evidence. She was advised of her Miranda Rights, which she invoked requesting not to speak to detectives. She was further processed and booked into the Valencia County Detention Center at 11:17 P.M.

The Office of the Medical Investigator took possession of both the victims and on Friday December 20, 2024 made positive identification of them. The next of kin, for both victims, have been notified at the time of this informational release.

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