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Press Release

On Sunday September 4th, 2022 at about 10:43am deputies along with County EMS and Fire were dispatched to Gallina Canyon Rd to a reported crash involving a bicyclist and ROHV that allegedly happened on nearby Turkey Springs Rd. Deputies arrived at 10:56am and began their investigation. Deputy Gwinn made contact with the injured party and applied a tourniquet to his lower leg noting the foot had been amputated. Classic Air flew the individual from the Hondo Seco helipad to UNM Hospital.

Deputies continued to search the area on Turkey Springs Rd but did not locate a collision scene, bicycle, ROHV, or any witnesses to a collision.

As part of their continued investigation deputies went to the injured parties' residence on Gallina Canyon Rd. They noted blood on the front porch area and a chainsaw with what appeared to be blood and tissue on it. Deputies also noted two bicycles were in the open garage but neither had damage consistent with a collision.

Deputies noted a trail of blood droplets and followed it from the porch to an area beside the house with tall grass where they located the amputated foot. The foot was

immediately taken to Holy Cross Hospital so it could be air lifted to UNM Hospital.

Continuing their investigation, they examined the chainsaw closer and noted tissue, bone, and fresh blood was on the chainsaw bar, chain, and inside the sprocket cover. Based on the information they observed and not being able to locate a collision sight, witness, or evidence of any collision the investigation remains open at this time.

TCSO Detective Armijo attempted a follow-up interview at UNM Hospital with Dillen Maurer but he refused to speak to him and asked for an attorney.

“There is no question some traumatic event took place that caused the amputation of Mr. Maurer’s foot. We are also certain that the bloody chainsaw played a major role in the amputation but without cooperation and additional information we may not get the answers we need”.

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