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PRESS RELEASE

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This is an update to the press release provided on June 1, 2022.

The three patients transported to Froedtert Hospital on yesterday's date have all been released from the hospital and are recovering. The passenger list for this flight include:

The pilot, Jimmy Winder (62) of Bristol, Wisconsin
Passenger Nikolay Veltchev (37), of Barrington, Illinois
Passenger, Elena Petrova (36) of Arlington Heights, Illinois

The pilot reported while attempting to land the hot air balloon in the 400 block of Calumet Street, the gondola touched down and the balloon became entangled with a Northbound Canadian National train. The pilot was affiliated with the Lake Geneva Balloon Company, owner of the hot air balloon.

The Burlington Police Department continues to work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The National Transportation Safety Board has been identified as lead investigating agency moving forward. This investigation remains ongoing.

All future media inquiries should be made to the National Transportation Safety Board Media Relations Officer, Eric Weiss at eric.weiss@ntsb.gov.

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