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HOLLOMAN AFB AIRCRAFT INCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – A U.S. Air Force F-16C Viper assigned to the 49th Wing crashed at Holloman AFB at approximately 1800 MDT on Monday night. The cause of the incident is currently under investigation.

During a routine training mission, the F-16 departed the runway while landing. The sole pilot on board successfully ejected. He was released from medical care later the same night, after being treated for minor injuries.

Holloman conducted a temporary, partial stand-down of local flying operations on Tuesday, July 14th, to ensure the safety of the airfield and the wellness of the aircrew. There are no indications of any fleet-wide issues. Normal flying operations have resumed fully as of today.

“The pilot did exactly what he was supposed to do in this situation,” said Col. Ryan Keeney, 49th Wing commander. “He followed the emergency procedures he learned in training, where we focus on teaching the students to do the ordinary extraordinarily well.”

As the women and men of Holloman AFB continue to build the backbone of the U.S. Air Force’s combat airpower, the safety of the Airmen, families, and surrounding community will remain paramount.