

Golden arches injure elderly couple

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PHOENIX -- An Illinois couple was severely injured when a McDonald's sign toppled off its pedestal and crushed their car, police in Arizona say.

Russell and Carolyn Janke had stopped for lunch at a McDonald's in Window Rock, Ariz. on their drive home after spending the winter in Arizona, the Chicago Tribune reported Friday.

Acting chief Steve Nelson of Navajo Nation says the Naperville, Ill., couple was sitting in their Chevy Trailblazer in the parking lot when the golden arches fell during winds that "were probably 60 mph-plus."

Russell Janke, 72, suffered a laceration to his head and was reported in fair condition at Indian Health Service in Fort Defiance.

Carolyn Janke, 69, was hospitalized in critical condition in Phoenix with a fractured spinal column and sternum.

Nelson said high winds have been gusting across the reservation for the last three weeks.

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