

Two Mt. Vernon Residents Die After Tornado Strikes Jefferson County

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JEFFERSON COUNTY - Two Jefferson County residents died in a tornado that struck the area Sunday night, June 21, 2026, according to information from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, which also said volunteer groups and government officials are working on cleanup in affected areas.

The victims were identified as 83-year-old Delores B. Shelton of 19267 N. Ranch Lane in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and 62-year-old Sarita L. Kimble of 14650 E. July Road in Mt. Vernon, the sheriff's office said. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said there were no new calls of tornado activity in Jefferson County after 9 p.m. Sunday. The sheriff's office said five were also injured after the tornado hit the area.

"Volunteer groups are working with government officials to assist with clean-up efforts in the affected areas," the sheriff's office said.

"The Sheriff and his staff send their condolences to the family and friends of Delores Shelton and Sarita Kimble," the sheriff's office added.

More than 20 tornadoes have occurred in Illinois over the past two weeks.