



Couple #3 Crystal and Brion

Our Official Essay Entry

Dear NM Dream Wedding Team,

We are New Mexico's dream couple. We would like the opportunity to have our ideal dream wedding. We were lucky to have met each other and would like to share our story with New Mexico. I'd like to tell you a little bit about each of us and then I will reason why we feel we are the best candidates to win the dream wedding.

My name is Crystal. My soul mate's name is Brion. I was born and raised in Albuquerque and represent New Mexico to its fullest. My family is deep seeded here. I love our culture and our traditions. Where else can you go to see balloons in the air every morning? I could not imagine living anywhere else. I can not live without Hatch red or green Chile. And not only that, our sunsets against the mesa are the best! I grew up in the old town area. I went to Albuquerque high school. I am a fashion model for local designers. Besides modeling, I am a dental assistant part time. I have recently gone back to school to pursue a dental hygiene degree. I want to give back to our community by educating them about good oral health.

My soul mate Brion came to New Mexico to fulfill his dream of being a Police officer. He attended college on a wrestling scholarship at Cumberland University in Tennessee. After college he researched many departments across the country and decided that New Mexico's Albuquerque Police department would be his home. Albuquerque has some of the best training for officers and is nationally recognized. Brion was a college athlete and still enjoys exercise sports. Brion is a fun loving gentleman with a warm heart. He's always going out of his way to put a smile on someone's face especially mine. He tells the best jokes. He's funny and can captivate any room.

We met on a Sunday afternoon. I was on my way to a friend's house for Sunday dinner. Brion, happened to be working overtime running laser at a speed tac plan on good ol' Route 66. I was tagged, guilty of speeding. Caught! When Brion approached my car I was struck by his presence. I couldn't speak, nor could he. We are both outgoing talkative people but at that instance all we could do was smile and look into each others eyes. He asked me for my license and registration. And he went to his car to write me a citation. When he came back he told me I was going five miles over the speed limit and gave me a warning. He told me to slow down. I told him thank you officer, I will. After that, I was on my way.

As I started to drive off I had to stop myself and ask him if he was married or had a girlfriend.

He then said no. My heart was racing. I was so excited. He said he never does this and that he wanted to see me again. I agreed. So, soon after we met we talked over the phone for long hours. We both felt we had encountered something very special. Both of us had never felt anything close to that feeling of true love in our entire lives. Brion felt he had to have more of me. I needed him just as much. So, that's when we decided to get married.

After knowing each other for only a few months we knew it was crazy! My sister who lives in Santa Theresa NM helped me find an ordained minister online who could marry us. We then went to Old Town Plaza to pick out two sterling silver wedding bands as our rings. And we snuck off and got married. We were married at the park on Carisle and Lomas. We were told to bring two witnesses and the only two witnesses around were passersby's near the park. There was one man who was jogging and a lady who was pulled over in her car talking on her cell phone. Brion and I stopped both of them to ask them to be our witnesses. They agreed and also took some pictures for us.

Brion and I planned that we would keep our marriage a secret because we only knew each other for a few months and that our family and friends would convince us otherwise. But the day we were married our family could sense something was up. So after pressure, we folded, and had to tell them what we did. At first everyone was upset with us. They felt left out because they wanted to witness us get married and be a part in our special day. Brion has family from Florida that would have wanted to see us get married. All of my family lives here in New Mexico and were left out too.

After spending time with us together and seeing our love for each other anyone can see that we are meant for each other. We can't imagine life without each other, and are so happy that we met one another. We feel we've made the best decision in our lives and that is to spend it together. The one thing that we lack is having a wedding celebration to show our friends and family our ultimate love for each other. We would be honored to be chosen as NM Dream couple, and a dream love, as special as ours, deserves a dream wedding!