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ARRESTS MADE IN ALAMOGORDO COLD CASE DOUBLE HOMICIDE

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key, announces arrests in the 2014 murders of Jonathan Garnand and Devone Blake.

Johnathan Stewart, 28, and Angel Armendariz, 26, both residents of Texas, were taken into custody earlier today. Stewart was arrested and booked into the McKinney County Detention Center, while Armendariz was arrested and booked into the Milam County Jail. Both are charged with multiple counts of Murder in the First-Degree (Willful and Deliberate), or in the alternative, Felony Murder.

McKinney Police Department arrested Stewart while the Milam County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers arrested Armendariz after extensive surveillance of the Defendants in two different locations in Texas.

On November 2, 2014, at approximately 11:42 P.M., Alamogordo Police Department Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Hendrix Ave., Alamogordo, New Mexico, in reference to a stationary suspicious vehicle. Officers observed the front passenger door open and located (2) male subjects in the front seats of the vehicle with gunshot wounds. The occupants inside the vehicle were identified as Jonathan Garnand and Devone Blake. Both victims were still alive and pleading Officers for aid.

Both victims were transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center (GCRMC) with life threatening injuries. Subsequently, both individuals were air lifted to the University Medical Center (UMC) located in El Paso, Texas. After lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful, both Garnand and Blake succumbed to their injuries. Jonathan Garnand was pronounced deceased on November 4, 2014, and Devone Blake was pronounced deceased on November 10, 2014.

The Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit, in addition to the Alamogordo Police Department, began actively working this cold case again in March of 2020. Consistent case reviews also occurred over the years, but none resulted in solidified leads. Ultimately, it was learned through the investigation that Johnathan Stewart and Angel Armendariz had met with Jonathan Garnand and Devone Blake, prior to, and at the time of the shooting. Cellular phone and GPS data was eventually recovered, ultimately leading law enforcement to execute the arrests.

Johnathan Stewart and Angel Armendariz have each been charged with 2 Counts of First-Degree Murder (Willful and Deliberate), or in the alternative, Felony Murder, by the Twelfth Judicial

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District Attorney's Office. Both individuals are pending extradition from Texas. Prosecution proceedings will begin upon their arrival in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Additionally, the District Attorney also advises that the investigation is continuing in regard to person(s) that may have assisted the Defendants in destroying evidence and intimidating potential witnesses.

This case was investigated by the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit, led by Investigator, Kyle Graham, the Attorney General's Office, Alamogordo Police Department, New Mexico State Police, McKinney Police Department, Texas Rangers, Bell County Sheriff's Office, College Station Police Department, El Paso Police Department, Milam County Sheriff's Office, Altus Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

District Attorney, Scot D. Key, applauds the tenacity, professionalism, and collaboration of the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit and the agencies involved in the successful arrests of Johnathan Stewart and Angel Armendariz.

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