



**Twelfth Judicial District**  
**State of New Mexico**  
OTERO, LINCOLN COUNTIES

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Angel Armendariz was sentenced to two life sentences to run consecutively in prison for the 2014 double homicide cold case that left Jonathan Garnand and Devone Blake dead.

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key, announces today that the Honorable Angie K. Schneider sentenced Angel Armendariz, age 27, to two life sentences in prison to run consecutively with one another.

In October of this year an Otero County Jury found Angel Armendariz guilty of two (2) counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder (felony murder) after a seven-day jury trial before the Honorable Angie K. Schneider.

This was considered a cold case and stood relatively untouched for several years until the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office Investigation unit and the Alamogordo Police Department detective division assigned two full time investigators to the case to review all materials and previously seized evidence.

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.

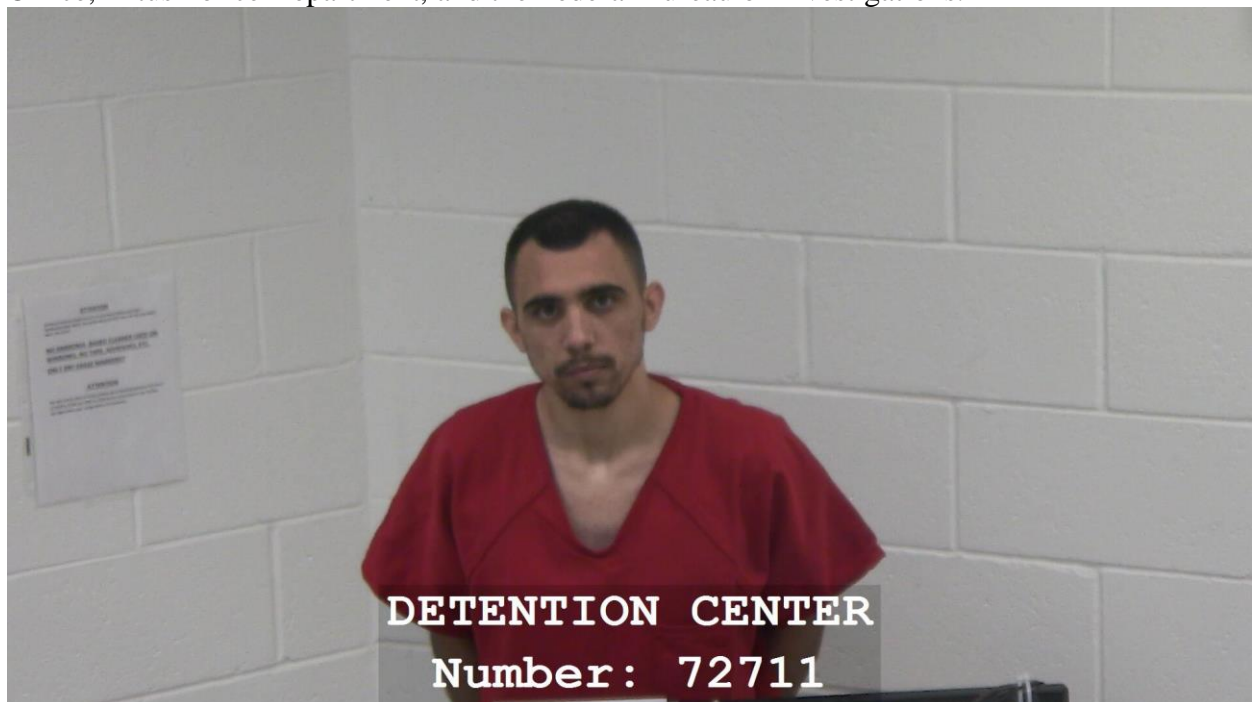
After lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful, both Garnand and Blake succumbed to their injuries. Jonathan Garnand was pronounced deceased on November 4, 2014, and Devone Blake was pronounced deceased on November 10, 2014.

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. In January 2022 both Angel Armendariz and a co-defendant were arrested for the murders of Jonathan Garnand and Devone Blake.

This case was prosecuted by 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Scot D. Key and Chief Deputy

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District Attorney Roxeanne Esquibel and investigated by the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit, 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.



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