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On January 22, 2025, the 12th Judicial District Major Crimes Unit was activated to investigate a homicide in **BENT**, NM. The 12th Judicial District Major Crimes Unit is comprised of investigators from the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Alamogordo, Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriffs Office, Otero County Sheriff's Office and the Ruidoso Police Department.

During the investigation, three deceased individuals were discovered, and a BOLO was issued for a vehicle linked to the scene. Investigators actively worked the investigation for approximately one week traveling to Roswell, NM and the State of Mississippi to execute search warrants and conduct additional interviews. As a result of the investigation, a Warrant for Arrest was issued for Kane Mayes and Cassandra Douglas.

Kane Mayes has been charged with the following:

- 3 counts of Murder in the 1st Degree
- 3 counts of Conspiracy to commit Murder in the 1st Degree
- Aggravated burglary (armed with a deadly weapon)
- 3 counts of Tampering with Evidence
- Arson
- 2 counts of Unlawful taking of a vehicle
- Conspiracy to commit Unlawful taking of a vehicle.

Mayes was served on the Warrant for Arrest in Mississippi on January 29, 2025 and is pending extradition to New Mexico.

Cassandra Douglas has been charged with the following:

- 3 counts of Murder in the 1st Degree
- Conspiracy to Commit Murger in the 1st Degree
- Tampering with Evidence.

Douglas was served on the Warrant for Arrest on January 27, 2025 in Roswell, NM. Douglas was transported to Otero County Detention Center and arraigned in Magistrate Court on January 31, 2025. Douglas is being held without bond, pending a Review of Conditions of Release Hearing.

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