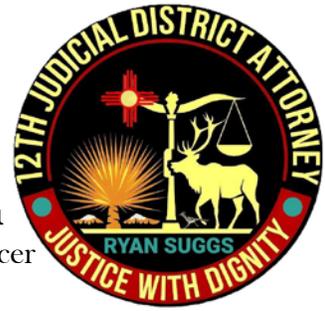




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**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN  
INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF ISAAC DURAN**

June 27, 2025

On August 17, 2021 human remains were located in a remote area of Otero County. At the time, the identity of the deceased was unknown. Through innovative forensic technology and genetic genealogy efforts, law enforcement has now confirmed the individual to be Isaac Duran. Mr. Duran had been reported as a missing person in May of 2018.

The 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office is requesting the public's assistance in gathering information regarding the death of Isaac Duran. The manner and circumstances of his death remain under investigation, and we are seeking any information that may help determine how, when, and why he died.

If you knew Isaac Duran, had contact with him prior to August 2021, or have any knowledge of events or individuals that may be connected to his death, please contact the Otero County Sheriff's Office.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Otero County Sheriff's Office

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**NOTICE:**

This remains an open investigation. All tips and information will be treated with sensitivity and may remain confidential upon request.

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