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**LINCOLN COUNTY JURY CONVICTS ROSWELL MAN OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, ARMED ROBBERY CONSPIRACY, AND IMPERSONATING A PEACE OFFICER; SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON**

March 19, 2026

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Ryan Suggs announces on March 9, 2026, a Lincoln County jury found Gabriel Thyberg, 42, of Roswell, NM, guilty of First-Degree Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery, and Impersonating a Peace Officer following a six-day jury trial before the Honorable John P. Sugg.

During the trial, the State proved beyond a reasonable doubt Thyberg murdered Nate Ogden of Capitan, New Mexico. On July 28, 2024, Thyberg, while masked and impersonating a law enforcement officer, entered Ogden's residence with the intent to commit a robbery and killed Nate Ogden. Thyberg fled the scene following the brutal act, and was subsequently arrested on August 9, 2024. He remained in custody without bond pending trial.

Sentencing commenced immediately following the jury's verdict. Thyberg was sentenced to life imprisonment to be served at the New Mexico Department of Corrections.

"This life sentence is a direct result of the relentless dedication of our prosecution team and the collaborative efforts of our law enforcement partners," said Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Tighe. "The entire Lincoln County team worked tirelessly to ensure justice was served for Nate Ogden. We hope this sentence provides a measure of closure to his loved ones and our community."

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Tighe and Trial Attorney Randy Summers. This case was investigated by the New Mexico State Police.

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