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## **Ewing Man Convicted of Double Murder**

### ***Matthew Hinrichsen Guilty in Deaths of Alex and Victoria Lee Vargas***

LINCOLN – Attorney General Bruning today announced Matthew Hinrichsen, 33, of Ewing was found guilty of murdering newlyweds Alex and Victoria Lee Vargas of Neligh. He was convicted by jury in Antelope County District Court of two counts of first degree murder (Class IA felony), one count of possessing a fire arm while committing a felony (Class IC felony) and one count of using a fire arm to commit a felony (Class III felony). He faces a possibility of two life sentences. Sentencing is scheduled for January 28, 2014.

“This man entered the Vargas home, shot and killed Alex and beat Victoria to death before setting the home ablaze,” said Bruning. “Today’s conviction helps to ensure he is held accountable for his crimes.”

On December 8, 2012, the bodies of Alex and Victoria Lee Vargas were found in a burned mobile home in rural Antelope County. Autopsies showed Alex Vargas died from three gunshot wounds to his midsection and Victoria Lee Vargas died from traumatic blunt force trauma to the head. Hinrichsen, an ex-boyfriend of

Victoria's, was arrested the same day at his parent's home.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges in January 2013.

Assistant Attorney Generals Corey O'Brien and Sandra Allen are handling the case.

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