



# Attorney General Doug Peterson

# News Release

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## **Office of the Attorney General:**

Earlier today, the State of Nebraska carried out the death sentence ordered by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Nebraska Department of Justice and the Department of Corrections have carried out the judicial system's final order.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Reuel Van Ness and Maynard Helgeland for the loss of their loved ones nearly thirty-nine years ago.

Today's somber event serves to provide a measure of closure for what has been a lengthy enactment of justice.

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