



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **1989 Flagler "Ninja Killer" Set for April Execution**

BUNNELL, FL – Louis Bernard Gaskin, who was convicted of a 1989 double murder in Flagler County, is set for execution next month under a death warrant signed Monday by Governor Ron DeSantis.



*Louis Gaskin (Florida Department of Corrections Mugshot)*

Barring any further delays on appeal, the execution of Gaskin is scheduled for April 12 at 6 PM, according to the Office of Governor DeSantis. Gaskin will be the second execution in Florida this year and the fourth under DeSantis.

Gaskin was convicted of first-degree murder for shooting and killing 56-year-old Robert Sturmfels and 55-year-old Georgette Sturmfels on December 20, 1989, in their home in Bunnell. He was also convicted of Armed Robbery, Burglary, and Attempted Murder of another couple on the same night.

Gaskin, now 56 years old, has filed several appeals in the 33 years since the murders but both the Florida Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for his death warrant to be signed.

The Florida State Supreme Court set a briefing schedule for all filings in any new Gaskin appeals to be

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completed by March 31.

“It is about time this man will finally face the consequences of his actions and sentence,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “He waited on death row for way too long for the sentence to be carried out. I pray the victim’s family will finally get justice and closure for their murdered loved ones and their family.”

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