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Court Rejects Ryan Death Row Appeal

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) A Nebraska court is refusing to consider a death row inmate's questions about the state's new execution method of lethal injection and how the needed drugs for it were obtained. The Richardson County District Court rejected Michael Ryan's appeal because it said he should have filed a different kind of motion to challenge the method of execution.

Attorney General Jon Bruning said Friday he was pleased with the ruling.

Ryan was convicted of torturing and killing James Thimm at a southeast Nebraska farm near Rulo in 1985, and for the beating death of the 5-year-old son of a cult member.

Ryan's attorney, Jerry Soucie, didn't immediately respond to a message Friday morning.

Nebraska has not executed anyone since 1997, and it has yet to execute anyone by lethal injection.