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Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Former Birmingham Building Inspector Sentenced to Jail Time for Accepting Bribe

(MONTGOMERY)—Attorney General Steve Marshall announced today that former Birmingham Building Inspector Thomas Edward Stoves, 53, was sentenced to jail after a Jefferson County jury found him guilty of intentionally using his office or position for personal gain.

Stoves was convicted after the jury heard testimony that he accepted \$1,200 in cash in exchange for approving a building inspection of a local adult entertainment club. At the sentencing hearing, Circuit Judge Michael Streety sentenced Stoves to five years, split to serve 90 days in the Jefferson County Jail. Although acknowledging Stove's lack of prior criminal history, Judge Streety also noted — as did the State in their argument — that this offense involved a violation of public trust, stating there must be a consequence for that breach of the public trust. The Court additionally noted that the swift verdict of the jury spoke volumes (the jury deliberated less than an hour).

Attorney General Marshall thanked his Special Prosecutions Division, including Assistant Attorneys General Nathan Mays, Kyle Beckman, and Alana Cammack, and Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General Clark Morris. Attorney General Marshall also thanked FBI Special Agent Michael Faulkner and all the agents and support staff of the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division whose hard work contributed to the successful prosecution of this case.

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