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**Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Murder Conviction in Madison County**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of Sherman Demond Moore, age 38 of Huntsville, for murder. Moore was convicted in the Madison County Circuit Court on March 24, 2022, for the murder of William Matthews.

The evidence at trial showed that on the morning of February 17, 2019, Mr. Matthews was at the home of a friend, and the two were planning to work on cars together when Moore stopped by the friend’s home. Moore asked Matthews’ friend about a local drug dealer, and the friend told Moore that he would get some information and get back with Moore later. Moore left the house, but not before saying something to Matthews. Moore later returned through the front door and shot Matthews in the back. The victim died at a local hospital of four gunshot wounds to the back. Moore claimed that he went to the home to buy drugs, got into a confrontation with Matthews, and then shot him in self-defense.

Madison County District Attorney Robert Broussard’s office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Moore was sentenced to twenty-five years’ imprisonment. Moore sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Moore’s conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, February 3, 2023.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Marc A. Starrett for his successful work on this case and thanked District Attorney Robert Broussard and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the murder conviction.

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