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**Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Three-Count Indictment of James Dean Bulger on Three Felony Charges**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced the indictment today of James Dean Bulger, of Autauga County, on three felony charges, including first-degree theft of property, aggravated theft by deception, and first-degree financial exploitation of the elderly. The indictment was served on Friday, March 10 at the Montgomery County Jail, where Bulger is currently being held on a \$1.5 million cash-only bail.

On February 17, 2023, Attorney General Marshall’s Special Prosecutions Division presented evidence to a Montgomery County grand jury which resulted in Bulger’s indictment\* on the above three charges. Specifically, count one of the indictment charges that Bulger knowingly obtained all or a portion of four million dollars from another. Count two charges that Bulger knowingly obtained, by deception, control of more than \$200,000 in cash from another. And count three charges that Bulger intentionally used deception to obtain an elderly person’s property, which exceeded \$2,500 in value.

The theft charge and the financial exploitation charge are Class B felonies punishable by two to twenty years in prison for each charge and a fine of up to \$30,000 per offense. The aggravated theft by deception charge is treated as a Class A or Class B felony and is punishable by five to thirty years in prison and a fine of up to \$60,000. If Bulger is convicted, the circuit court also has authority to order any appropriate restitution.

No other information about the investigation or Bulger’s alleged crimes other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

*\*An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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