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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES ARREST OF THIRD FORMER STATE TROOPER ON FELONY THEFT AND ETHICS CHARGES

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest today of another former state trooper for felony theft and ethics charges. Terry Stallworth, 49, of Mobile, surrendered today at the Mobile County Sheriff's Office. His arrest comes a month after the arrests of two other former state troopers and a former custodian for a trooper post.

Stallworth had been assigned to the Mobile office of the Department of Public Safety, as had been one of the troopers arrested last month. The other trooper and the custodian had been assigned to the Tuscaloosa State Trooper Post.

Attorney General Strange's Office presented evidence to a Mobile County grand jury on March 1, 2012, resulting in the indictment of Stallworth. Specifically, the indictment charges Stallworth with:

- Second-degree theft of gasoline valued at more than \$500, occurring and continuing between the approximate dates of December 1, 2010 and March 8, 2011; and
- Use of his official public position as an Alabama State Trooper for unlawful personal gain to himself or a family member, the gain being gasoline.

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

Second-degree theft is a class C felony, punishable by one year and a day, to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$15,000. Use of official position for personal gain, a violation of the state ethics law, is a class B felony, punishable by two to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$30,000.

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in the case, noting the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, Assistant Attorney General Pete Smyczek and Deputy Attorney General Mike Duffy of the Attorney General's Public Corruption and White Collar Crime Division.

**An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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