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AG ANNOUNCES KILLINGSWORTH AGAIN CONVICTED IN RETRIAL FOR 2004 MURDER IN BIBB COUNTY

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that the retrial of Jimmy Lamar Killingsworth Jr. yesterday resulted in a second conviction of capital murder for a brutal attack on a Bibb County couple in December of 2004.

With his retrial set for yesterday, Killingsworth entered a guilty plea for capital murder, which was affirmed by a jury in Bibb County Circuit Court. He was subsequently sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. Killingsworth first was convicted in 2006, and the retrial was ordered by the Alabama Supreme Court due to an issue regarding a juror in the previous trial.

Killingsworth was convicted for a drive-by shooting into the couple's vehicle, in which Steven C. Spears was fatally wounded and his wife, Monica Spears, was viciously beaten with a chain. The attack occurred on State Highway 139 on December 10, 2004. Troy Connell of Chilton County was previously convicted for capital murder and assault in the attack upon the Spears, and is serving a sentence of life without parole.

“I am pleased that justice has been preserved with this defendant again convicted for his terrible crime,” said Attorney General Strange. “This was a horrifying crime of senseless random violence that demands severe punishment.”

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in handling this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Andrew Arrington and John Hensley of his Criminal Trials Division. He thanked the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office for outstanding work in preparing the case for trial and retrial.

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