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## AG ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR THEFT OF CHAMBERS COUNTY DRUG COURT FUNDS

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the conviction of a Lanett woman for first-degree theft from the Chambers County Drug Court. Rosanna Nicole “Nikki” Brooks, 39, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years, which was suspended and she was placed on probation. She was ordered to pay court costs and a \$100 fine for the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission. A hearing will be set to determine the amount of restitution Brooks will be required to pay.

Brooks was a clerical worker with the Chambers County Court Referral Program, LLC., which administers the Chambers County Drug Court Collections.

The Attorney General’s Special Prosecutions Division presented evidence to a Chambers County grand jury on September 13, 2013, regarding Brooks’ theft of drug court funds in an amount exceeding \$2,500. Specifically, she accepted payments from clients of the court referral program and failed to turn over this money to the Chambers County Commission for deposit into the county’s drug court account. Brooks admitted her guilt in a court hearing on December 4.

“This defendant was entrusted to handle funds administered by a public agency, and she betrayed her employers and the people of Chambers County by her theft,” said Attorney General Strange. “I am pleased that she has been held to account for her crime and will be required to repay the money she stole.”

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General Bill Lisenby and Special Agents of the Attorney General’s Special Prosecutions Division, and thanked the Chambers County Sheriff’s Office for valuable assistance in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

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