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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR SEX CRIMES AGAINST FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL

(MONTGOMERY) — Attorney General Luther Strange announced the conviction Wednesday of a Madison County man for multiple sex crimes committed against a 5-year-old girl. Roland Gilbert Campos III, 35, of New Market, was found guilty by a jury in Madison County Circuit Court. Sentencing is set for July 7.

The Attorney General's Criminal Trials Division presented evidence at court that included a substantial detailed interview with the victim about repeated crimes of sexual abuse and sodomy during 2012. In addition, the girl's babysitter testified that the girl told her what Campos had done to her. Campos admitted during testimony that the child was usually truthful and that he had been with her on the times in question. The defendant had been dating the victim's mother.

Following a three-day trial, the jury found Campos guilty of two counts of first-degree sexual abuse of a child aged less than 12 years and two counts of first-degree sodomy. He faces a potential sentence of up to 20 years imprisonment for the sexual abuse convictions, which are class B felonies; and up to life imprisonment for the sodomy convictions, which are class A felonies.

"This case is a tragedy of horrendous abuse against a defenseless young child," said Attorney General Strange. "It is important that he will be punished for his crimes and he should be imprisoned so that he will no longer be a danger to this child or any other."

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in the prosecution of this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Kelly Hawkins Godwin and Andrew Arrington of his Criminal Trials Division, Victim Service Officer Doris Hancock of his Office of Victim Assistance and Special Agents of his Investigations Division. He also thanked the National Children's Advocacy Center.

