



AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF STATE TROOPER

(MONTGOMERY) –Attorney General Luther Strange announced the conviction of a woman in Perry County for attempted murder of a state trooper. Janice Green, also known as Janice Ford or Janice Billingsley, was found guilty by a jury on Friday afternoon. Green, 47, is of Marion.

The Attorney General’s Criminal Trials Division presented evidence that Green fired a shot with a high-powered, scoped bolt-action rifle at a member of a State Trooper Tactical Team that had come to serve a search warrant at her home. The search warrant arose from an investigation into allegations that Green was involved in a plan to kill a Fourth Judicial Circuit Judge and a Special Agent of the Attorney General’s Office. After her arrest, Green told law enforcement officers that, “If I knew how to work that gun, I would have shot y’all up.”

“Anyone who threatens or attempts to harm a law enforcement officer must face a severe penalty. I am pleased that this defendant has been convicted and will serve a minimum of 20 years in prison for her crime,” said Attorney General Strange. “Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to protect their fellow citizens, as did the state troopers who served the warrant upon this woman.”

Both Green and her mother, Marie Billingsley, each were charged regarding separate plots to kill the Judge and Special Agent. Billingsley subsequently pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit assault. Green was found not guilty of related charges after a witness changed his testimony.

Green is to be sentenced for attempted murder of a state trooper sometime in mid-January after a pre-sentencing investigation has been completed. Attempted murder is a class A felony with a sentence of 10 years to life imprisonment. However, due to her use of a firearm, a sentence of at least 20 years is mandatory. Furthermore, she had a previous felony conviction that made it illegal for her to possess a firearm, for which she faces an eight year sentence following completion of her state sentence. She is currently incarcerated in the Perry County Jail.

Attorney General Strange commended those who handled this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Andrew Arrington, John Hensley and Kelly Godwin. He thanked the Alabama State Troopers, State Trooper Tactical Team III, the Alabama Bureau of Investigations, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

