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## **AG ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF HAMILTON MAN FOR FIRST-DEGREE RAPE IN 2005 COLD CASE**

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange and Marion County District Attorney Jack Bostick announced the conviction of a Hamilton man for first-degree rape in an almost 10-year-old cold case. Johnathan L. Scott pleaded guilty in Marion County Circuit Court.

Scott was sentenced to 20 years and will be required to register as a sex offender. The 20-year sentence was split for him to serve five years in prison followed by 15 years of supervised probation.

Evidence was presented to a Marion County grand jury resulting in Scott's indictment on August 1, 2013. Today he admitted that he raped a 16-year-old girl at her home in August of 2005.

The prosecution of Scott was the result of an investigation by the Attorney General's Cold Case Unit. The Cold Case Unit is operated within the Attorney General's Office, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, to investigate violent sexual crimes that previously had been closed due to lack of investigative leads. This program is funded by a grant from the U.S Department of Justice.

Attorney General Strange commended the Attorney General's Cold Case Unit and others involved in handling this case, noting in particular the Marion County District Attorney's Office and Assistant District Attorney Paige Vick, and the Hamilton Police Department.

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