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AG STRANGE, DA GREEN ANNOUNCE FIVE LIFE SENTENCES FOR HUEYTOWN MAN CONVICTED OF VIOLENT SEX CRIMES IN 2009 COLD CASE

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange and District Attorney Arthur Green Jr. of the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County announced that a Hueytown man today was sentenced by a judge to five life sentences for violent sex crimes in a cold case. In January, a jury found Jason Lee Campbell guilty of attempted murder; first-degree rape, sodomy and kidnapping; and third-degree robbery.

Evidence was presented at trial regarding the November 2009 attack of a 40-year-old woman in the 200 block of Eureka Place in Hueytown. Jason Campbell's brother, David Wesley Campbell, was convicted on September 17, 2014, for the same crimes. On the third day of his trial in Jefferson County Circuit Court, David Campbell pleaded guilty to first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, first-degree robbery and attempted murder. David Campbell was sentenced to serve life in prison for each of the crimes, to run concurrently.

Both brothers were indicted for the crimes on January 29, 2013, by a Jefferson County grand jury. Notice of the indictments was served on the defendants at the Jefferson County Jail on March 4, 2013, where they were incarcerated. The Campbell brothers were formerly charged for these crimes by warrant in the Bessemer Division of the Jefferson County Circuit Court.

The charges against the Campbells are a 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.

"It is appropriate that this defendant serve life in prison for his horrendous crimes. I am pleased that we have been able to deliver a measure of justice for his victim," said Attorney General Strange. "I am proud of what our Cold Case Unit has been able to achieve, working together with other law enforcement, and we are committed to continue pursuing a resolution to cases where justice has been long awaited."

Attorney General Strange commended the Attorney General's Cold Case Unit and others involved in handling this case, noting in particular District Attorney Arthur Green Jr., Assistant District Attorney David Michaels and the Bessemer Division District Attorney's Office for Jefferson County; St. Clair County Sheriff Terry Surlis and his Investigative Unit; and Hueytown Police Chief Charles Hagler and his Detective Division for their excellent work in this case.

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