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AG ANNOUNCES THAT COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS BALDWIN COUNTY CAPITAL MURDER CONVICTION

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals last Thursday upheld the capital murder conviction of Charles Frederick Shaver. Shaver, 27, was convicted in Baldwin County Circuit Court in March of 2014 for the murder of Willie Young.

Evidence presented at trial showed the following: On the evening of August 2, 2011, Shaver and several people were at a party together. Early the next morning, a dispute arose which led to Shaver fatally stabbing Young between 17 and 23 times.

The case was prosecuted at trial by Baldwin County District Attorney Hallie Dixon's office. Shaver was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole and subsequently sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm the conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued on Thursday, July 2.

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General Steve Dodd of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division for his successful work in this case.

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