



AG ANNOUNCES CAPITAL MURDER CONVICTION OF SHELBY COUNTY MAN FOR KILLING HIS GRANDMOTHER

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the conviction yesterday of a Shelby County man for capital murder in the brutal killing of his grandmother during a first-degree burglary. Daniel Scott Gentry, 27, formerly of Chelsea, pleaded guilty to the capital murder of Carrie Elaine Gentry, 64, who was killed March 28, 2012 at her home on Chelsea Road. He was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

According to information presented by prosecutors, Ms. Gentry’s son reported to the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office on March 29, 2012 that she was missing. A search was conducted, but she could not be located. An investigation determined that Daniel Gentry was the last person to see her alive. Although he did not live in his grandmother’s home, Daniel Gentry did live on her property. The investigation also discovered blood in several areas of Ms. Gentry’s home, some of which was matched by DNA to Ms. Gentry.

On April 12, 2012, Ms. Gentry’s car was located in a quarry on Shale Road. Her body was found in the vehicle rolled up inside a rug. An autopsy revealed multiple lacerations to her head with some accompanying depressed skull fractures, a stab wound to her stomach, multiple defensive wounds to her hands, and a fracture of her spine. She also had injuries consistent with strangulation. The blunt force injuries to her head and the strangulation were the causes of death.

As the investigation progressed, Daniel Gentry was interviewed and confessed to the murder of his grandmother in her home. He also admitted that he cleaned up the house and disposed of her body in the quarry.

“This murder was a terrible violation of human decency that horrifies us all,” said Attorney General Strange. “At the very least, justice demands that he spend the rest of his life in prison, as provided by today’s sentence.”

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in handling this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Stephanie Billingslea, Division Chief, Leigh Gwathney, Bill Lisenby and Kelly Godwin, all of his Criminal Trials Division, and Victims Service Officer Ashley Harbin of the Attorney General’s Office of Victim Assistance. He also thanked the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office for its investigation.

