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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES MANSLAUGHTER INDICTMENT FOR FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH IN COFFEE COUNTY

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest of John Gray, also known as John Carlton Gray, 19, for charges related to a traffic crash that killed 18-year-old Griffin Jones in Coffee County on May 3, 2015. He was arrested by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department on December 11.

Attorney General Strange's Criminal Trials Division presented evidence to a Coffee County grand jury, resulting in Gray's indictment* on November 19. Specifically, the indictment charges Gray with manslaughter, leaving the scene of an accident involving death or personal injuries, and failure to immediately report an accident resulting in injury or death.

No further information about the investigation or about Gray's alleged crimes other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

If convicted, Gray faces a maximum penalty of two to 20 years for manslaughter, which is a class B felony. He faces additional penalties of one to 10 years for each of the traffic offenses, which are class C felonies because a death resulted.

Attorney General Strange commended those who are handling this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorney General Bill Lisenby and James Rutter of his Criminal Trials Division and thanked the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The case is being prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office due to the recusal of the Coffee County District Attorney.

**An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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