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AG MARSHALL ANNOUNCES COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS LEE COUNTY MURDER CONVICTION

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steven T. Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday upheld the murder conviction of Montavious Kentrell Askew. Askew, 23, of Opelika, was convicted in March of 2015 for the murder of Anthony Jones.

The evidence at trial indicated that on the evening of March 17, 2013, while the victim Jones was at a party, Askew walked up to Jones to ostensibly show him a picture on his telephone, and then shot Jones. According to a cell mate of Askew, he confessed that he killed Jones and had been paid to do so.

The case was prosecuted at trial by the Lee County District Attorney's Office. Askew was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment for his murder conviction. He subsequently sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section 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 Friday, April 21.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Kristi Wilkerson of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section for her successful work in this case.

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