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## **AG MARSHALL ANNOUNCES DRUG CHARGES AGAINST MONROEVILLE MAN, RELATED TO PROSECUTION OF CONECUH COUNTY COMMISSIONER ANDREWS**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall today announced the arrest of a Monroeville man on a drug distribution charge arising from an ongoing joint federal-state investigation. Jack Lamar Jordan was arrested on August 8 by Special Agents of the Attorney General’s Office, assisted by the Monroeville Police Department.

This same investigation resulted in the arrest earlier this year of Conecuh County Commissioner John William Andrews Jr. Andrews was arrested in March for six counts of unlawful distribution of marijuana, a controlled substance.

Prosecutors presented information yesterday at a preliminary hearing in Conecuh County District Court regarding Jordan’s alleged association with Andrews as supplier of drugs to Andrews. Jordan currently is charged by warrant with one count of unlawful distribution of marijuana, a controlled substance. The District Court determined that there was indeed probable cause for the charge and bound his case over to be heard by a Conecuh County grand jury.

The investigation is being conducted by the Attorney General’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Mobile Field Division. Assistant Attorney General John Kachelman of the Criminal Trials Division is handling the prosecution for the State.

No further information about the investigation or about the defendants’ alleged crimes other than that stated in the warrants may be released at this time.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum penalty of two to 10 years of imprisonment for each of the counts, which are class B felonies. Furthermore, regarding Commissioner Andrews, Section 36-9-2 of the Code of Alabama states that when an officeholder is convicted of a felony, the office is vacated from the time of conviction.

\*An arrest warrant is merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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