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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES THEFT CONVICTION OF FORMER CONECUH COURT REFERRAL OFFICIAL

Commends Public Corruption and White Collar Crime Division

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange today announced the felony theft conviction of a Conecuh County woman who was former director of a local court referral agency. Daphne Boley, 34, of Evergreen, pleaded guilty on April 3 to first-degree theft of property, a class B felony.

“Once again, this office stands firm to protect the integrity of our state and local governments and to prosecute those who abuse the public trust to steal taxpayers’ funds,” said Attorney General Strange. “I am proud of the continuing commitment and excellent work by those in the Attorney General’s Public Corruption and White Collar Crime Division as well as in our Investigations Division. “

Boley was previously employed as director of Southwest Alabama Court Referral, a private agency that contracted with the State of Alabama. In that capacity, Boley collected monitoring fees from various clients, which by state law were required to be forwarded to the State Comptroller’s Office. Rather than remitting the funds to the State, Boley used this money for her own personal and business expenses. Prosecutors estimate that Boley stole more than \$60,000 from the State of Alabama.

At a hearing on Monday, Boley entered what is known as a blind plea, which means that there is no agreement by prosecutors regarding a recommendation for her sentencing. Boley faces a potential sentence of two to 20 years and a fine of up to \$30,000. Sentencing will be set at a future date after a presentencing report has been completed the State of Alabama Probation and Parole office.

The matter was referred to the Attorney General’s Office following a complaint from the Administrative Office of Courts. Attorney General Strange thanked the AOC for its vigilance in referring the case, and commended his Investigations Division and his Public Corruption and White Collar Crime Division, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Ben Baxley and Pete Smyczek.

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