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## **AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES INDICTMENTS AGAINST TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE ALABAMA LICENSING BOARD FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS ON ETHICS, FORGERY CHARGES**

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announces the indictments of two employees of the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors on charges of ethics violations and possession of forged instruments. Nancy C. Saffo, 51, of Pike Road, and Christy Easterling, 47, of Prattville were arrested July 27 and July 26, respectively, by the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division, booked at the Montgomery County jail and released on bond.

Attorney General Strange's Special Prosecutions Division presented evidence to a Montgomery County grand jury on July 22, resulting in indictments\* against Saffo and Easterling.

Specifically, the indictment against Saffo charges her with seven counts of using her position for personal gain and 24 counts of second-degree possession of a forged instrument.

The indictment against Easterling charges her with four counts of using her position for personal gain and 11 counts of second-degree possession of a forged instrument.

Specifically, the indictment charges that Saffo and Easterling used their positions with the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors to obtain checks or currency, and knowingly possessed forged instruments required or authorized to be filed, or officially issued or created by a public office – State Licensing Board for General Contractors documents – with intent to defraud. No further information about the investigation or about the defendants' alleged crimes other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

Violation of the ethics law by using one's public position for personal gain is punishable by two to 20 years for each count. Second-degree possession of a forged instrument is punishable by one year and one day to 10 years for each count.

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

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