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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE WELCOMES MAJOR GREENE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN FAVOR OF STATE IN FRONTIER BINGO FORFEITURE
CASE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed a significant Greene County Circuit Court ruling Monday siding with the State of Alabama in an electronic bingo case involving Frontier Bingo of Knoxville, Alabama.

“I am pleased with the ruling of the Greene County Circuit Court granting the State of Alabama’s Petition for Forfeiture and Condemnation of \$191,249.11 in currency and illegal gambling machines seized from Frontier Bingo in 2014,” said Attorney General Luther Strange. “This a significant victory for the rule of law in Greene County.

“The funds seized from illegal operations at Frontier Bingo will be transferred to the General Fund of the State of Alabama and the gambling machines seized will be destroyed in accordance with the Circuit Court’s decision.

“Electronic bingo is unlawful within the State of Alabama and today’s ruling is further evidence that the law is being enforced.”

Attorney General Strange thanked Assistant Attorneys General John Kachelman and Bill Lisenby of the Criminal Trials Division and Special Agents of the Attorney General’s Investigations Division for their work investigating the case and executing the search warrant which led to the seizure and the successful prosecution of Frontier Bingo.

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A copy of the Greene County Circuit Court ruling is attached.

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA V. \$191,249.11 U.S. CURRENCY ET AL
35-CV-2014-900041.00

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
V.)	Case No.: CV-2014-900041.00
)	
U.S. CURRENCY \$191,249.11,)	
GAMBLING DEVICES 449,)	
GAMBLING RECORDS ASSORTED,)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

This case was initiated by the State of Alabama pursuant to the Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 13A-12-30 and its related provisions and was heard at a bench trial which commenced October 20, 2015.

After trial, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the State's Petition for Forfeiture and Condemnation as to the \$191,249.11 in currency and as to every machine and seized record taken from the operations at Frontier Bingo. Further, the machines and currency are hereby forfeited to the State.

It is further the order of this Court that the State shall destroy or dispose of said machines with notice to the Court of said time and place of disposition as provided by Section 13A-12-30 (a) of the Code of Alabama, 1975.

In addition, the \$191,249.11 forfeited to the State of Alabama shall be transmitted to the General Fund of the State of Alabama as provided by Section 13A-12-30 (c) of the Code of Alabama, 1975.

DONE this 15th day of August, 2016.

/s/ EDDIE HARDAWAY
CIRCUIT JUDGE
