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AG STRANGE CONTINUES LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SESSIONS ACROSS ALABAMA WITH EVENT IN FLORENCE

Training Focuses on Violent Crime Investigations

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange, in conjunction with a coalition of Alabama sheriffs, police chiefs and district attorneys, is holding a series of training sessions across the state to bring local law enforcement up to date on the latest practices in investigating and solving crimes. The fourth in this series of events was held yesterday and today in Lauderdale County.

"I'm pleased to announce that my office, working with local sheriffs, chiefs of police and district attorneys, is providing free training to law enforcement to enhance their crime solving skills," said Attorney General Strange.

"While my office hosts an annual Law Enforcement Summit in Montgomery, I believe local law enforcement could further benefit from additional training events closer to their communities. These new training sessions are bringing the latest in crime solving methods to locations nearer to many local police and sheriff offices where they can immediately benefit."

The Lauderdale County training session was cosponsored by Sheriff Rick Singleton, Florence Police Chief Ron Tyler and University of North Alabama Police Chief Kevin Gillilan.

"The focus of the first round of law enforcement training centers on violent crime investigations," added Attorney General Strange. "The training covers the investigation process from start to finish, notably how to secure a crime scene and collect evidence, including digital evidence. The course also covers search and seizure laws to include writing of search warrants for electronic data. The class ultimately concludes with best practices in keeping and maintaining evidence for cold case investigations."

Previous training sessions have been held in Montgomery, Houston and Baldwin counties. The Attorney General's Office is currently working with law enforcement officials around the state to host similar training sessions for all regions of the state in the near future. Law enforcement officers who wish to inquire or register for future classes may call (334) 242-7300 and ask for the General Investigations Division.

