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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES FELONY INDICTMENT OF FORMER TUSCALOOSA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT BAILIFF

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest of a former employee of the Tuscaloosa County District Court on four felonies: second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, intentional use of office for personal gain, and two counts of soliciting or receiving anything for the purpose of corruptly influencing official action. Quenton Wesley, 46, of Tuscaloosa, surrendered to the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office on December 9 and was later released on a \$17,500 bond.

The charges arise from his former position as a Tuscaloosa County District Court Bailiff. Attorney General Strange's Special Prosecutions Division presented evidence to a Tuscaloosa County grand jury on November 30, resulting in Wesley's indictment* on December 9. Specifically, the indictment charges that Wesley intentionally used his official position or office to obtain personal gain for himself or a business with which he is associated, Good Times Night Club; that he intentionally solicited or received money from two individuals for the purpose of corruptly influencing official action; and that he possessed a forged instrument in violation of Alabama law.

No further information about the investigation or about Wesley's alleged crimes other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

If convicted, Wesley faces a maximum penalty of two to 20 years for the three ethics violations, which are Class B felonies, and one year and a day to ten years on the second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, which is a Class C felony.

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General Kyle Beckman of his Special Prosecutions Division, along with its Special Agents, and thanked the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office for its assistance.

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

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