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AG Steve Marshall Announces Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Randolph County Murder Conviction

(MONTGOMERY) Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the murder conviction of Tyrik Lataz Treadwell. Treadwell, 20, of Roanoke, was convicted in Randolph County Circuit Court in November 2017 for the murder of Rodriguez Staples.

Evidence was presented at trial that on January 12, 2013, Treadwell and Charles Brown went to the Traveler's Inn in Randolph County to rob Staples, and that Treadwell killed Staples. Two women, Samantha Golden and Amber "Nicki" Elsea, both pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery for their roles in helping to set up the victim and waiting in a getaway vehicle. Golden testified that Treadwell told her he shot Staples three times, and when his gun jammed, he handed the gun to Brown, who also shot Staples.

Randolph County District Attorney Jeremy Duerr prosecuted the case in circuit court. Treadwell was sentenced to 65 years' imprisonment for the murder conviction, which he appealed. The other participant in the killing, Brown, earlier pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division represented the State during Treadwell's appeal, urging the Court of Criminal Appeals to reject Treadwell's arguments and to affirm the conviction. On Friday, October 5, that court affirmed Treadwell's conviction.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Michael Nunnelley of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division for his successful work in this case.

