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## **Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Voter Fraud Conviction of Clay County Commission Candidate**

(Ashland, Ala) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced today the conviction of Terry Andrew Heflin, a former Democratic candidate for District 5 of the Clay County Commission, for committing absentee ballot fraud during his campaign.

Heflin pleaded guilty to one count of absentee ballot fraud, a Class C felony. In entering his plea, Heflin admitted to unlawfully requesting and completing another citizen's absentee ballot, voting for himself without the voter's knowledge or consent. He directed the ballot to be mailed to his own post office box and submitted the fraudulent vote during his campaign for public office.

"Voter fraud is a direct attack on our democratic process, and it will not be ignored or excused in Alabama," Attorney General Marshall said. "When someone cheats the system to steal a vote, they are stealing the voice of their fellow citizens. This conviction sends a clear and unmistakable message: if you undermine our elections by committing voter fraud, you will be caught, and you will be prosecuted."

Heflin was sentenced to one year and one day in prison, split to serve 15 days in jail, and was ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine.

Attorney General Marshall thanked the Special Prosecutions Division of the Alabama Attorney General's Office for its outstanding work in securing the conviction, and also recognized the Alabama Secretary of State's Office for its valuable assistance in the successful prosecution of the case.

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