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AG ANNOUNCES PRISON SENTENCES FOR SEX ABUSE OF CHILDREN

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that a Baldwin County man was sentenced yesterday to serve 15 years in prison for sex crimes he committed in 2007 against three children aged younger than 12.

Tony Edward Coyle, 31, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for one count of first-degree sexual abuse. Additionally, he was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for each of the following: one count of attempted sexual abuse of a child, and three counts of enticing a child. The sentences were ordered to run concurrently. Because of the nature of the crimes and the victims' ages, Coyle will be required to serve the full 15 years and is ineligible for parole or any reduction of his time in prison.

Coyle has been held at the Baldwin County Jail since his arrest on November 13, 2009. He pleaded guilty to the above charges on August 25, 2011. The crimes were committed against three young children at his home in rural South Baldwin County one day in 2007.

"This is a sad case involving terrible crimes against young children, and it is appropriate that the defendant will serve many years in prison for his actions," said Attorney General Strange. "The Office of Attorney General stands committed to punish those who commit such crimes."

Attorney General Strange commended his Violent Crimes Division for its work in this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General James Rutter, Sonny Reagan and Will Dill, and also special agents in his Investigations Division. The Attorney General also noted that the investigation of these crimes was a cooperative effort among the Attorney General's Office, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

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