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## AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES ARREST OF FORMER OFFICE MANAGER FOR FORGERY AND THEFT FROM EMPLOYER

(MONTGOMERY).--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest yesterday of a Coosa County woman for forgery and theft from the Elmore County business where she had been employed. Rebecca Kaye Eller, 32, of Kellyton, formerly was the office manager for Overhead Door and Fireplace, Inc. in Millbrook. Eller was arrested by deputies of the Elmore County Sheriff' Office and taken to the Elmore County Jail where she was being held on a \$25,000 bond.

Attorney General Strange's Office presented evidence to an Elmore County grand jury resulting in Eller's indictment\* on April 13. Specifically, the indictment charges Eller with the following crimes:

- One count of first-degree theft of property of checks and/or currency valued at more than \$2,500 from the Overhead Door and Fireplace Inc.;
- One count of first-degree theft by deception of checks and/or currency valued at more than \$2,500 from the Overhead Door and Fireplace Inc.; and
- Three counts of second-degree forgery of checks from the company.

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

If convicted, Eller faces a maximum penalty of two to 20 years of imprisonment for each count of first-degree theft, which is a class B felony; and one to ten years for each count of second-degree forgery, which is a class C felony.

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in the investigation and prosecution of this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorney General Stephanie Billingslea of the Criminal Trials Division and Special Agents of the Attorney General's Investigations Division.

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

