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AG AND BESSEMER DA ANNOUNCE ARRESTS OF HUEYTOWN BROTHERS FOR VIOLENT SEX CRIMES IN 2009 COLD CASE

(MONTGOMERY).-Attorney General Luther Strange and District Attorney Arthur Green for the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County announced that two brothers from Hueytown have been arrested for violent sex crimes in a cold case. Jason Lee Campbell, 31, and David Wesley Campbell, 36, are charged with first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, first-degree robbery and attempted murder. The crimes were committed in November of 2009 against a 40-year-old woman who was attacked in the 200 block of Eureka Place in Hueytown.

Special agents of the Attorney General's Investigations Division served the warrants on May 30 at jails where each brother already was incarcerated. David Wesley Campbell was in custody at the Jefferson County Jail for probation violations regarding a conviction for a 1998 sexual assault. Jason Lee Campbell was in custody at the Shelby County Jail for a probation violation regarding a property crime.

Bond for the current charges was set at \$100,000 for each charge, totaling half a million dollars for each defendant. If convicted, the defendants face penalties of life imprisonment for each count with which they are charged, all of which are class A felonies.

The warrants were signed in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County Circuit Court as a result of a joint investigation by the Attorney General's Cold Case Unit, the Bessemer Division of the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, St. Clair County Sheriff Terry Surles and his Investigative Unit, and Hueytown Police Chief Charles Hagler and his Detective Division. The case will be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office.

The Cold Case Unit is operated within the Attorney General's Office, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, to investigate violent sexual crimes that previously had been closed due to lack of investigative leads. This program is funded by a grant from the U.S Department of Justice and is headed by Assistant Attorney General Don Valeska.

*A warrant is merely an accusation. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

