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## AG ANNOUNCES FELONY ETHICS CONVICTION OF FORMER MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the felony ethics conviction of former Marshall County Commissioner Timothy Frank Bollinger. Yesterday in Marshall County Circuit Court, Bollinger pleaded guilty to converting a campaign contribution to his personal use. He was sentenced to 60 months, which was suspended, ordered to serve 48 months of probation, and to perform 100 hours of community service.

Specifically, Bollinger admitted that he intentionally converted to his personal use a check for \$500 contributed to his campaign on about April 23, 2010. The charge was made in an indictment returned by a Marshall County grand jury on August 18, 2011. The case was prosecuted by the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division.

"This case is important to protect the integrity of our elections process," said Attorney General Strange. "The people of Alabama deserve to have confidence that when they make a contribution to influence an election, the candidate will not be allowed to take their donation and use it for personal purposes. Those who do so will be prosecuted and held to account for their crime."

Attorney General Strange commended those who are handling this case, noting in particular Public Corruption Special Prosecutor Matt Hart, Deputy Attorneys General Pete Smyczek and Michael Duffy, and the Attorney General's Investigations Division. He also thanked the Marshall County District Attorney's Office and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation for their assistance.

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