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AG ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCES FOR MANSLAUGHTER, ATTEMPTED MURDER, ASSAULTS IN PERRY COUNTY

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the sentencing of a Uniontown man for crimes involving a death and injuries in a 2011 shooting. Lamar Montrell Williams, 31, was sentenced to life imprisonment for each of his convictions for manslaughter, attempted murder, and two counts of second-degree assault. In addition, he was ordered to pay court costs, fees and restitution, and a fine of \$10,000 to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

The Attorney General's Office presented evidence at a trial in that began on November 26, 2011, in Perry County Circuit Court. The shooting occurred in the early morning hours of March 20, 2011. Eyewitnesses testified that Williams raised a handgun and started shooting into a crowd outside of Lee's Country Inn on County Road 1 south of Uniontown. Jonathan Butler, 29, of Orrville, was killed, and four others were wounded. Williams was found guilty on November 28, 2011. He was sentenced as a habitual offender due to two previous convictions of first-degree assault for a 2006 shooting in which two victims were wounded, also in Perry County

"It is appropriate that this killer has been sentenced to serve his life in prison for the reckless violence that destroyed one life and devastated others," said Attorney General Strange. "Today's sentence provides a measure of justice for his crimes and should serve as a warning to others."

The case was prosecuted by the Attorney General's Criminal Trials Division at the recusal of the Perry County District Attorney due to a potential conflict. Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General Andrew Arrington, and thanked the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, the Perry County Sheriff's Office and the Uniontown Police Department.

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