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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES ARREST OF FORMER ACJIC CHIEF AGENT FOR 19 COUNTS OF UNLAWFULLY ACCESSING LETS

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest of a former Chief Agent for Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) for numerous felony charges of improperly accessing confidential law enforcement information. Dennis Bodine, 62, of Foley surrendered today at the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and was released on bond.

Attorney General Strange's Office presented evidence to a Baldwin County grand jury on April 10, 2013, resulting in Bodine's indictment*. Specifically, the indictment charges the former ACJIC chief agent with 19 counts of willfully using the Alabama Law Enforcement Tactical System (LETS) to access confidential private information about individuals that was unrelated to any official law enforcement duty.

If convicted, Bodine faces a penalty of not more than five years imprisonment or fines up to \$10,000.00, or both, for each of the 19 counts of unlawfully accessing the criminal record information of individuals, which are unclassified felonies.

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

Attorney General Strange commended those involved in this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Pete Smyczek and Bill Lisenby of the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division, and also thanked the Attorney General's Investigations Division.

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

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