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AG ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT OF DISBARRED ATTORNEY FOR ADDITIONAL FELONY COUNTS OF THEFT

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest today of disbarred* Jasper lawyer Garve Ivey Jr. for two counts of first-degree theft. Garfield Woodrow Ivey Jr, 61, surrendered today at the Walker County Sheriff's Office and was released on a \$50,000 bond. These charges are in addition to multiple felony counts of theft already pending against Ivey.

Attorney General Strange's Office presented evidence to a Walker County grand jury on May 23, resulting in Ivey's indictment**. Specifically, the indictment charges Ivey with two counts of first-degree theft of a check or currency valued at more than \$2,500.

Ivey was previously indicted and arrested in February of 2012 for ten counts of first-degree theft of a check or currency valued at more than \$2,500 and one count of second-degree theft of a check or currency valued between \$500 and \$2,500. No trial date has been set at this time.

No further information about the investigation or about Ivey's alleged crimes may be released at this time.

If convicted, Ivey faces a maximum penalty of two to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$30,000 for each of the 12 counts of first-degree theft, which is a class B felony; and one to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$15,000 for the count of second-degree theft, which is a class C felony.

Attorney General Strange commended those who are handling this case, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Stephanie Billingslea of the Attorney General's Criminal Trials Division and special agents of the Attorney General's Investigations Division.

**According to July 2011 edition of The Alabama Lawyer, a publication of the Alabama State Bar Association: "Jasper attorney Garfield Woodrow Ivey, Jr., was disbarred from the practice of law in Alabama, effective March 14, 2011, by order of the Supreme Court of Alabama. The Supreme Court entered its order based upon the March 14, 2011 order of consent to disbarment of Panel II of the Disciplinary Board of the Alabama State Bar. Ivey consented to disbarment based on two investigations concerning the misappropriation of third-party and client funds from Ivey's trust account."*

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

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