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AG ANNOUNCES ARREST OF FORMER HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR FELONY ETHICS VIOLATIONS

(MONTGOMERY) –Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest today of former Houston County Commissioner Bobby Snellgrove for felony ethics violations. Snellgrove, 70, surrendered this afternoon at the Houston County Jail and was released on bond.

Attorney General Strange's Special Prosecutions Division presented evidence to a Houston County special grand jury on Tuesday, December 17, resulting in Snellgrove's indictment.*

Specifically, the indictment charges Snellgrove with the following two state ethics law violations:

- Count One charges former Commissioner Snellgrove with intentionally using his office to obtain \$214,122.00 in illegal personal gain for himself, a family member or Regional Services, LLC, doing business as Regional Security, from Ronnie D. Gilley and his Country Crossings gambling businesses.
- Count Two charges former Commissioner Snellgrove with intentionally using his office to obtain \$6,087.20 in illegal personal gain for himself, a family member or Regional Septic Services, LLC or Regional Portables, LLC, from Ronnie D. Gilley and his Country Crossings gambling businesses.

"My office is committed to fighting public corruption. When a public official takes official action for his own personal benefit he should expect to be prosecuted," said Attorney General Strange.

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

If convicted, Snellgrove faces a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison and a fine of up to \$30,000 for each violation.

The Attorney General commended Special Prosecutions Chief Miles M. Hart, Deputy Attorney General Mike Duffy, and Investigators in the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division.

**Note: An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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