



AG ANNOUNCES CONVICTION IN TUSCALOOSA FOR WOMAN'S MURDER OF HER EX-HUSBAND

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Luther Strange today announced the conviction of an Akron woman for intentional murder. Tracey Michelle Grissom was found guilty by a jury in Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court following a four-day trial for the murder of her ex-husband, Hunter Grissom. Sentencing is set for September 2.

According to prosecutors, Tracey Grissom went to the 43 Boat Landing in Tuscaloosa on May 15, 2012, and shot Hunter Grissom four times, two of which were in the back. Although the defense argued that Grissom shot her ex-husband in self-defense because she claimed he had raped and beaten her in 2010, prosecutors showed on cross-examination that this was a false allegation. Evidence by the state showed that the motivation for the murder was for Tracey Grissom to collect a \$103,000 life insurance policy she had purchased on Hunter Grissom's life.

"It is important that Tracey Grissom has been convicted for murdering her ex-husband in cold blood and for financial profit," said Attorney General Strange. "It is unacceptable for a murderer to cast false blame on her victim and I am pleased that the jury refused to accept this allegation."

Tracey Grissom faces a potential sentence of 20 to 99 years or life in prison for the murder, which is a class A felony.

Attorney General Strange commended all those involved in bringing this case to a successful conclusion, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Ternisha Miles and Stephanie Billingslea, Chief of his Criminal Trials Division, the Attorney General's Office of Victim Assistance and Special Agents of his Investigations Division. He also thanked Tuscaloosa Metro Homicide Unit for its excellent work in the case.

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