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AG STRANGE, DA GREEN ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF HUEYTOWN MAN FOR VIOLENT SEX CRIMES IN 2009 COLD CASE

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange and District Attorney Arthur Green Jr. of the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County announced the conviction yesterday of a Hueytown man for violent sex crimes in a cold case. David Wesley Campbell, 37, pleaded guilty to first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, first-degree robbery and attempted murder on the third day of his trial in Jefferson County Circuit Court. The crimes were committed in November of 2009 against a 40-year-old woman who was attacked in the 200 block of Eureka Place in Hueytown. Campbell was sentenced to life in prison for each of the charges, to run concurrently.

David Campbell and his brother, Jason Lee Campbell, 32, were indicted for the crimes on January 29, 2013, by a Jefferson County grand jury. Notice of the indictments was served on the defendants at the Jefferson County Jail on March 4, 2013, where they have been incarcerated. The Campbell brothers were formerly charged for these crimes by warrant in the Bessemer Division of the Jefferson County Circuit Court. Jason Campbell is scheduled to stand trial for the crimes on November 17, 2014. If convicted, he faces penalties of life imprisonment for each count with which he is charged, all of which are class A felonies.

The charges against the Campbells are a result of an investigation by the Attorney General's Cold Case Unit. The Cold Case Unit is operated within the Attorney General's Office, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, to investigate violent sexual crimes that previously had been closed due to lack of investigative leads. This program is funded by a grant from the U.S Department of Justice.

"I am pleased that, with this conviction, we deliver a measure of justice for the victim of these horrendous crimes," said Attorney General Strange. "I am proud of what our Cold Case Unit has been able to achieve, working together with other law enforcement."

Attorney General Strange commended the Attorney General's Cold Case Unit and others involved in handling this case, noting in particular District Attorney Arthur Green Jr., Assistant District Attorney David Michaels and the Bessemer Division District Attorney's Office for Jefferson County; St. Clair County Sheriff Terry Surles and his



Investigative Unit; and Hueytown Police Chief Charles Hagler and his Detective Division for their excellent work in this case.