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## **AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS FOR MAN CONVICTED OF SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST CHILD IN MACON COUNTY**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that an Elmore County man was sentenced this morning to the maximum term of 20 years imprisonment for sexual abuse of a child under 12-years-old.

Nicky Marsh, 37, was found guilty by a jury in Macon County Circuit Court on April 22, following a trial that began on April 20. The Attorney General's Office presented DNA, medical and other evidence during the trial that showed Marsh had abused a young girl.

"The work done by our Violent Crimes Division involves heartbreaking cases such as this one, of horrible crimes that devastate innocent lives," said Attorney General Strange. "It is important to this Office that these sex offenders are punished for their wrongdoing and that victims receive a measure of justice for the pain they have suffered. I am committed to the aggressive prosecution and sentencing of these despicable criminals, and the maximum penalty imposed in this case should send a message that sex crimes against children will bring severe penalties."

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorneys General Kelly Hawkins and Ben Baxley of his Violent Crimes Division, the special agents of his Investigations Division, and Doris Hancock of his Victims Service Office. He also thanked the Elmore County Sheriff's Office, noting in particular Chris Ogden who served as lead investigator for this case.

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