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AG ANNOUNCES THAT COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS LIMESTONE COUNTY MURDER CONVICTION

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals last Thursday upheld the murder conviction of Kenny Dewayne Adams. Adams, 37, of Athens, was convicted in Limestone County Circuit Court in August of 2014 for the murder of Yancy Foster.

Evidence presented at trial showed the following: On December 31, 2012, Adams argued with the victim, Yancy Foster, who was his cousin. The argument was over an alleged threat that Adams had made toward Foster's seven-year-old son. Later that day, Adams came to the Fosters' home, ostensibly in search of a movie the victim's son had borrowed from him. After Adams entered the Foster home, he became engaged in a scuffle with Foster, during which Foster tried to force Adams out of the home and Adams stabbed him in the chest and neck. Adams then ran to his truck and drove away, but was found later that evening and taken into custody. Foster died while being treated by paramedics.

The case was prosecuted at trial by Limestone County District Attorney Brian Jones' office. Adams was sentenced to 30 years in prison and subsequently sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm the conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued on Thursday, July 2.

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General John Porter of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division for his successful work in this case.

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