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## **AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR RAPE IN LAMAR COUNTY**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that a Sulligent man was sentenced yesterday to serve 20 years in prison for rape. Draper Bonman was found guilty by a jury in Lamar County Circuit Court on October 7 of second-degree rape.

Bonman, now 38, was 34 at the time of the crime, when he had sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old victim. Second-degree rape is a class B felony.

“I am pleased that this predator will serve 20 years in prison for his crime,” said Attorney General Strange. “It is appropriate that this man will be severely punished for preying upon a young girl who was a minor,” said Attorney General Strange.

The Attorney General’s Criminal Trials Division prosecuted the case at the request of the Lamar County District Attorney’s office, which recused from the case. Attorney General Strange commended those involved in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion, noting Assistant Attorney General Stephanie Billingslea, chief of his Criminal Trials Division, Assistant Attorney General Leigh Gwathney of the Criminal Trials Division, and Ashley Harbin of the Attorney General’s Office of Victim Assistance. He also thanked the Sulligent Police Department and the Lamar County Sheriff’s Office for their investigation.

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