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AG STRANGE REVIEWS COMPLAINT OF VIOLATIONS OF ALABAMA'S GUN LAW IN SELMA, DALLAS COUNTY

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange today released a public statement about a formal complaint received by his office concerning possible unlawful prohibitions of firearms by 10 city-owned entities in Selma and by the Dallas County sheriff.

The results of the Attorney General's investigation follow, along with a link to his determination.

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the Carl C. Morgan Convention Center, Joe T. Smitherman Historic Building, Walton Theater, St. James Hotel, Selma City Hall, Selma-Dallas County Public Library, Larry D. Stripling Performing Arts Center, Central Alabama Animal Shelter, Selma Interpretive Center and the Selma City Ceramic Art Program failed to comply with Alabama law because they prohibited firearms. The complaint further stated that the Dallas County sheriff used language in its pistol permit stating that the permit is not valid if the holder is under the influence of alcohol.

After the Attorney General communicated with the city attorney, the City of Selma removed signs prohibiting weapons from these 10 entities. Because the city agreed to remove the signs, the Attorney General will not file suit. The Attorney General communicated with the Dallas County sheriff that state law does not allow a sheriff to place conditions upon issuing a pistol permit. The sheriff agreed that the language of the permit should be changed. Because the pistol permits now are compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General will not bring an enforcement action.

A link to the Attorney General's determination can be found at <http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2015-008-Public-Statements>.

Information about this and previous determinations made by the Attorney General regarding possible unlawful prohibition of firearms can be found on the Attorney General's website at <http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Firearms-Alabama-Public-Statements-13A-11-61-3>.

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