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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS TUSCALOOSA COUNTY CAPITAL MURDER CONVICTIONS

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday upheld the capital murder convictions of James Scott Largin. Largin, 46 of Tuscaloosa, was convicted in Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court in August of 2009 for the murder of his parents, Peggy and Jimmy Largin.

Evidence was presented at trial that on March 16, 2007, Largin stole several items from his parents' house, including credit cards and a large amount of cash that he used to buy crack cocaine. After police took Largin into custody, he claimed to a police investigator that "[i]t wasn't murder ... not in a cold-blooded sense." Largin further stated that he started to clean up the crime scene but then decided not to, and that he did not "try to hide it." Furthermore, several inmates with whom Largin was incarcerated testified that they heard Largin admit he had killed his parents.

The case was prosecuted at trial by the Tuscaloosa County District Attorney's Office. Largin was convicted and sentenced to death. He subsequently sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

Attorney General Strange commended his Capital Litigation Section, which 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 Friday, December 18.

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