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## AG ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT OF PELL CITY WOMAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING NURSING HOME RESIDENT

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange today announced the indictment of a former nursing aide who is charged with assaulting a resident of a nursing home in Pell City. Aisha L. Embery, 34, of Pell City, was arrested yesterday by the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, and has been released on bond.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit presented evidence to a St. Clair County grand jury, resulting in Embery's indictment\* on August 4. Embery is charged with assaulting a resident of Golden Living Center while she was employed as a certified nursing assistant at the nursing home.

Specifically, Embery was indicted for Abuse of a Protected Person, and is accused of striking the resident in the face while providing care to the resident on December 6, 2010. Embery was immediately terminated, and the facility reported the incident to authorities. This crime is a class C felony punishable by one to ten years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$15,000.

No further information about the investigation or about Embery's alleged crime other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit prosecutes cases of abuse, neglect and exploitation covered by the Adult Protective Services Act that occur in facilities that receive Medicaid funding, as well as handling cases of Medicaid fraud. This case was investigated by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and is being prosecuted by the Unit's director, Assistant Attorney General Bruce Lieberman.

*\*An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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