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**AG MARSHALL ANNOUNCES COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
UPHOLDS JEFFERSON COUNTY CAPITAL MURDER CONVICTION**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steven T. Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday upheld the capital murder conviction of Derrick Wayne Murray. Murray, 46, of Dora, was convicted in July of 2015 for the murder of Edmund Reed.

The evidence at trial showed that on February 12, 2012, the victim Reed was parked at a Jet Pep gas station on Forestdale Blvd. in Birmingham, when Murray approached his car and shot him at close range. Reed died at the scene. Murray shot Reed in intended retribution for an earlier incident at a night club during which Murray was injured. However, this was a case of mistaken identity because Reed was not involved in the prior incident. Murray's act of rogue retribution resulted in the murder of a completely innocent man.

The case was prosecuted at trial by the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. Murray was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for his capital murder conviction. He subsequently sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section 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, April 21.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Kristi Wilkerson of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section for her successful work in this case.

