## AG MARSHALL ANNOUNCES COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS MORGAN COUNTY MURDER CONVICTION

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steven T. Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday upheld the murder conviction and domestic violence by strangulation conviction of Don Evan Robinson. Robinson, 40, of Falkville, was convicted in May of 2016 for the murder of Stacey Jones.

The evidence at trial showed that the victim Jones, an accomplished technician employed by a NASA contractor to work with the International Space Station, had a close relationship with her family and friends. After she began a relationship with Robinson, he engaged in numerous acts of domestic violence towards her and refused to move out of her home. These acts of violence culminated on or about June 13, 2014, when Robinson brutally killed Jones inside her home. At Robinson's sentencing the trial judge described Jones's death as the "most despicable act [he] had ever seen."

The case was prosecuted at trial by Morgan County District Attorney Scott Anderson's office. Robinson was sentenced to life imprisonment for his murder conviction and 20 years imprisonment for his domestic violence by strangulation conviction. He subsequently sought to have his convictions 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 Marc Starrett of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section for his successful work in this case.

