

NEWS RELEASE

Luther Strange

Alabama Attorney General



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 28, 2016

For More Information, contact:

Mike Lewis (334) 353-2199

Joy Patterson (334) 242-7491

Page 1 of 1

AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES THAT COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS MADISON COUNTY MURDER CONVICTION

(MONTGOMERY)— Attorney General Luther Strange announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals last Friday upheld the murder conviction of William Barrett Slade. Slade, 34, of Huntsville, was convicted in Madison County Circuit Court in May of 2015 for the murder of Henry Woods.

Evidence presented at trial showed that on the morning of March 19, 2013, Slade approached Henry Wood, who was walking in front of his house, and shot him, allegedly in retribution for an earlier robbery.

The case was prosecuted at trial by Madison County District Attorney Robert Broussard's office. Slade was sentenced to life imprisonment. Slade 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 22.

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

--30--

