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**ATTORNEY GENERAL FILES MOTION TO DISMISS CHARGES AGAINST
FORMER MADISON POLICE OFFICER ERIC PARKER**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the State of Alabama has filed a motion in Limestone County District Court to dismiss a misdemeanor assault charge against former Madison police officer Eric Parker.

“After a careful review of the witness testimony included in 2,000 pages of federal trial transcripts and a re-evaluation of the evidence, we are seeking to dismiss State charges against Mr. Parker,” said Attorney General Strange.

“Without a doubt this is an unfortunate case and we agree with U.S. District Judge Madeline Haikala that ‘The result in this case is by no means satisfying. Hindsight brings clarity to a calamity...’.

“Nevertheless, the State has been monitoring the federal court proceedings since last September which resulted in two federal mistrials of Mr. Parker and his acquittal by a federal judge. While the State charge has a lesser kind of culpability than that of the federal charge, the evidence is the same and the State’s burden remains proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

“After a review of the federal trial testimony, it does not appear that there would be sufficient evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt. Thus, we have a duty to move to dismiss the charge.”

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A copy of the motion to dismiss is attached

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IN THE COURT OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA V. PARKER ERIC SLOAN
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MOTION TO DISMISS

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**THE DISTRICT COURT OF LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA
 CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF ALABAMA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO.: DC 2015-253
)	
ERIC SLOAN PARKER,)	
)	
Defendant)	

STATE’S MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW, the State of Alabama, by and through its Attorney General Luther Strange, and respectfully requests this Honorable Court to dismiss the above case.

Done this 12th day of May, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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