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## AG STRANGE, CALHOUN DA ANNOUNCE CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING IN COLD CASE FOR MULTIPLE SEX CRIMES

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange and Calhoun County District Attorney Brian McVeigh announced convictions and sentencing in a cold case involving multiple sex crimes against young girls. Billy Wayne Cooper, 47, pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree rape, for which he was sentenced to 30 years; one count of second-degree attempted rape, for which he was sentenced to 10 years; and one count of second-degree rape, for which he was sentenced to 20 years.

Cooper, formerly of Calhoun County, has been incarcerated at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is serving a 30-year sentence for sexual assaults committed against juvenile female family members at army installations in the state of Washington and in Germany.

Cooper was charged with crimes against two young girls aged between 12 and 16 years and one who was less than 12 years old. These offenses occurred between 1999 and 2004 in multiple locations in Calhoun County.

“This man has a reprehensible pattern of preying upon young girls and committing heinous crimes against them,” said Attorney General Strange. “It is important that we have convicted him and added many years to his sentence to ensure that he stays in prison for a very long time.”

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Attorney General’s Investigations Division and prosecuted by the Calhoun County District Attorney’s Office. Attorney General Strange and District Attorney McVeigh also thanked Calhoun County Assistant District Attorney Jayme Amberson.

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