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**AG MARSHALL ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF FORMER
TREASURER FOR THEFT OF MORE THAN \$5,000 FROM
ALABAMA JAIL ASSOCIATION**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced today the conviction of Marianne Adams, former treasurer of the Alabama Jail Association, for first-degree theft of an undetermined amount in excess of \$5,000.

Adams, a resident of Dadeville and a former secretary for the Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Office, pleaded guilty yesterday in Tallapoosa County Circuit Court. She was sentenced to three years, which was suspended for a term of three years of probation. She made an initial restitution payment of \$5,000, with an additional amount to be determined at a restitution hearing on January 8, 2018.

The Attorney General's Criminal Trials Division presented evidence to a grand jury that Adams used the Association's checking account to pay for personal items and expenses, resulting in her indictment on February 25, 2016. She was treasurer from 2004 to 2013. Her residence and full-time job were in Tallapoosa County, the crime occurred there and thus was prosecuted in Tallapoosa County.

"It is vital for our citizens to be able to trust those who work in law enforcement and the organizations that represent them, and that is why it is important that this defendant has been held to account for her crime," said Attorney General Marshall. "Law enforcement is an honorable profession of service and sacrifice by very fine people who are dedicated to protect and serve the citizens of Alabama. Dishonesty and corruption within their ranks will not be tolerated, and where it does occur, we will work with them to stop and punish such abuses."

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“The Alabama Jail Association thanks the Attorney General’s Office for its hard work to resolve this case, which involved misappropriation of funds paid or donated by law enforcement agencies, county commissioners, vendors and others,” said Capt. Larry Nixon of the Autauga County Sheriff’s Office, who is president of the Association. “We also thank the sheriffs of Alabama. Our members work in law enforcement and are sworn to help uphold the law. Our association has been restructured since this incident, and we want to assure the public of our commitment toward proper training for good practices. For more information about the AJA, visit us at www.alabamajailassociation.com.”

Attorney General Marshall commended his Criminal Trials Division case for bringing this case to a successful conclusion, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General John Hensley and Kenneth Gibbs, as well as Special Agents of his Investigations Division.