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

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall announced the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the murder conviction of Josalyn Nicole Evans. Evans, 37, of Birmingham, was convicted in Jefferson County Circuit Court in June 2017, for the murder of Ieshia Mayhand.

Evidence was presented at trial about the following events on February 12, 2016. Patrick Lewis had a previous relationship with the victim, Mayhand, and was the father of her baby. At the time of the murder, he was then in a dating relationship with Evans. That day, Mayhand came to Evans's house looking for Lewis to ask him for money for diapers for the baby. Evans opened the door and immediately became confrontational with Mayhand, who then left the porch and went out to the yard. Evans got a pistol and followed Mayhand. As Mayhand was leaving, Evans shot her twice; with one bullet striking her in the head and killing her.

Jefferson County District Attorney Mike Anderton's Office prosecuted the case. Upon conviction, the trial court sentenced Evans to 20 years' imprisonment. Evans appealed her conviction and sentence. On Friday, May 18, the Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed her conviction.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General William Dill of the Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section for his successful work in this case.

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