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AG STEVE MARSHALL ANNOUNCES 19-YEAR SENTENCE FOR INMATE WHO TRIED TO EVADE EARLIER SENTENCE BY SOLICITING ASSAULT OF DEKALB COUNTY PROSECUTOR

(MONTGOMERY) — Attorney General Steve Marshall today announced the conviction of an inmate who was already in the DeKalb County jail and tried to arrange for the assault of a local prosecutor to stop him from attending the defendant's sentencing hearing. Joshua Kilgro, 45, now has 19 years added to sentences he already is serving for multiple other crimes.

Kilgro pleaded guilty in DeKalb County Circuit Court yesterday to criminal solicitation to commit first-degree assault, a class C felony for which he was sentenced to 19 years. Additionally, he was sentenced to 12 months for third-degree assault, a class A misdemeanor, regarding a fight while he was incarcerated. These new sentences are to run concurrently with previous sentences for crimes including unlawful possession of controlled substances, DUI, and third-degree burglary.

This conviction arises from Kilgro's action in 2014 to solicit someone to cause a prosecutor to run his vehicle off a mountain road in order to injure him and keep him from attending a sentencing hearing for Kilgro. The intended victim was DeKalb County Deputy District Attorney Scott Lloyd. The person Kilgro solicited to assist in the scheme instead reported the matter to law enforcement.

"This defendant's attempt to thwart justice was properly met by the righteous arm of the law, resulting in even more convictions and a stern sentence," said Attorney General Marshall. He commended those involved in bringing this case to a successful conclusion, commending in particular Assistant Attorneys General Stephanie Billingslea, Leigh Gwathney and Ternisha Jones, and Special Agents of the Attorney General's Investigations Division who assisted. He thanked the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office for its investigation.

