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Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Murder Conviction in Lauderdale County

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of Alfonzo Ramon Jarmon, 38, for murder. Jarmon was convicted in Lauderdale County Circuit Court on December 12, 2020, for the murder of Charles Perkins.

The evidence at trial showed that on April 29, 2016, Jarmon shot the victim, Charles Perkins, in the head while Perkins was standing in the front yard of his own residence. Two witnesses saw the shooting of Perkins and a nearby witness standing in the crowd at the crime scene told police that it was Perkins’s next-door neighbor, Jarmon, who shot and killed him. Jarmon was originally convicted of Perkins’ murder in October 2017, but the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals reversed Jarmon’s conviction and ordered a new trial primarily because Jarmon’s original trial counsel collapsed and suffered a serious medical incident during closing arguments.

Lauderdale County District Attorney Chris Connolly’s office successfully prosecuted this case and the subsequent retrial and obtained a guilty verdict. Jarmon was sentenced to life imprisonment. Jarmon again sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Jarmon’s conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, August 27.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney Generals Yvonne Saxon and Cameron Ball for their successful work on this case, and thanked District Attorney Chris Connolly and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the murder conviction.

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