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Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Indictment of Former Butler County Juvenile Probation Officer for Additional Sex Crime Charge

(MONTGOMERY) — Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that an additional sex crime indictment has been returned against a former Butler County juvenile probation officer. Terry Van Lewis, 63, of Montgomery, surrendered yesterday at the Butler County Jail, with a bond set at \$100,000.

Attorney General Marshall's Criminal Trials Division presented evidence to a Butler County grand jury on March 9, resulting in an indictment against Lewis for first-degree sexual abuse. Specifically, the indictment charges that Lewis subjected another person to sexual contact by forcible compulsion.

Additional charges are pending from Lewis' previous indictment in 2019 for one count of first-degree rape and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Anyone with information about additional alleged crimes by Lewis is asked to call the Attorney General's Office at (334) 242-7300 and ask for the Investigations Division.

No further information about the investigation or about Lewis' alleged crimes other than that stated in the indictment may be released at this time.

If convicted, Lewis faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine for the charge of first-degree sexual abuse, which is a class C felony.

*An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.



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