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AG STEVE MARSHALL ANNOUNCES GUILTY PLEA OF FORMER TUSCALOOSA BAILIFF TO FELONY ETHICS CHARGE

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that Quenton Wesley, a former bailiff in the District Court for Tuscaloosa County, pleaded guilty to one felony count of violating the Alabama Ethics Act. Specifically, Wesley admitted to intentionally using his office or position for personal gain. Wesley's plea in Tuscaloosa Circuit Court Wednesday follows his removal from his position as a bailiff in November 2016.

The conviction arises from Wesley's use of his position as a bailiff to obtain money from defendants in district court cases. Wesley falsely told defendants that they had tested positive for illegal substances during a urinalysis screen and that Wesley could change their results if the defendants paid him. In addition to this scheme, Wesley provided other defendants with false documentation for them to file with the court to satisfy their community service obligations in exchange for money and free labor for a business with which Wesley was associated.

"This defendant corruptly profited from his position of trust in Alabama's criminal justice system and has been held accountable for his actions." Attorney General Marshall said. "As Attorney General, I will not tolerate violations of Alabama's Ethics Act and I will continue to vigorously enforce the law against those who illegally profit from their public service."

Wesley is scheduled to be sentenced on March 26. He faces a potential penalty of two to twenty years in prison for the Ethics charge, a Class B felony.

Attorney General Marshall expressed thanks to the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office for its assistance and commended Assistant Attorney General Kyle Beckman and investigators in the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division.

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