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## **Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Court of Criminal Appeals Upholds Attempted Murder Conviction in Shelby County**

(**Montgomery**) - Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of Hollis Jerry Lang, 78, of Shelby County, for the attempted murder of his brother, Jerome Lang. Lang was convicted in the Shelby County Circuit Court on September 20, 2021.

The evidence showed that in January 2017 Lang lived on adjoining properties in Shelby County with his brother, Jerome, and their extended family. On the morning of the shooting, Lang and his brother became engaged in a heated argument when the victim and his son passed by Lang's property while checking a game camera for wildlife images. The confrontation escalated later in the day when Lang shot his brother with a shotgun which resulted in the victim being completely blinded.

Shelby County District Attorney Matt Casey's office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Lang was sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment for his conviction. Lang 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 Lang's conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, August 11, 2023.

Attorney General Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Sara Rogan for her successful work on this case and thanks District Attorney Matt Casey and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the attempted murder conviction.

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