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## Attorney General Marshall Hosts 25th Annual Law Enforcement Summit

(Montgomery, Ala.) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall today hosted the 25th Annual Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit at the Church of the Highlands in Montgomery. The Summit provided continuing education training for law enforcement and attorneys from around the state. Participants had the opportunity to hear from law enforcement and legal experts on advances in forensic DNA testing, the power of investigating genetic genealogy, insight and lessons from the Karen Read case, and participate in a memorial recognizing fallen officers.

"It is always a privilege to gather with law enforcement officers from across our state to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our communities," stated Attorney General Marshall. "The law enforcement summit provides officers and prosecutors a chance to fellowship with one another, while working to sharpen our skills to better serve the people of Alabama."

This year's training highlighted the office's dedication and commitment to consumer protection enforcement, the anti-human trafficking alliance, and the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in combatting abuse and exploitation in nursing homes. Participants heard about the power of investigative genetic genealogy by Chief Genetic Genealogists, CeCe Moore and forensic DNA testing advances in the state by Dr. Jason Kokoszka from the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. One of the keynote speakers for the event were the co-hosts of The Prosecutors: A True Crime Podcast, Alice LaCour and Brett Talley. They discussed lessons from the Karen Read case.

Also, this year's training highlighted the office's dedication and commitment to consumer protection enforcement presented by Assistant Attorney General Michael Dean. Listeners heard Assistant Attorney General Bruce Liberman from the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit on efforts combatting abuse and exploitation in nursing homes. And, the Office's Alabama Anti-Human Trafficking Alliance coordinator, Katie Beth McCarthy.



In between trainings, Attorney General Marshall held a memorial for the fallen officer who lost his life in the line of duty in the last year. The fallen officer commemorated was Deputy Sheriff Jermyius Young of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Young was a United States Army Reserve veteran and had served with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for two years. He is survived by his mother, father, three brothers, and two sisters.

Attorney General Marshall stated, "The Summit is like a family reunion. It's an important occasion to reflect on the year behind us and look ahead to the future, as we dedicate ourselves behind a common mission: making Alabama the safest state in the nation."

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