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**Attorney General Steve Marshall Statement on Execution of Death Row
Inmate Michael Brandon Samra**

(MONTGOMERY) — Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall issued the following statement tonight following the execution of death row inmate Michael Brandon Samra at the William C. Holman Correctional Facility in Atmore.

“On March 23, 1997, Michael Samra and his friend Mark Duke coldly executed their plan to murder Duke’s father, Randy Duke, along with his father’s girlfriend, Dedra Hunt, and her six- and seven-year-old daughters, Chelisa and Chelsea. One cannot possibly imagine a more terrifying ordeal for the victims. Randy Duke was shot in the head. Dedra Hunt was shot multiple times as she attempted to flee with one of her daughters. Samra and Duke then proceeded to kill both of the young girls, cutting their throats. Samra was convicted of capital murder in 1998 and received his just punishment: a sentence of death. After too many years of delay, justice has finally been served. Tonight, we pray for the victims and for their families, that they might find peace and closure.”

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