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## **AG STEVE MARSHALL ANNOUNCES COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS DENIES APPEAL OF GENEVA COUNTY MURDER CONVICTION**

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall announced the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals upheld the denial of a Rule 32 petition for further judicial review of the murder conviction of Shawn Lee Adkison. Adkison, 44, of Slocomb, was convicted in Geneva County Circuit Court in 2015, for the murder of Debbie Ayers.

Evidence presented at trial showed that Adkison was involved in a dispute with Ayers and that he killed her on August 14, 2014. Ayers died of blunt force trauma to the head.

The Geneva County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the case. Upon conviction, Adkison was sentenced to a term of 85 years' imprisonment. Adkison's subsequent attempts to have his conviction and sentence reversed on appeal have been rejected by the courts. The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled Adkison's case during the appeals process, including Adkison's present petition to overturn his conviction and sentence. The Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals denied that request in a decision issued last Friday, July 13.

Attorney General Marshall commended Criminal Appeals Division Chief Beth Slate Poe for her successful work in this case.

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