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**AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES THAT COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS UPHOLDS
CONVICTION IN MADISON COUNTY FOR MULTIPLE SEX CRIMES**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange today announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals has affirmed the convictions of Everett Emerson Cornett Jr. for multiple sex crimes.

Cornett pleaded guilty in Madison County Circuit Court on July 23, 2014 to first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, and production of obscene material. Each conviction involved a victim under the age of 12. He was sentenced to 40 years for each of the three counts. The case was prosecuted by the Attorney General’s Criminal Trials Division.

Cornett subsequently sought to have his convictions reversed on appeal. The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Section handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm the conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued on Friday, July 1.

Attorney General Strange commended Assistant Attorney General Jean Webb of the Attorney General’s Criminal Appeals Section, as well as Assistant Attorneys General Kelly Godwin and Andrew Arrington of the Criminal Trials Division, for their successful work in this case.

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