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Attorney General Marshall Announces Murder Conviction and Consecutive Life Sentences for Coosa County Woman

(Montgomery, Ala) – Attorney General Steve Marshall announced Latoni Althea Daniel, 32, of Tallapoosa County, was sentenced to two terms of imprisonment for life with the possibility of parole for the death of Thomas Virgil Chandler, who was 87 years old at the time of the murder. Coosa County Circuit Court Judge David Law ordered that both life sentences would be served consecutively.

Today, Daniel pleaded guilty to one count of intentional murder and one count of robbery in the first degree relating to murder of the victim in Goodwater, Alabama. The victim, Mr. Chandler, had eaten at a local restaurant and then went to the Piggly Wiggly where he was followed by defendant, Latoni Daniel, and her co-defendant. The defendants followed Mr. Chandler both out of the store and as he drove a couple of miles down the road, where the defendants eventually stopped Mr. Chandler’s vehicle. Mr. Chandler was shot multiple times, and his money and personal property were taken.

“Mr. Chandler was an innocent man, targeted and brutally murdered for nothing more than his money. Today, justice has been served,” said Attorney General Steve Marshall. “While no sentence can undo this senseless act of violence, these consecutive life terms ensure that Latoni Daniel is held fully accountable for her role in this heinous crime. I commend the prosecutors and law enforcement officers whose dedication brought this case to a just conclusion, and I pray that Mr. Chandler’s loved ones find some measure of peace knowing that justice has prevailed.”

Attorney General Marshall commended the Attorney General’s Office Criminal Trials Division who prosecuted the case in conjunction with the District Attorney’s Office for the Fortieth Judicial Circuit, noting in particular Assistant Attorneys General Damon Lewis, Kenneth Gibbs and Chenelle Smith. Attorney General Marshall also thanked District Attorney Joe Ficquette and the staff of the District Attorney’s Office for the Fortieth Judicial Circuit, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, and the Coosa County Sheriff’s Office.

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