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(COLUMBIANA) – District Attorney Matt Casey announces the conviction of James Harrison Moore of Alabaster for Rape, Sodomy, and Sexual Abuse of a Child Less than 12.

On Wednesday October 18th, a Shelby County jury rendered the guilty verdict against Moore after a 3-day trial. Evidence showed that Moore molested a member of his family who was less than 12 years old at the time. Jurors heard testimony from several witnesses, including the victim and a separate victim who had been previously abused by Moore. Moore had been previously convicted of that separate abuse.

“We are very thankful for the service that the jury rendered in this case in holding the Defendant accountable for these heinous crimes,” said District Attorney Matt Casey. “Cases such as this are a stain on our community, and it was only through the bravery of our victim in being willing to confront Moore that justice can be served,” stated Casey.

The case was tried before Presiding Circuit Judge Bill Bostick who set the case for sentencing at a date to be determined after the completion of a pre-sentence investigation report. Rape 1st degree and Sodomy 1st degree are both Class A felonies, carrying a potential punishment between ten years and Life in the penitentiary. Sexual Abuse of a Child Less than 12 is a Class B felony, carrying a potential punishment between two years and twenty years. Chief Deputy District Attorney Ben Fuller and Assistant District Attorney Brooke Grigsby tried the case, which was investigated by the Alabaster Police Department.

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