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

On Monday, December 4, 2023, Presiding Circuit Judge Bill Bostick sentenced Moore to consecutive sentences of Life Imprisonment for First Degree Rape and First Degree Sodomy and an additional 20 years to serve on the Sexual Abuse of a Child Less than 12.

On October 18th, a Shelby County jury rendered the guilty verdict against Moore after a 3-day trial. Evidence showed that Moore raped, sodomized and sexually abused a member of his family who was less than 12 years old at the time. Jurors heard testimony from several witnesses, including the victim in this case and the victims from Moore’s 2018 sex abuse convictions.

District Attorney Matt Casey said, “In addition to having a strong investigation, we had a strong victim. We are thankful the victim was able to receive justice. Thank you to the Alabaster Police Department and the team at Owens House Child Advocacy Center for their hard work and dedication to this case and this victim”.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Ben Fuller and Assistant District Attorney Brooke Grigsby prosecuted the case and presented testimony for the sentencing hearing.

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