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EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SHELBY COUNTY

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(COLUMBIANA) –Michelle Lee Ratliff, of Pelham, AL, has been convicted of Sexual Torture by Force, Sodomy 1st Degree and Distribution of Drugs to a Minor. Ratliff received a 26-year prison sentence for these offenses. Additionally, Ratliff will not be eligible for parole or correctional incentive time, also known as “good time”, which will mean she cannot be released before the entire sentence has been served.

“Crimes such as this are a stain on our community and if you commit crimes like this in Shelby County my office will prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law,” said District Attorney Matt Casey. “We are thankful for the victim’s courage in this instance in coming forward,” added Casey.

The case was investigated by the Pelham Police Department, and Ratliff was charged along with her co-defendant, Edwin Ratliff, who had previously entered a guilty plea and received the same sentence.