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(COLUMBIANA) – District Attorney Matt Casey announces the conviction of Nicholas Richard Schoonover for Rape 1<sup>st</sup>.

Schoonover, age 36, entered a guilty plea to Rape 1<sup>st</sup> degree on Tuesday, October 17, and received a 42-year prison sentence for the offense. The sentence is not eligible for correctional incentive time, also known as “good time.” The trial of the case commenced on Monday and resumed Tuesday morning. Early on Tuesday, the Defendant changed his plea to “guilty.” The State, after consulting with the victim, agreed to the terms of the plea which would preclude any appeals in the matter.

“We are very thankful for the bravery our victim showed by facing her abuser,” said District Attorney Matt Casey. “Her testimony, along with the work of the investigative team, ensured that the Defendant will serve a lengthy prison sentence and will be registered as a sex offender for the rest of his life,” stated Casey.

The case against Schoonover was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jody Tallie and Matthew Kimbrough. It was investigated by the Helena Police Department with assistance from Calhoun Cleburne Children’s Center.

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