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(COLUMBIANA) – District Attorney Matt Casey announces the conviction of Richard Alan Howell for Murder.

Howell, age 31, entered a guilty plea to the offense on October 31, 2023, and received a life sentence. Howell was originally charged with the offense after his grandmother was found deceased in her residence in June of 2022.

“We are pleased to bring justice to the victim’s family in this tragedy and secure a plea that both the family and law enforcement thought was appropriate,” said District Attorney Matt Casey. “We are also very thankful for the hard work of the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office in the investigation of this case,” added Casey.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney’s Sarah Beth Eldridge and Matthew Kimbrough. The lead Investigator was Derek Dixon with the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office.