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From: Andrew C. Hamlin, District Attorney
24th Judicial Circuit of Alabama (Pickens, Lamar and Fayette Counties)
Subject: Guilty Plea of Jeremy Scott Terry

On October 28, 2019, **JEREMY SCOTT TERRY, DOB: 1/17/1979**, 1450 Mt. Pleasant Church Rd. Millport, AL, pled guilty to Theft of Property in the First Degree. In exchange for Mr. Terry's plea of guilty, he received a sentence of ten years in the Alabama Department of Corrections. Mr. Terry is ordered to serve ten months of his sentence and will then be placed on supervised probation for a period of five years. In addition to the sentence, Mr. Terry was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$14,690.93 to the Town of Millport. That amount was paid in full on October 29, 2019.

Mr. Terry was indicted in January of 2018 following an investigation by the Millport Police Department and Inv. Ronald Stough of the Fayette Police Department into allegations that Mr. Terry had used his position as fire chief to make purchases with Fire Department monies for his personal gain. The Millport Fire Department is funded by private donations and funds from the Lamar County Firefighters Association, as well as the Town of Millport.

Mr. Terry became the Fire Chief of Millport Fire Department in January of 2017, and on March 30, 2017, Terry became an authorized user for a debit card linked to the Department's bank account. The investigation revealed that over the course of several months in 2017, Mr. Terry used the debit card to make unauthorized purchases for his personal gain; including paying personal bills, recreational events, tools, the purchase of motorcycle parts and unauthorized cash withdrawals from the Millport Fire Department's bank account.

Commenting on the guilty plea of Terry, Hamlin stated, "I am satisfied with the result and the sentence that was imposed. Mr. Terry's behavior is shameful. He was entrusted as Chief and betrayed this trust by living out of the Department's bank account. He's a thief and there are consequences when you take property that is not yours; especially, when that property is money that has been donated and raised in support of volunteer firefighters that risk their lives and do so much for this community."

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