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A.G. KING ANNOUNCES CONVICTION IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD TRIAL

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(MONTGOMERY)—Following a trial that began on Monday, a jury in Shelby County Circuit Court has returned guilty verdicts in a worker's compensation fraud case. Attorney General Troy King announced that Robert Burrows was convicted yesterday of two counts of making a false statement to receive workers' compensation benefits and one count of second-degree theft of property.

Burrows, 44, of Montevallo, is scheduled to be sentenced on January 4, 2010. All three offenses are class C felonies, each punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$6,000.

The Attorney General's Office presented evidence that Burrows misrepresented an injury he received while working at an auto parts store, when a board hit him and bruised his forehead. Video evidence demonstrated that Burrows lied to a workers' compensation doctor about the extent and duration of his injury. He received approximately \$2,000 in benefits to which he was, therefore, not entitled, in April and May of 2007.

"It is a crime for someone to misrepresent an injury in order to get workers' compensation funds longer than he should," said Attorney General King. "I am pleased that the jury returned a guilty verdict and that this defendant will be held accountable for his crime."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Ben Baxley and Laura Irby Cuthbert of Attorney General King's Public Corruption and White Collar Crime Division.

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