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Wetumpka, AL – October 22, 2018 -- District Attorney Randall Houston said, "As prosecutors, our job is to find the truth and do justice. When we cannot find the truth, it is impossible to do justice." He confirmed today Murder charges against Jesse Madison Holton of Eclectic, have been dismissed. Holton has pled guilty to an underlying charge, unrelated to the death of his parents, which is a Class B felony.

District Attorney Houston said, "The forensics report states this case was a homicide and that position has been maintained. The anticipated testimony of the medical examiner would be that they could not classify this case was a homicide beyond a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

"From the beginning, this case has been open to interpretation as to what is actually the truth...either Jesse Holton killed his father and mother; the father of Jesse Holton killed Jesse's mother then Jesse killed his father; or the father of Jesse Holton killed Jesse's mother and then killed himself.

"My office has reason to believe any of these three scenarios could have occurred, but we have no proof to support any of the three theories beyond a reasonable doubt. Therefore, we are ethically obligated to dismiss the Murder charges against Jesse Holton. The Elmore County Sheriff's Office has left no stone unturned in this case, and I thank them for their relentless search for truth and justice."

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