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DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN ENDANGERED SPECIES CASE

United States Attorney, Kenyen R. Brown of the Southern District of Alabama announced that Charles Edward Mallory was sentenced this afternoon for a violation of the Endangered Species Act. Mallory's conviction relates to conduct where he caught a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle while fishing at Cedar Point Pier in Mobile County late last year. Because of the unusual catch many eye witnesses explained to Mallory he needed to release the sea turtle. Instead Mallory proceeded to kill the sea turtle and place it in a cooler. One of the eye witnesses contacted the Dauphin Island Police Department.

This juvenile Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle would have survived in the wild for decades hopefully breeding regularly and providing future generations. These sea turtles are a valuable resource that needs to be protected to help this species survive and flourish.

Judge Granade sentenced Mallory to a five month custody sentence followed by one year of supervised release for this violation of the Endangered Species Act. Judge Granade believed the conduct in this case warranted this type of sentence.

This case was investigated by the Dauphin Island Police Department, the Alabama Department of Conservation, Marine Resource Division and NOAA, Office of Law Enforcement in Niceville, Florida.