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Public Safety Expands Driver License Services in Covington County, *Andalusia Examining Office to Open Five Days Weekly*

Driver license customers in Covington County soon will have three reasons to celebrate better service: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Beginning April 14, the driver license examining office in Andalusia will become a permanent, five-day station to better serve driver license customers in Covington County. The office previously operated two days weekly, on Monday and Wednesday only.

The expanded schedule was brought about through a cooperative effort with Probate Judge Sherrie Phillips, according to Col. J. Christopher Murphy, director of the Department of Public Safety.

“Judge Phillips is an effective advocate for quality services for the people of Covington County. She recognized the need for increased convenience and accessibility of driver license services and worked closely with Public Safety to fulfill that need,” said Murphy. “The changes in Andalusia are a great example of county-state cooperation to better serve the public.”

Murphy said the Covington County Probate Office with the help of the Covington County Commission provided the space and licensing equipment for the permanent licensing station, and DPS assigned a full-time license examiner to staff the office. The office previously operated as a temporary satellite station: examiners assigned to other area offices transported portable licensing equipment to Andalusia to provide services two days each week.

Murphy said this latest improvement exemplifies Public Safety’s and Gov. Bob Riley’s work to improve driver license services statewide. “We are looking for new and better ways to serve the public, and we are eager to work with local officials and others who share that same vision,” said Murphy.

Effective April 14, the Andalusia office, located at 1 Court Square, will operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closing from 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

A complete listing of office schedules, including days and hours of operation, is available on Public Safety’s Web site, <http://www.dps.alabama.gov/>, under the Driver License Division link.

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