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Tyson's 'murder team' compiles solid record

► Prosecutors have won convictions in 27 of 29 homicide cases

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Staff Reporter

District Attorney John Tyson Jr.'s "murder team" has prosecuted 29 cases and won 27 convictions since it formed in January.

The team of four prosecutors — Tom Harrison, Buzz Jordan, Joseph Murphree and Mike Davis — manage all cases filed in Mobile County involving capital murder, murder, manslaughter and attempted murder.

Although the team members don't always get the verdict they'd like, sometimes having to settle for a manslaughter or other lesser conviction, Tyson said he's proud of the way they're "getting

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Tyson

Family sues Prichard over shooting death

► Charles Rivers' mother seeks \$5 million from city

By JAMAINA A. DICKENS
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Staff Reporter

Prichard residents who know Charles Lee Rivers have complained that he may have been involved in some small time crime, but he didn't do anything to merit

being shot to death. But now, while Mrs. Rivers has won a \$5 million judgment from the city of Prichard in a lawsuit with the death of her son.

Mrs. Rivers, 44, said she felt "robbed" by the federal court. She said she was involved in the shooting of her son, Charles Lee Rivers, 21, on Jan. 1, 1994.

A Mobile County judge ruled that the

Prichard vs. RIVERS, 1:95-32

Five teens charged

in robbery

By PETE ZURALES

Staff Reporter

Christina Jordan, 19, was told clerk at FoodWorld on Cottage Hill Road was nervous she wouldn't open the cash register. Two teen-agers were standing there, and one was pointing a gun at her.

As Ms. Jordan fumbled with the register, the impatient gunman shot her in the leg about 11:30 p.m. Thursday, said Tom Jennings, spokesman for the Mobile Police Department. "The gunman and a companion grabbed cash from another register and fled in a pickup," Jennings said.

By Friday, police had charged five teen-agers with two counts each of first-degree armed robbery in connection with the hold-up. The teen-agers also could face federal kidnapping charges.

Ms. Jordan was in fair condition Tuesday at the University of South

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► Director Smith's comments have skeptics ready to give him a go at the job

By MICHAEL HARDY

Staff Reporter

John Smith barely came out of his bath on the morning he was named as the new director of the Alabama Department of Environmental

Protection. Smith, 44, was named to the job by Gov. Fob James III.

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