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Attorney General Griffin Announces Conviction for Defendant Who Shot Patients with BB Gun

Griffin: 'The actions of the defendant in this case were cruel and egregious'

LITTLE ROCK – Following a no contest plea entered by Malic King, 28, of Little Rock in Faulkner County Circuit Court on Monday, Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement:

“Earlier this week, defendant King entered a plea of ‘no contest’ to Abuse of an Endangered/Impaired Person, a Class D Felony, for shooting residents of the Conway Human Development Center with a BB gun. The actions of the defendant in this case were cruel and egregious, and I am pleased that he is being held accountable.

“I congratulate my office’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit on their good work on this case, particularly investigator Dane Pederson and Assistant Attorney General Gabby Davis-Jones, who worked in conjunction with 20th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney Carol Crews. I am also grateful to the Conway Police Department for their work in investigating this case.”

King was working as a caregiver at the Conway Human Development Center when he used a BB gun to shoot residents there. After his no-contest plea, he was sentenced to five years of probation, was assessed a \$1,000 fine plus court costs, and was ordered to attend anger management classes.

About Attorney General Tim Griffin

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state's 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas's Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 27 years and currently holds the rank of colonel. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

He is currently serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana. His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Liberty (née Bragg), North Carolina, and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master's degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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