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## **Attorney General Griffin Announces Public Integrity Unit Arrest of Former Bull Shoals Mayor**

*Griffin: 'Abuse of office and theft of public funds are serious breaches of the public's trust'*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Following the surrender of former Bull Shoals Mayor David L. Nixon, 69, to the Marion County Sheriff's Office on two Class C Felony charges, Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement:

“On Tuesday, the former mayor of Bull Shoals surrendered on felony charges stemming from an investigation by special agents from the Public Integrity Unit of my office's Special Investigations Division. Abuse of office and theft of public funds are serious breaches of the public's trust, and my office is committed to holding violators of that trust to account.

“I thank the special agents from my office for their excellent and diligent work on this case, as well as the Marion County officials who helped facilitate the arrest.”

Nixon is charged with Theft of Property over \$5,000 and Abuse of Office, both Class C Felonies. Nixon allegedly received unauthorized reimbursements during his time as mayor from the City of Bull Shoals for Medicare Part B premiums that had been deducted from his Social Security payments.

Nixon was booked into the Marion County Detention Center on February 13 and was released later that afternoon.

## **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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