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Attorney General Griffin Announces 2 Arrests in Separate Child Pornography Investigations

Griffin: 'I will continue to bring the perpetrators of these horrific crimes to justice'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement after agents in his Special Investigations Division made two arrests within 24 hours in separate cases involving child pornography:

“Last night, agents from my office arrested Giovanni Ibarra, 25, of Sherwood on three federal felony charges: one count of production of child pornography, one count of distribution of child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography. Our investigation into Ibarra’s activities started after we received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The production charge in this case came from materials Ibarra produced involving a toddler.

“In a separate case this morning, agents from my office arrested Darien Trigleth, 39, of Conway on 150 counts of distributing, possessing, or viewing of matter depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child.

“Such unfathomable and despicable acts have no place in our society, and I will continue to bring the perpetrators of these horrific crimes to justice.”

Ibarra was booked into the Pulaski County Jail Tuesday evening and was released into the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service today, when he made his initial appearance in federal court.

Trigleth was booked in the Faulkner County Jail.

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 28 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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