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Incident on Airplane Leads to Arrest of Hot Springs Man on Child Pornography Charge

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LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin released the following statement announcing that his office arrested Micah Shawn Morrison, 51, of Hot Springs on one count of Pandering or Possessing Visual Medium Depicting Sexually Explicit Conduct Involving a Child, a Class C Felony:

“A few months ago, Special Agent Heath Nelson, an investigator in my office’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, was off duty while flying out of the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport. He noticed a fellow passenger on the plane texting about committing sexual acts on children, as well as exchanging pornography.

“Special Agent Nelson quickly alerted agents in our Special Investigations Division, who worked with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Department of Homeland Security to identify the passenger and open an investigation.

“On March 6, agents from my office and HSI conducted an interview with Morrison during which his cell phone was seized and later determined to contain child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Yesterday, agents from my office, in coordination with HSI and the Garland County

Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at Morrison's home, seizing 14 devices for further forensic examination. Morrison was arrested at the conclusion of the search.

"This marks our third arrest on CSAM-related charges in less than a week. I commend the outstanding work done by Special Agent Nelson, the investigators in my Special Investigations Division, HSI, and the Garland County Sheriff's Office."

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 is currently an officer in the Arkansas Army National Guard and holds the rank of colonel. Griffin served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years. 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.

His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort 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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