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Attorney General Griffin Forms Financial Fraud Task Force

Griffin: 'Financial fraud isn't a new problem, but we're taking a new approach to fighting it'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin released the following statement after announcing the formation of a Financial Fraud Task Force to be led by his office:

“Financial fraud isn’t a new problem, but we’re taking a new approach to fighting it. Utilizing the successful model we’ve built to address other types of crime, such as organized retail crime and human trafficking, I have formed a Financial Fraud Task Force that will include the Arkansas Bankers Association, the Arkansas Credit Union Association, and other stakeholders working in banking and finance.

“Our task force, which will be led by my office’s Public Protection Division, will meet quarterly. The meetings will be an opportunity for the industries that are most impacted by these types of crimes to share information and intelligence with my office so that we can be better equipped to track down perpetrators of financial fraud and bring them to justice.

“Additionally, my office keeps tabs on what is happening around the country when it comes to fighting and preventing financial fraud, so there is valuable information and resources we can share with these industries.

“I believe in the power of collaboration and cooperation. If we want to be successful in combating the financial fraud being committed against Arkansans, we will be far more effective together than alone.”

The Task Force held its first meeting today following the Attorney General’s press conference to announce the formation of the Task Force. As part of its ongoing development, the Office of the Attorney General plans to expand the group of partners before the next meeting.

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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