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## **Attorney General Griffin Announces Three Medicaid Fraud Arrests**

*Griffin: 'These arrests demonstrate our commitment to holding bad actors accountable, and our work is far from over'*

**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement announcing three Medicaid arrests:

“On June 23, 2025, Roi Pelto, 41, of Fayetteville was arrested for exploitation of a vulnerable person, a Class B felony, and theft of property, a Class C felony. Pelto served as a co-guardian for the victim and allegedly stole the victim’s money, personal property, and silver coin collection.

“On June 25, 2025, Davanna Wiley, 38, of Arkadelphia, was arrested on one count of abuse of a vulnerable person, a Class D felony. Wiley was a caregiver for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and was arrested for pushing a client to the ground while the client was leaving home.

“On June 26, 2025, Lexie King, 21, of Lepanto was arrested on a charge of Medicaid fraud, a Class C felony. King, while employed by Elite Senior Care, claimed to provide services at times when she was allegedly not at the client’s location.

“My office will continue to pursue those who commit Medicaid fraud and exploit Arkansans. These arrests demonstrate our commitment to holding bad actors accountable, and our work is

far from over. I would like to commend our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for its outstanding work and its unwavering commitment to protecting Arkansans. I want to thank Special Agent Richard Morales, Special Agent Heath Nelson, and Special Agent Rhonda Swindle, all from my office, and Special Agent David Harrell with the Arkansas State Police Special Investigation Division. I also want to thank the Fayetteville Police Department and the Arkadelphia Police Department for their assistance.”

The Arkansas MFCU receives 75% of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant totaling \$4,685,736 for the Federal fiscal year 2025, of which \$3,514,304 is federally funded. The remaining 25%, totaling \$1,171,432 for State Fiscal Year 2025, is funded by Arkansas General Revenue.

### **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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