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Attorney General Griffin Announces Arrest of 4 Women Following Organized Retail Crime Investigation; 2 Women Remain at Large

Griffin: 'Whether criminals are operating as part of a large crime syndicate or a small-time coordinated ring, we will find them and bring them to justice'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement announcing the arrest of four women for theft of property:

“My organized retail crime investigators received information from one of our private sector partners about possible organized retail crimes occurring at TJ Maxx, Marshalls, and HomeGoods locations in Cabot, Conway, and Little Rock. My office opened an investigation and identified six subjects. We determined that some of the subjects were coordinating with each other on their criminal efforts, and all of them were affiliated. The total value of the merchandise they stole from multiple businesses is estimated at \$6,794.82. Twenty-three felony warrants have been issued for their arrest.

“On September 18, Cleishia Martin, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested by the Faulker County Sheriff's Office. Martin was charged in Faulkner County with one felony count of theft of property.

“On September 22, Sheneice Robinson, 33, of Little Rock was arrested by the Little Rock Police Department. Robinson was charged:

- in Faulkner County with two felony counts of engaging in a continuing criminal gang, organization, or enterprise, and two felony counts of theft of property;
- in Lonoke County with one felony count of engaging in a continuing criminal gang, organization, or enterprise, and two felony counts of theft of property.

“On September 22, Balincia Matthews, 27, of Little Rock was arrested by the Faulkner County Sheriff’s Office. Matthews was charged:

- in Faulkner County with two felony counts of engaging in a continuing criminal gang, organization, or enterprise, and three felony counts of theft of property;
- in Lonoke County with one felony count of engaging in a continuing criminal gang, organization, or enterprise, and two felony counts of theft of property;
- in Little Rock with one felony count of theft of property.

“On September 23, Jewellali Young, 28, of Little Rock was arrested by the Little Rock Police Department. Young was charged in Little Rock with one felony count of theft of property.

“Yasmine Washington, 28, of Little Rock remains at large and has a warrant out for her arrest in Faulkner County for one felony count of theft of property.

“Imani McSwain, 28, of Little Rock remains at large and has four warrants out for her arrest that include:

- one felony count of engaging in a continuing criminal gang, organization, or enterprise, and one felony count of theft of property in Faulkner County;
- and one felony count of engaging in a continuing criminal gang, organization, or enterprise, and one felony count of theft of property in Lonoke County.

“I am grateful for the exceptional work done by my Special Investigations Division and for the assistance of the Faulkner County Sheriff’s Office, the Little Rock Police Department, the Faulkner County Circuit Court, the Lonoke County Circuit Court, and the Little Rock District Court.

“Our commitment to rooting out organized retail crime in Arkansas is unwavering. Whether criminals are operating as part of a large crime syndicate or a small-time coordinated ring, we will find them and bring them to justice.

“Anyone with information about Washington and McSwain’s whereabouts should call my office at (501) 682-2007.”

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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