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Attorney General Griffin Launches One Pill Can Kill Initiative at University of Central Arkansas in Conway

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CONWAY – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after holding a press conference with University of Central Arkansas President Houston Davis to announce the launch of the One Pill Can Kill initiative at UCA:

“UCA has the third-largest enrollment of any university in Arkansas, and I am thrilled that they have joined the One Pill Can Kill initiative, partnering with us to educate students about the dangers of illicit opioids.

“The training we’re holding on campus today will provide resources to 200 UCA students such as fentanyl testing strips, knowledge of how to recognize an overdose, and instruction on how to administer Narcan. We are also in discussions to provide a vending machine to be placed on the UCA campus that will allow students to discreetly obtain Narcan for free.

“UCA has been an important partner in the One Pill Can Kill initiative and has scheduled other student-engagement events this week on issues of health and substance abuse, including a drug take-back event and a town hall on tobacco-use prevention and cessation.

“This is the 12th school to join the One Pill Can Kill initiative. We look forward to expanding the program to more two- and four-year schools across the state this coming fall.”

Davis added the following statement:

“At the University of Central Arkansas, we care deeply about the well-being of our students and encourage them to look out for one another and take action to keep each other safe. The dangers of fentanyl are something we take seriously, and we have been committed to prevention and education efforts for several years. We welcome this partnership with Attorney General Griffin through the One Pill Can Kill initiative because it strengthens those efforts and helps us better educate, support and protect our students.”

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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