

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Sex Offender Picked up by U.S. Marshals in Georgia**

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On April 16 at approximately 10:00 p.m., the Albany, GA Office of the U.S. Marshal's Service arrested Jimmy Carson Griffin, 46, in Nashville, Georgia. Griffin, who has known addresses in Fort Payne, had reportedly been sharing time between DeKalb County and the residence of his mother in Nashville, Berrien County, Georgia. Griffin, who had an outstanding warrant for failure to register under the requirements of the Community Notification Act, was entered into the wanted database of the U.S. Marshal's Gulf Coast Regional Task Force on April 13, and was in custody three days later.

Griffin was originally found guilty under Florida law of four counts of Lewd & Lascivious Assault in the Presence of a Child Under the Age of 16. This conviction was in July of 1992. In 2007, Griffin was registering as a sex offender in Georgia, where he had relocated. He had not, however, registered as required in Alabama.

Griffin was brought to the attention of Investigator Mary Waters when a family member of a female under the age of 12 reported that Griffin had engaged in inappropriate conduct with the child. The family reportedly lived in the same neighborhood as Griffin, and they had become friends. The report led Inv. Waters to look into Griffin's background, at which time she discovered he had on his record the 1992 Florida conviction and an additional sex offense from 1983. According to tag and post office records, Griffin had been living at least part-time in DeKalb County since September of 2006, and had not reported to the Sheriff's Office to register as required by Alabama law.

After the report was taken regarding the female child, a search warrant was obtained for Griffin's residence, at which time his computer was confiscated, in addition to items that Griffin had purchased for the child. The items taken in the search are still being processed by the Alabama Department of Forensics at this time.

A warrant was issued for Griffin in relation to his failure to register in the State of Alabama in compliance with Community Notification laws. He will remain in the custody of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office until transport to DeKalb County, which has been scheduled to be complete by May 8.

