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### **Abuse at Day Care Center Leads to Arrest**

TAYLOR, Texas – A report of abuse at the Taylor Independent School District's Child Development Center has led to the arrest of an employee of the Center. A child care provider at the center reported to police on Friday, May 17, 2019, that a co-worker, Mikelean Griffith, 67 years, of Hutto, pinned the two year old boy to a mat on the floor earlier in the day when the child resisted taking a nap. Ms. Griffith held the child to the mat placing her knee in the center of the child's back while both of her hands were on child's shoulders, near his neck. Ms. Griffith transferred her body weight onto the child's back. The witness told police that Ms. Griffith's actions were abusive and caused the child to scream and cry loudly. The child's parents observed a red mark on their son's back after he returned home from day care on May 17, 2019, which was not observed before. The child was treated and released by his family physician. The Taylor Police Detectives completed the investigation and consulted with both the Williamson County District Attorney's Office (who prosecutes felony cases) as well as the Williamson County Attorney's Office (who prosecutes misdemeanor cases). After the case review with the prosecutors it was determined that the Taylor Police Detectives had probable cause to obtain an Arrest Warrant for Ms. Griffith, who is charged with Injury to a Child, a State Jail Felony. Ms. Griffith surrendered herself and was taken into custody on the Arrest Warrant on May 30, 2019, and booked into the Williamson County Jail with a bond of \$2,500.

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