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**TAMPA VETERAN'S MUSIC CAREER MAKES A COMEBACK, DRAWING
INSPIRATION FROM NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE, LOSS, AND LIFE**

Tampa, FL – Local veteran Stephen Gipson, artistically known as G.I.P., is making a powerful return to the music scene. G.I.P., an independent R&B, Soul singer-songwriter, and recording artist, released his first EP titled “Take Me” in 2020, followed by four original singles in 2022 and 2023. His music is available worldwide on all online music stores and streaming platforms. Now, he is recording another original song at the Hands In Motion Music Productions Recording Studio in Brandon, with Grammy® Award-winning pianist and Latin Grammy® Award-winning producer, Lannie Battistini. G.I.P. took a break after the passing of his mother, who was a source of strength and inspiration even during the worst of times.

Before pursuing music, G.I.P. enlisted in the military at twenty years old. The U.S. Army stationed him in Germany in 1986, where he served for two years. In 1988, G.I.P. had to retire due to a serious accident. He was riding a motorcycle on Bamberg's Autobahn Highway when he crashed head-on into a guard rail. Having sustained life-threatening injuries, doctors declared him brain dead. Nine days after the accident, however, a miracle occurred—he woke up and was taken off life support. Gipson moved back to the U.S. to recover from the accident, where he received medical care and attended numerous therapy sessions. After marrying his longtime girlfriend Anja, the couple moved back to Germany.

G.I.P. had a musical background, with a friend teaching him how to play guitar in high school. Additionally, he discovered later in life that his father had a passion for music. It was back in Germany, however, where he began his music career. He formed the rock band Strangescape with friends and became its lead vocalist, guitarist, and songwriter. While he saw music as a way to heal, the group ended up performing at venues throughout Germany and amassing a following. When G.I.P. moved back to the U.S., he had to put his music career on hold. Now, in his late fifties, the veteran is returning to the scene for the second time since he began this journey in 2020.

G.I.P. looks forward to reconnecting with his fans and inspiring new listeners with his music. For more information, visit his website at www.imbackgip.com.