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## **Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - June 23, 2023**



This week, I issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about a [rising trend in jury duty scams](#).

In these scams, an imposter will call a target claiming that they missed jury duty and will be arrested if they do not pay a fine immediately.

Potential victims can be understandably alarmed by the threat of legal consequences because the scammer may be very convincing.

To avoid jury duty scams, Floridians should know that:

- A jury duty summons will never be delivered over the phone; it will always come via mail;
- Court officials will not demand payment over the phone, nor ask that payment be wired or made through a gift card;
- Personal or financial information should never be given to strangers, especially over the phone; and

- Caller IDs may be spoofed appearing to come from a law enforcement agency or other government entity. Be cautious of caller ID—even if it looks like a real source.

If there is a valid jury duty issue, contact a local court clerk's office directly using the [Florida Clerks website](#). Suspected jury duty scams should also be reported to law enforcement.

Anyone who may encounter an imposter trying to orchestrate a jury duty scam can also file a complaint with my office online at [MyFloridaLegal.com](#) or by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.

By staying ahead of fraudsters and reporting scams, you can avoid falling prey and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial letter 'A'.

## In The News

A new scam trend is hitting Florida, NBC 7 Panama City Beach

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**Ashley Moody: Emojis Often Used to Hide Buying and Selling of Drugs, Florida Daily**

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## Protecting Floridians

**VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Continues Idle Time: A Summer Safety Series with Guide for Parents to Decipher Emojis Used in Drug Trade**



Attorney General Ashley Moody is continuing the Idle Time: A Summer Safety Series with a guide for parents on popular emojis used to hide the buying or selling of drugs.

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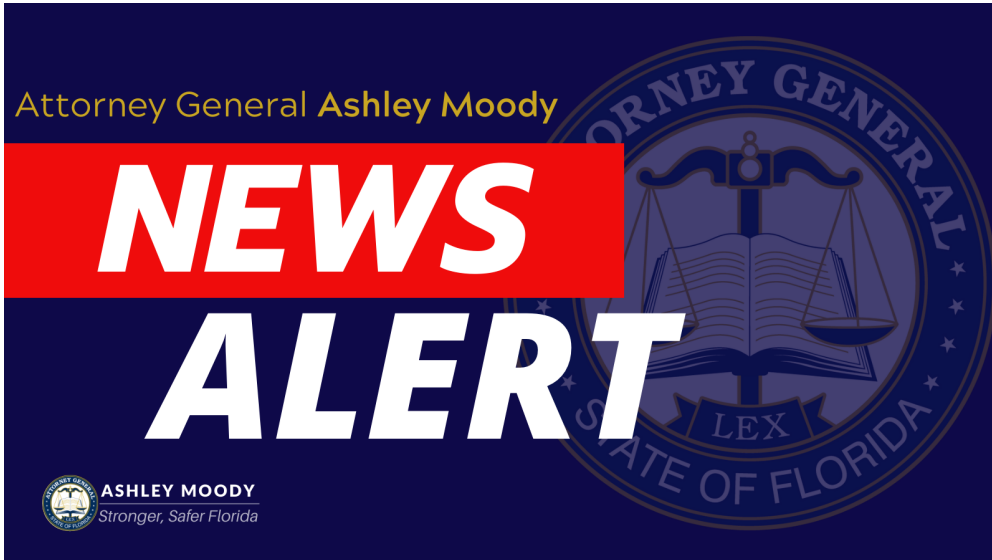
**Attorney General Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution Charges Four Offenders in Major Heavy Machinery Theft Ring**



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution is charging four offenders in a major heavy machinery theft ring spanning 14 counties in Florida.

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**Attorney General Moody Demands Fidelity Charitable Comply with State Law**



Attorney General Ashley Moody is demanding Fidelity Charitable, a donor-advised fund provider, comply with a new state law that takes effect on July 1.

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**Attorney General Moody is Fighting to Take Back Public Postsecondary Education System from Unelected Academics**



Attorney General Ashley Moody is fighting to take back the postsecondary education system from unelected accrediting agencies and return power to Florida's citizens.

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## Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody announced a new legal action with Governor Ron DeSantis challenging a federal law that gives unchecked power to unelected academics over public institutions.

