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Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - Dec. 1, 2023



In light of National Charity Fraud Awareness Week, I am providing safe giving tips for Floridians.

Even with Giving Tuesday now in the rearview mirror, generous Floridians should be cautious when donating during the holiday season to ensure their contribution ends up in the right hands. [Statistics](#) show that charitable organizations will lose 5% of potential revenue each year to fraud.

Since taking office in 2019, my office has shut down multiple fraudulent charities and recovered more than \$2.3 million. We've taken down operations pretending to devote their efforts to helping veterans, breast cancer research, assisted community services and more.

To avoid falling victim to charity scams:

- Research the charity or organization before donating, and make sure it is accredited with the [Better Business Bureau](#) or check for its rating on [CharityNavigator.org](#);
- Beware of fraudulent charities with similar names to legitimate organizations;
- Do not automatically trust phone calls, emails or text messages from unknown sources requesting donations;
- Never share personal or financial information to an unexpected contact; and
- Make sure the connection is secure when making a donation online by looking for the padlock symbol in the web address bar.

To report charity scams or fraud to the Florida Attorney General's Office, call 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).

For additional tips and resources for consumers, visit [FTC.gov/Charity](#).

By ensuring donations from generous Floridians go to the desired destination and not to scammers, we are building a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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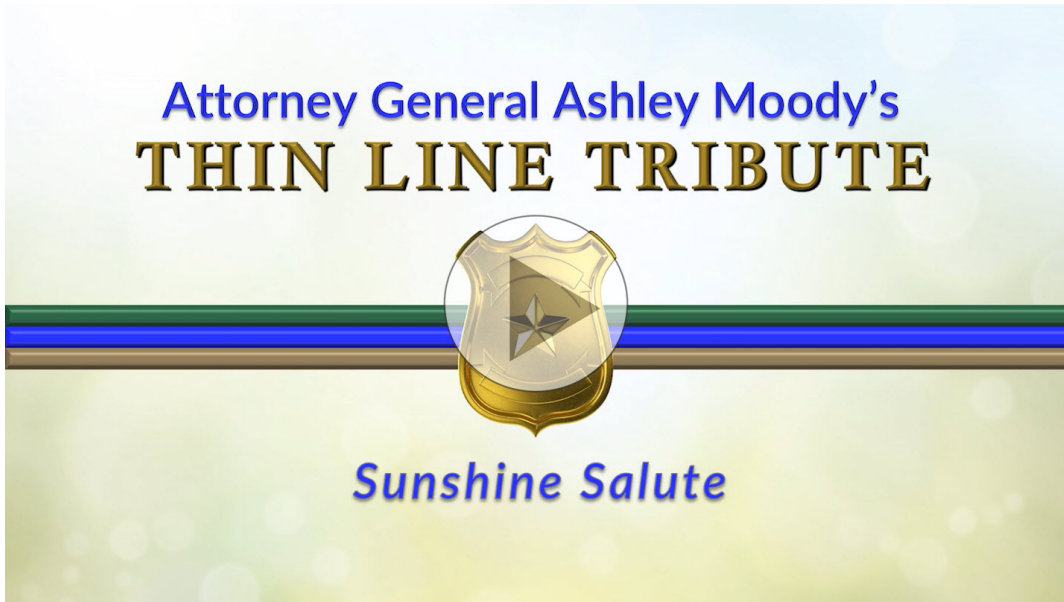
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Economists predict retail sales during this holiday season will exceed \$957 billion,

with consumers expected to spend more than \$11 billion on Cyber Monday alone.

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AG Moody Announces Arrest of Services Provider for More Than \$50,000 in Medicaid Provider Fraud



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, announced the arrest of the owner of a company providing personal supports services to Medicaid recipients.

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Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody, her Cyber Fraud Enforcement Unit and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement were in Tampa to warn about cybershopping scams and provide tips to help protect Florida online when purchasing gifts this holiday season.

