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Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - June 14, 2024



This week, standing with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and other law enforcement partners, we announced the rescue of 10 human trafficking victims and a new statewide strike team.

The Florida Human Trafficking Strike Team is another way we are fighting back against transnational criminal organizations exploiting Biden’s open border to bring trafficking victims into the United States. Our announcement of the team comes after a multiagency operation to dismantle a massive trafficking ring operating in multiple locations throughout Florida, where a trafficker recruited women from Colombia and Venezuela with promises of legitimate work here in the state and then held them in debt bondage, forcing them into sex work.

The team is comprised of our Statewide Prosecutors and victims’ advocates, agents and analysts from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and counter-human trafficking investigators who assist local law enforcement in identifying and tracking

down leads in trafficking cases across the state.

We are already seeing results. Thus far, our strike team is assisting Florida law enforcement with more than 20 human trafficking cases and already made contact with nearly 40 victims.

In addition to combating trafficking directly, the team provides guidance and support to law enforcement throughout the state and is available to coordinate emergency victim support services.

But we can’t rely on our strike team and law enforcement alone. Floridians can help us by learning the signs of human trafficking at YouCanStopHT.com and reporting suspicious activity to our statewide tipline, 855-FLA-SAFE.

By putting traffickers behind bars and rescuing victims, we continue to build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody, Florida Sheriffs and Crime Stoppers Launch Cold Case Playing Cards to Solve Crimes



Attorney General Ashley Moody, with the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, Florida Sheriffs Association and Florida Department of Corrections, at the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office announced the launch of Cold Case Cards.

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Attorney General Moody Leads Multistate Action Against Johnson & Johnson and Secures $700 Million



This action addresses allegations that Johnson & Johnson deceptively promoted and misled consumers in advertisements related to the safety and purity of some of its previous talc powder products.

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Attorney General Moody Activates Price Gouging Hotline for State of Emergency Following Drastic Flooding



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Attorney General Moody’s Statewide Prosecution Secures 27-Year Sentence for Fentanyl Trafficker



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a 27-year prison sentence for a fentanyl trafficker involved in transporting hundreds of grams of fentanyl into Florida.

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AG Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution Secures 15-Year Sentence for Cocaine Runner



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a 15-year

prison sentence for a man involved in a large drug-trafficking organization operating in Gadsden and Leon counties.

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Events

This week, Attorney General Moody stood with the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers and Florida Sheriffs Association to announce the launch of Cold Case Cards that aim to provide new tips to help law enforcement with unsolved cases.



Attorney General Moody with members of the Human Trafficking Strike Team, along with state and local law enforcement leaders.



Attorney General Moody saying hello to K-9 Layla of the Human Trafficking Strike Team.

