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Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - June 21, 2024



This week, we hosted a Cryptocurrency Scams Symposium in The Villages and recognized the top Seniors vs. Crime volunteers.

Florida is proud to be home to more than 5.5 million seniors. Unfortunately, there are bad actors who try to prey on older Floridians. Our Cyber Fraud Enforcement Unit presented to seniors at the symposium about how to avoid falling victim to cryptocurrency scams.

Protecting Florida’s seniors is one of our top priorities, and we are also grateful for all our Senior Sleuth volunteers’ efforts on behalf of older Floridians.

Last year, Senior Sleuths assisted more than 9,100 Florida seniors, put in more than 11,200 hours of free services and recovered more than $2.6 million. Since 2019, Seniors vs. Crime is responsible for recovering more than $10.5 million.

At the end of the symposium, we named five Super Senior Sleuths, one from each region of Florida for their outstanding work for their fellow seniors.

We also recognized our Senior Sleuth Advocate of the Year, John McLaughlin. Logging more than 10 years as a Seniors vs. Crime volunteer, John uses his background as a law enforcement officer to assist seniors and solve high-value cases.

By assisting those who have been taken advantage of and teaching seniors how to protect themselves from scams and exploitation, we are continuing to build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Attorney General Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution Files Charges Against 39 Defendants in Massive Fentanyl Trafficking Ring



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution filed charges against 39 members of a massive drug-trafficking ring operating out of Volusia and Putnam counties.

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AG Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution Secures 18-Year Prison Sentence for Pool Company Owner Committing $1 Million in Fraud



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Office of Statewide Prosecution secured an 18-year prison sentence for the owner of a pool company defrauding nearly 100 Florida homeowners.

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Events

This week, Attorney General Moody worked with Floridians dedicated to fighting the fentanyl crisis at the Drug Enforcement Administration's Florida Family Summit.



During the presentation of the Senior Sleuth Awards in The Villages, Attorney General Moody recognized Donald Ravenna who is retiring after 24 years or service as Executive Director for the Seniors vs. Crime program.



Left to right: 5th Circuit State Attorney Bill Gladson, Seniors vs. Crime Executive Director Donald Ravenna, Sumter County Undersheriff Pat Breeden, Attorney General Ashley Moody