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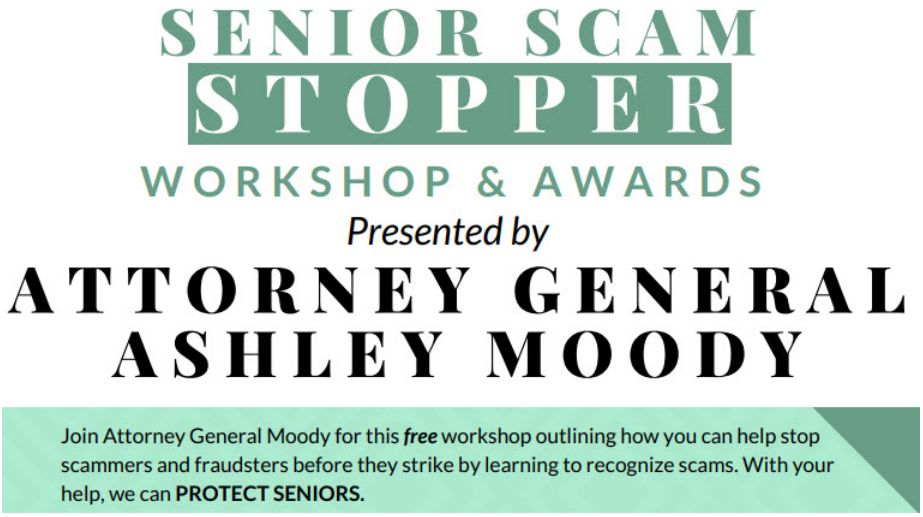
Highlighting Senior Fraud Training for Older Americans Month



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is recognizing Older Americans Month by highlighting the upcoming Senior Scam Stopper Workshop and Awards program. Next month, Attorney General Moody will host a free workshop to help seniors learn to spot and stop fraud. Following the workshop, Attorney General Moody will present awards to several Senior Sleuths for their exceptional work through the Seniors v. Crime Project.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Equipping seniors with the information necessary to spot scams is an important weapon in our fight to stop fraud and protect older Floridians. No one does this better than our Senior Sleuths, and I am looking forward to recognizing their good work at our Senior Scam Stopper Workshop and Awards program next month. I hope you can join us.”

The free workshop and awards ceremony will be held on Friday, June 14 in The Villages. For more details, click here.

The event is being held in conjunction with Seniors v. Crime, a special project of the Florida Attorney General’s Office. According to the Seniors v. Crime Annual Report, Senior Sleuths worked more than 2,000 cases of reported fraud last year, resulting in $1,146,057 in recoveries.

There are Seniors v. Crime offices located throughout the state. For more information about how to become a Senior Sleuth, click here.

These Senior Sleuths are also providing support to the Florida Attorney General’s newly-formed Senior Protection Team. The Team is comprised of leading members from the Attorney

General's Office of Statewide Prosecution, Consumer Protection Division and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Seniors v. Crime and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are also actively assisting the Team with investigations and outreach efforts.

Attorney General Moody announced the Team in March, and already, investigators assisted in a case that led to an arrest for contractor fraud against a Florida senior. The Team also helped a senior couple recover a $2,375 refund and the release of a contractor's lien against the couple's home. The Team continues to work cases and receive tips.

To report possible senior fraud, call 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or visit MyFloridaLegal.com. For more information about the Attorney General's Senior Protection Team, click here.

To read the President's Proclamation on Older Americans Month, click here.