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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Oct. 23, 2020



This Saturday is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and ahead of this important event, I joined U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Administrator Timothy Shea in an effort to encourage Floridians to participate—and help us end the national opioid crisis.
Drug Take Back Days are a great opportunity for people to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs or controlled substances. By disposing of these substances carefully, we can prevent drug abuse, addiction and overdose deaths.

The DEA also now accepts vaping products at take-back locations, which can help prevent under-age vaping and keep addictive products from falling into the wrong hands.

These events have proven extremely successful in removing unwanted or expired substances from our streets. Last October, we saw more than 882,000 pounds, that is almost 442 tons, of unused or expired prescription medications and vape devices disposed of safely.

That’s a huge amount of drugs kept from being unintentionally dispersed into our communities and our of vulnerable hands, and it just shows you the enormous impact of so many people taking small steps to prevent drug abuse.

Now is your chance to pitch in and help us fight drug abuse. You can find local disposal locations by visiting TakeBackDay.DEA.gov. Once you find the nearest location, drop off unwanted medications anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. this Saturday.

If you can’t make it Saturday, our DoseOfRealityFL.com website has an interactive map where you can find year-round take-back locations throughout Florida.

By safely disposing of unused medication you can help us save lives, and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Florida Attorney

General Ashley Moody, along with the U.S. Department of Justice and 10 other state attorneys general, filed a civil antitrust lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to prevent Google from unlawfully maintaining monopolies through anticompetitive and exclusionary practices in the search and search advertising markets.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Google is one of the largest and most powerful companies in the world. Regardless of its size, all companies have an obligation to compete fairly in the marketplace. Our investigation into Google revealed that the global tech behemoth allegedly used its size and scale to build a moat around its core markets—general search services and search advertising.

“We believe Google’s conduct violates state and federal antitrust laws and that a successful outcome in this case will bring many benefits to all Americans including Florida consumers, the overwhelming majority of whom use Google products every day.” Read More

Attorney General Moody Urges Floridians to Give with Their Hearts and Their Heads During International Charity

Fraud Awareness Week



Attorney General Ashley Moody is encouraging wise giving as the world recognizes International Charity Fraud Awareness Week. ICFAW is a yearly observance focused on preventing charity fraud and ensuring donations go to intended causes. This year's observance comes as generous people in Florida, and across the country, are looking for ways to help those heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and hurricanes that have wreaked havoc in Florida and other states along the Gulf of Mexico.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "2020 has been a year of unprecedented challenges, but as a fifth-generation Floridian, I know that when disaster hits our state, we stand united to help our neighbors. As we all do our part to help those impacted by COVID-19 and Hurricane Sally, please remember to take steps to ensure donations go toward providing the relief and support you intend.

"In recognition of International Charity Fraud Awareness Week, I am sharing tips and resources to help Floridians give with their heads along with their hearts—to prevent charity fraud and help ensure donations help those in need, not those trying to exploit good-hearted Floridians." Read More

Attorney General Moody's Statement on the Department of Justice's Plea and Settlement Agreement with Purdue Pharma



Attorney

General Ashley Moody released the following statement on the U.S. Department of Justice’s plea and settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma:

“I want to thank Attorney General Barr and the U.S. Department of Justice for ensuring that funds recovered from Purdue Pharma will flow to the states to address the devastation and loss caused by the opioid epidemic. These agreements cannot bring back those who have tragically lost their lives due to the actions of Purdue Pharma, but it will help Florida’s efforts to make available critical resources to those struggling with addiction.”



Attorney

General Ashley Moody, in cooperation with Honda, is initiating a consumer incentive program to repair and replace exceptionally dangerous airbags in certain Honda and Acura vehicles. This program supplements the consumer protection agreement reached with Honda in August relating to defects in the frontal airbag systems designed and manufactured by Takata installed in certain Honda and Acura vehicles sold in the United States.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The safety of my fellow Floridians is of the greatest importance to me and my office. Following our successful multimillion-dollar resolution with Honda that will result in added safeguards put in place by Honda to prevent airbag safety risks in the future, my office is instituting this supplemental incentive program, with Honda’s assistance, as a logical next step in furthering our efforts to get these dangerous vehicles repaired and airbag inflators replaced so that our roads are safer for all Floridians.” Read More

Former Caregiver Arrested for Grand Theft in Connection to Medicaid Fraud Scheme



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office announced the arrest of a former caregiver for grand theft. Dorothy L. Mitchem submitted fraudulent timesheets and accepted payment for services not rendered to a disabled Medicaid recipient. Mitchem previously worked as a direct service worker for Consumer Direct Care Network Florida to provide in-home, personal care services to a disabled adult. CDCNF assists clients who need attendant care services in their home to select, train and manage their own caregiver.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Medicaid fraud is not a victimless crime. It hurts patients, health care providers and taxpayers. We will not stand idle and allow criminals to falsify reports, shortchange patients or execute any other scheme designed to steal from this taxpayer-funded health care program.” Read More

Attorney General Moody Takes Action to Protect Businesses in Merger of Waste Collection and Disposal Corporations



Attorney

General Ashley Moody is taking action to resolve anticompetitive concerns raised by the proposed multibillion-dollar merger between Waste Management, Inc. and Advanced Disposal Services Inc.—two of the largest providers of waste disposal and collection services in Florida and throughout the United States. Attorney General Moody is joined by the U.S. Department of Justice and four other states in the agreement.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am proud to join the U.S. Department of Justice and our state partners in taking action to protect Florida businesses in this multibillion-dollar merger that could have left them paying high rates with fewer alternative waste collection options. Through this multi-agency action, we will preserve competition in our state in the waste collection and disposal market.” Read More