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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Aug. 19, 2022



This weekend, we will recognize National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. This is a somber occasion to remember those Americans tragically lost to fentanyl poisoning.
Illicit fentanyl is now the number one killer of adults, ages 18-45, and is responsible for tens of thousands of deaths across the country every year.

With such a grim and overwhelming statistic, let’s not forget that we are talking about human lives—daughters and sons, mothers and fathers, family members taken away too soon.



The Drug Enforcement Administration recently created a memorial inside its national headquarters called The Faces of Fentanyl. This exhibit contains pictures submitted by the families of those who lost their lives due to this growing crisis. It serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of drug use, as deadly amounts of fentanyl are being found in more common illicit drugs—including counterfeit pills.

So, please remember that just one pill can kill—and if you are struggling with addiction, seek help immediately.

For more information visit our Dose of Reality Florida website. The site serves as a statewide one-stop resource for information about opioid misuse, substance abuse treatment and where to safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescription drugs.

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Attorney General Moody Secures 25-Year Prison Sentences for Illicit Fentanyl Traffickers



Attorney General Ashley Moody secured lengthy prison sentences for two illicit fentanyl traffickers. A court found defendants Carlos Alberto Jiminez Rodriguez and Antonio Izquierdo guilty for trafficking fentanyl, a first-degree felony, and conspiracy to traffic in fentanyl, also a first-degree felony. Following arguments by Attorney General Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution, Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Keith Carsten sentenced Rodriguez and Izquierdo to 25-year prison sentences each.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "If you traffic fentanyl in Florida, you will go to prison for a long time. This synthetic opioid is killing tens of thousands of people across our nation every year, and here in Florida, we will prosecute anyone caught trafficking this deadly substance in our state to the fullest extent of the law. I am proud of my prosecutors for ensuring the traffickers in this case will be locked away for a very long time." Read More

Woman Arrested for Ripping Out Disabled Patient's Hair



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the help of the Leon County Sheriff’s Office, announced the arrest of a care provider for abusing an adult with disabilities. According to the MFCU investigation, Makala Malcolm dragged an adult with disabilities directly by the hair, tearing out several braids in the process.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This is appalling. Caregivers are supposed to nurture their patients, not rip out their hair. Thankfully, my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigators and local law enforcement stopped this suspect before more harm could be done.” Read More