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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Feb. 4, 2022



This week, to help Floridians avoid scams associated with the rise in popularity of cryptocurrency, I released a new *Scams at a Glance*.

Currently, 1 in 10 Americans are invested in cryptocurrencies. With more people interested in crypto, scammers are seizing the opportunity to take advantage of unsuspecting investors.

According to a new report, there was an 81% increase last year in the amount of cryptocurrency stolen worldwide—a loss of more than $7 billion.

My *Scams at a Glance: Cryptocurrency Scams* will help Floridians avoid this type of fraud. The resource is full of information about cryptocurrencies and how to avoid scams designed to exploit the popularity of the digital currency.

Warning signs of a potential cryptocurrency scam include:

- Guarantees of a huge return on investment;
- Promises of free money in the form of either cash or cryptocurrency;
- Blackmail attempts—scammers may send emails to targets threatening to share alleged embarrassing information or pictures unless a payment is made

via cryptocurrency; and
- Social media messages—if a text, tweet, email or social media message is received with a prompt to send someone cryptocurrency, it’s a scam.

For more information, check out our latest brochure. It’s available for free in both English and Spanish at MyFloridaLegal.com/ScamsAtAGlance.

By staying informed about new types of scams, and reporting fraud when you see it, you can help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody Takes Legal Action Against Biden Administration for Releasing Illegal Immigrants into Florida



Attorney General Ashley Moody is taking legal action against the Biden administration for ignoring federal immigration law as the out-of-control situation at the U.S. southwest border continues. Attorney General Moody filed an amended complaint challenging President Joe Biden's latest unlawful immigration policy. Instead of commencing immigration court proceedings against illegal immigrants caught at the border, the federal government is releasing them into the interior without even starting the legal process for their removal. The government is calling this unlawful policy "Parole + Alternatives to Detention."

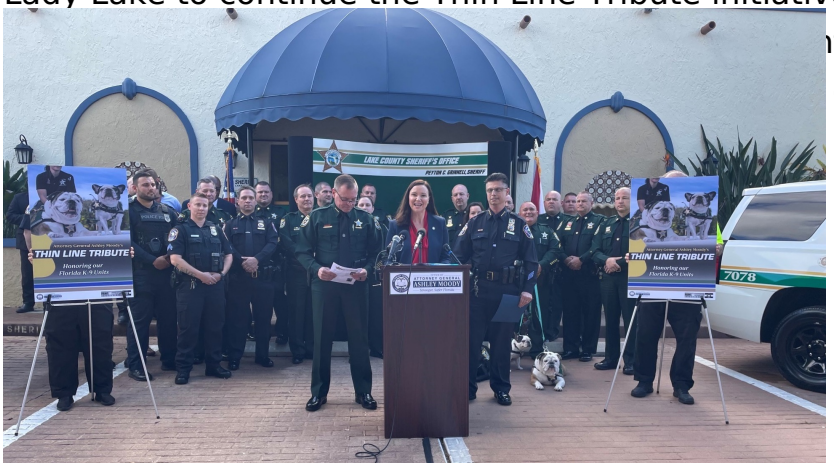
The amended complaint comes after shocking evidence uncovered dozens of adult-male illegal immigrants brought to a U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement office, and then bused to a nearby airport to be sent to their chosen destination inside the United States, including Miami according to news reports.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is appalling that the president is using taxpayer dollars to fund his open-borders agenda—even facilitating flights to transport illegal immigrants around our own country. Beyond that, his brazen lack of responsibility has led to the absolutely out-of-control conditions at our southwest border—where our border agents came into contact with more than 2 million illegal immigrants last year. While the president's policies are helping human traffickers,

criminals and deadly drugs find their way across the border and into Florida, I remain committed to fighting to protect Floridians from this disaster.” Read More

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody visited the Lake County Sheriff’s Office in Lady Lake to continue the Thin Line Tribute initiative. Attorney General Moody







Attorney General Moody leading a virtual meeting of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking in Tampa.



Attorney General Moody speaking at the Florida Bail Agents Association’s annual conference in Tallahassee. Attorney General Moody talked about the importance of holding criminals accountable for crimes and voiced support for law enforcement across Florida.



Attorney General Moody welcoming members of the Florida Senate Pages program outside her capitol office in Tallahassee.

