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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - June 3, 2022



This week, we celebrated the grand opening of a new Seniors vs. Crime office in Tampa. This new office will help facilitate more face-to-face assistance for Floridians in an area with a large and growing senior population.

As part of the grand opening celebration, we released the 2021 Seniors vs. Crime Annual Report. According to the report, last year, Senior Sleuth volunteers directly assisted nearly 8,500 consumers and obtained more than $2 million in recoveries, refunds and other financial relief.

To view the report, click here.

This latest report brings the recovery total for the past three years to nearly $5.5 million. This is phenomenal, given that Seniors v. Crime is a volunteer operation. My hope is, that as this project expands the positive impact these Senior Sleuths will have on the communities they serve will continue.

I am thankful for each and every one of these dedicated volunteers. Their work is helping us stop scams, protect seniors and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Attorney General Moody Secures Prison Sentence for Gang Member Trafficking a Teen



Attorney General Ashley Moody is announcing the sentencing of a known gang member convicted of trafficking a young girl. Attorney General Moody's Statewide Prosecutors secured a 13-year prison sentence for Michael Hill after the defendant coerced the teenager to engage in car dates with paying customers and then took a cut of the profit. Hill also used the victim for the creation of child pornography.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This monster exploited a runaway teen, transported her hundreds of miles away and forced her into the underground world of sex trafficking and child pornography—all so he could make money off her misery. Thankfully, Florida State Troopers rescued the victim and my Statewide Prosecutors worked to ensure this human trafficker will spend a long time in prison for his atrocious crimes." Read More

Attorney General Moody Catches Another Biden Administration False Statement, This Time to SCOTUS



Through continued litigation efforts to stop the crisis at the border, Attorney General Ashley Moody uncovered documents showing the Biden Administration once again misrepresented the facts—this time to U.S. Supreme Court Justices. In briefs submitted and arguments made before SCOTUS in Biden v. Texas, the U.S. Department of Justice claimed it is longstanding federal policy to use detention capacity as a permissible basis for releasing illegal immigrants into the interior of our country.

However, U.S. Department of Homeland Security memos, obtained by Attorney General Moody's office through litigation efforts challenging Biden's unlawful immigration policies, show the DOJ statements to be untrue. In DHS memos from 2014 and 2015, federal officials state that lack of detention space is not an appropriate reason "to parole an inadmissible alien."

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "First, Secretary Mayorkas made misrepresentations to Congress. Now, DOJ did so to SCOTUS. It seems there is no limit to what Biden officials will say or do in the furtherance of unlawful policies designed to destroy our southern border and weaken our national security.

"The very fact that my office, through litigation efforts to rein in this out-of-control administration, has already uncovered two falsehoods by the Executive Branch to the Legislative and Judicial branches of our nation's government is shocking. If the Biden administration is willing to mislead co-equal branches of our U.S. government, what aren't they willing to say to the American public?" Read More

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody celebrated the opening of a new Seniors vs. Crime Office in Tampa with the Executive Director of Seniors vs. Crime Don Ravenna, Senior Sleuth volunteers and representatives from the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office.



Attorney General Moody thanks the Office of Citizen Services team who, through months of hard work, made substantial improvements to response times for citizen correspondence. Chief of Staff Richard Martin issued a challenge to the team, backed up by a promise of a BBQ lunch. They delivered, and so did he! The Friday before Memorial Day, Richard treated the team to a BBQ lunch for a job well done.



Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Ashley Wright has been named the new President of the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association, which has been serving African American Attorneys since 1981. Attorney General Moody congratulates Ashley on this recognition.

