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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - April 8, 2022



President Joe Biden has obliterated the southwest border, and it's about to get even worse. The Biden administration is preparing to rescind Title 42, a pandemic-era rule that allows border agents to quickly expel migrants from countries where high levels of a communicable disease are present.
Reversing this policy will pave the way for thousands of additional migrants to flood across the southwest border and will exacerbate the ongoing opioid and human trafficking crises. Sadly, we have seen a drastic increase in the amount of fentanyl flooding into the country since Biden took office. This deadly synthetic opioid is exacerbating the national opioid crisis claiming 21 lives a day in Florida.

We also know, human smugglers are exploiting these weak immigration policies to traffic women and children. Something must be done to end the chaos at the border and protect Floridians from the risks posed by lax public-safety laws.

That is why this week, U.S. Rep. Bill Posey and I announced new congressional legislation giving states the authority to enforce public-safety immigration laws when the U.S. Department of Homeland Security won't.

If the president refuses to follow the law, secure the border and protect the American people, then we will. As Attorney General I will always fight for the safety of Floridians and work with congressmen like Rep. Posey to build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Attorney General Moody Announces Arrest of Two Group-Home Employees for Beating a Disabled Floridian



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Ocoee Police Department and Winter Haven Police Department, arrested two Central Florida men for abusing a disabled adult. According to an investigation by MFCU, the group-home caregivers, Charles Brown and Taquan Dozier, kicked and slapped a patient during a power outage at a group home facility. A night-vision camera captured the assault in the dark.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is reprehensible that caregivers would treat a disabled adult this way, especially during a high-stress situation like a power outage. I am thankful the night-vision video camera was able to catch the criminals' actions, as the cloak of darkness might have concealed these violent acts. These criminals will not go unpunished, and they will face justice." Read More

Attorney General Moody Brings Multistate Action Against Biden's Unlawful Federal Immigration Policies



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General Ashley Moody is bringing a multistate action against President Joe Biden for failing to enforce federal immigration law. The attorneys general of Alabama and Georgia joined Attorney General Moody in a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief, arguing that the president is failing to perform the duties required by Congress by continuing to operate under unlawful immigration enforcement priorities. Under these priorities, the Biden administration is refusing to detain and deport criminals in the country illegally—directly contrary to federal law.

The immigration enforcement priorities are also contrary to precedent set by presidents of both political parties. As Obama administration Solicitor General Donald Verrilli recognized, “Congress has told the Department of Homeland Security that it has to prioritize the removal of criminal aliens.”

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The Biden administration’s refusal to deport criminals here illegally after they complete their sentences makes us all less safe. Biden’s lax immigration policies are exacerbating the opioid crisis, facilitating human trafficking and further jeopardizing overall public safety. As Attorney General, I will continue fighting these unlawful immigration policies until the president is forced to do his job and secure the southwest border.” Read More