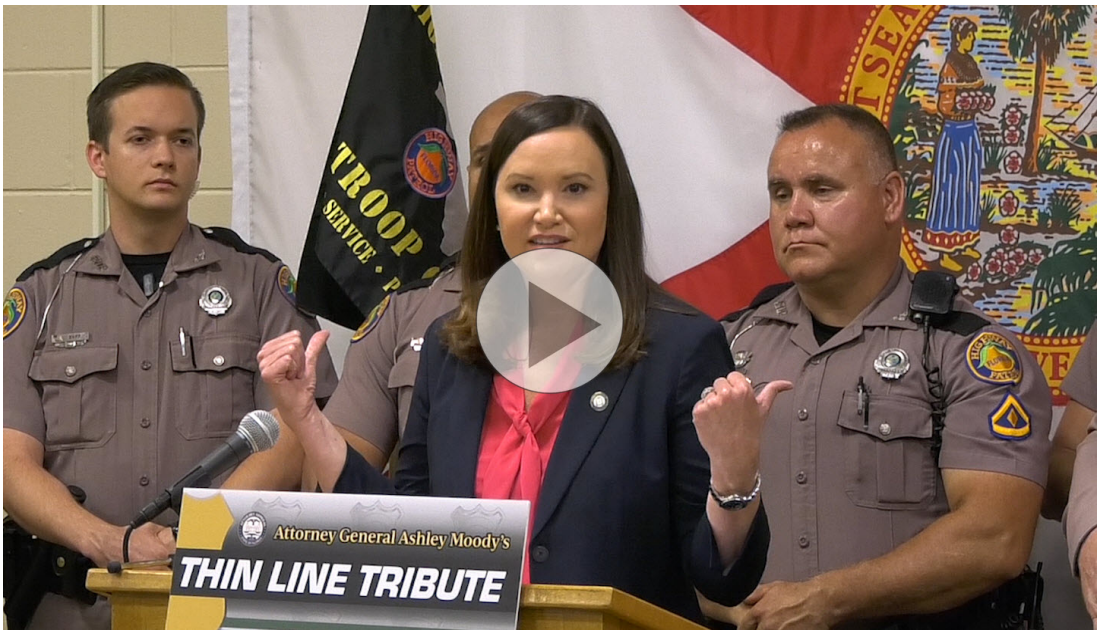
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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - May 20, 2022



This week, we recognized National Police Week by continuing our Thin Line Tribute initiative at Florida Highway Patrol Troop C headquarters in Tampa. I launched the Thin Line Tribute one year ago this month to recognize the courageous, and often thankless, job front-line officers do on a daily basis.
Along with their normal duties monitoring Florida's roadways, the outstanding Troopers of Troop C are working extra hard to stop crimes emanating from the security breach at the southwest border. Recently, Troop C seized nearly $700,000 worth of heroin from illegal immigrants during a traffic stop on I-75. Since October, Troop C alone has investigated 14 cases involving suspects illegally transporting migrants or drugs into Florida.

Patrolling Florida's interstates is grueling, risky work. Any stop or encounter could turn deadly. These courageous Troopers are true heroes. We often recognize them when something goes incredibly right, or tragically wrong, but not often enough are they recognized for showing up day after day, putting a badge on their chest, a gun on their hip and a bulletproof vest underneath their uniform.

These Troopers not only stand as the thin line of protection between chaos and

order—they now serve as the last line of defense between the border security breach and the safety of our citizens. Troop C continues to play an important role in our mission to build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody and Federal Communications Commission Announce New Robocall Investigation Partnership



Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Federal Communications Commission officially teamed up in the fight against robocalls. A new Memorandum of Understanding between state and federal robocall investigators establishes critical information sharing and cooperation structures to allow both agencies to better investigate illegal caller ID spoofing and robocall scams nationwide. The MOU will allow the Florida Attorney General's investigators to access information that may have been previously unobtainable and will assist with ongoing efforts to protect Floridians from scams involving illegal robocalls.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "By combining efforts and utilizing FCC resources, we are bolstering our fight to stop scams involving illegal robocalls. This new state-federal partnership will allow our office to more quickly obtain information to expedite and strengthen investigations—while eliminating any duplicative efforts. We share a common goal with the FCC to protect consumers from robocall scams. This new partnership will help us both advance this important mission." Read More

Attorney General Moody Takes Action Against Man Who Used Power of Attorney to Steal More Than $40,000 from Florida Senior



Attorney General Ashley Moody is announcing the arrest of a man who used power of attorney to steal tens of thousands of dollars from an incapacitated senior. An investigation by Attorney General Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit resulted in the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office taking Gregory Marler into custody.

The MFCU investigation revealed that Marler obtained power of attorney rights from an elderly victim residing in a Medicaid-receiving facility, who lacked capacity to make financial decisions. Marler removed more than $40,000 through multiple withdrawals from the victim’s personal bank account for personal use, including using the funds to partially pay off rent to a marina.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The suspect in this case took advantage of an incapacitated senior—using power of attorney to drain thousands of dollars from the victim’s checking account for personal use. The money should have been spent on medical bills, property taxes and to care for the senior, but instead the bills were ignored, taxes were past due, and the victim’s house left in such disarray that when authorities viewed the property, they found maggots in the refrigerator.” Read More

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody continued her Thin Line Tribute initiative with a visit to the Florida Highway Patrol Troop C in Tampa in honor of National Police Week. Attorney General Moody recognized Troop C's outstanding work [illegible] order in order





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



Attorney General Moody speaking at the Committee of 100 of Orange County's luncheon in Orlando about the importance of supporting law enforcement.



Attorney General Moody with Orange County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Nichol Stratman and Windermere Police Detective John Allen. Both were named First Responder of the Year during the Committee of 100 of Orange County’s luncheon.

