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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Sept. 23, 2022



This week, I continued my Thin Line Tribute initiative at the Hialeah Police Department. I launched the Thin Line Tribute last year to recognize the courageous, and often thankless, job front-line officers do on a daily basis.
Florida law enforcement officers work every day to maintain law and order and provide safety to the communities they have taken an oath to protect. They are a big part of what makes Florida so great, and I cannot thank them enough for risking their safety to ensure ours.

Police Chief George Fuente and his officers have made the Hialeah Police Department renowned in their community for their unwavering dedication in providing excellent service to the more than 230,000 citizens of Hialeah, Florida. They have worked so hard to protect the city and I am happy to be able to thank them for the terrific work they do day in and day out.

But law enforcement officers do not do this job for gratitude and recognition. They are selfless civil servants, working to help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida. For that,

I, and the rest of the citizens of Florida, are forever grateful.



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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody Activates Price Gouging Hotline as Tropical Depression Nine Approaches Florida



Attorney General Ashley Moody today activated Florida's Price Gouging Hotline with Tropical Depression Nine approaching the state. The activation comes following Governor Ron DeSantis's state-of-emergency declaration for 24 counties. In areas covered by the state of emergency, Floridians can report instances of severe price increases on essential commodities needed to prepare for the storm. Florida's price gouging law only applies to commodities and services essential to preparing for, or recovering from, a storm within the areas of a declared state of emergency.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Floridians should prepare now with Tropical Depression Nine moving closer to our state. If anyone suspects price gouging, report it to my office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM, filing online at MyFloridaLegal.com or using our free No Scam reporting app."

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Attorney General Moody and Clay County Sheriff Cook's Offices Shut Down Fentanyl Trafficking Operation—Enough Seized to Kill 4 Million Floridians



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution and the Clay County Sheriff's Office teamed up to shut down a fentanyl trafficking operation in Clay County. At a news conference in Clay County, Attorney General Moody announced that as a result of the investigation, CCSO arrested two suspects who ordered and then distributed large quantities of fentanyl to other dealers in Clay and Duval counties. Authorities seized more than eight kilograms of fentanyl, along with assorted amounts of other drugs and various paraphernalia. This is enough fentanyl to kill more than 4 million people—the populations of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lake, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Union and Volusia counties combined.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Fentanyl is killing Americans at a record pace, and these drug traffickers compiled enough of this deadly synthetic opioid to kill everyone within 18 counties of their criminal operation. Thankfully, working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, we were able to take these deadly drugs off the streets before they could kill Floridians." Read More

Attorney General Moody Calls on FCC to Require More Voice Service Providers to Adopt Anti-Robocall Protections



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General Ashley Moody called on the Federal Communications Commission to require telephone providers that route calls across the U.S. telephone network to implement more rigorous measures that prevent illegal and fraudulent robocalls from bombarding Americans. Attorney General Moody, along with 50 other attorneys general, replied to the FCC in support of the proposed rule changes.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am joining attorneys general from across the nation urging the FCC to strengthen federal rules to ensure gateway providers are doing everything they can to protect Americans from unlawful robocalls.” Read More

Mother-Daughter Duo Defrauds Medicaid Out of More Than $100,000



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Miami-Dade Police Department arrested Andrea Lozada Granados and Virna Granados for defrauding the Medicaid Program out of more than $100,000. The mother-daughter duo allegedly billed Medicaid for psycho-social rehabilitation services never rendered for six recipients.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I'm glad we were able to stop this Medicaid fraud scheme ripping off the taxpayers of Florida. Now this mother-daughter duo will have to answer for this six-figure criminal scheme to defraud a taxpayer-funded program." Read More

Attorney General Moody Secures 25-Year Prison Sentence for Fraudster Who Stole Life Savings from Eight Florida Seniors



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General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a 25-year prison sentence for a woman who ripped off eight Florida seniors, including a retired police officer. A jury found Susan Anderson guilty of conducting identity theft and fraudulent schemes, stealing nearly $2 million from family and friends. At the sentencing, the Honorable Judge Steven Toner noted that the facts of the case were some of the most horrific that have ever been presented in his courtroom.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This woman lied about having terminal cancer and forced her family to beg for money from friends to help pay for treatment she didn't need and never received. Her lies convinced eight Florida seniors to deplete their life savings in order to help her. These are appalling crimes, but thanks to my Office of Statewide Prosecution, she will now serve 25 years behind bars for ripping off Florida seniors." Read More

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody held a joint news conference with the Clay County Sheriff’s Office in Jacksonville to highlight a massive fentanyl drug bust that resulted in the arrest of two suspects.



The Florida Attorney General's Office will host a job fair in Tallahassee with CareerSource Florida on Sept. 27. View the video below for more information.

