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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - March 17, 2023



This week, I issued a warning for spring breakers about the extremely dangerous threat of deadly synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, and other illicit substances. Fentanyl is being mixed with more common drugs and counterfeit pills. These deadly mixtures are often sold to unsuspecting users—often with deadly consequences.

Last year, several West Point cadets overdosed on cocaine containing fentanyl while on a spring-break trip in Florida. In the months that followed, other mass fentanyl overdose events took place—claiming many lives.

Additionally, nitazenes, or “Frankenstein” opioids, are becoming more prevalent in illicit substances. Nitazenes have no accepted medical use in the United States or anywhere in the world. Some are far more potent than fentanyl and can be mixed into other drugs, such as cocaine or fake painkillers.

Parents, please tell your kids about the dangers of drug use and how just one pill can kill—especially if they are going on a trip with their friends.

For tips to help get the conversation started, visit our statewide resource DoseOfRealityFL.com. While you are there, you will find more information about the dangers of opioid misuse, how to receive support for addiction and where to drop off unused prescription drugs.

Stay Safe, Florida.



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AG Moody, MBI and Federal Law Enforcement Dismantled Massive Cocaine Trafficking Ring, Arresting 35 and Seizing Millions of Dollars' Worth of Illicit Drugs



Attorney General Ashley Moody, the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service announced the dismantling of a massive drug trafficking ring—arresting 35 suspects and seizing millions of dollars’ worth of drugs. These defendants made up one of the largest cocaine trafficking rings in Florida history, transporting drugs from Puerto Rico to sell in Florida. The defendants also trafficked illicit fentanyl and are responsible for violent crimes, including torture.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This massive drug-trafficking organization moved millions of dollars’ worth of cocaine from Puerto Rico into the United States. They used torture to intimidate and maintain a stranglehold on the market, and supplied Central Florida with so much cocaine that the price of the illicit substance in that area actually dropped. I am proud of my Statewide Prosecutors for working with Florida and federal law enforcement to dismantle this dangerous drug-trafficking ring and ensure these suspects face justice.” Read More

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