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## Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

## VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Asks Floridians to Report Suspicious Activity This National Crime Prevention Month



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—During National Crime Prevention Month, Attorney General Ashley Moody is urging Floridians to take a stand against crime and report suspicious activity. Following the terrorist attacks by Hamas on Israel, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is experiencing an increase in reports domestically. Attorney General Moody asks Floridians to report suspicious activity by calling 1(855) FLA-SAFE.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The FBI is experiencing an increase in reports of suspicious activity nationwide, and we must remain on alert in Florida to keep our state safe. If you see something, say something by calling 1(855) FLA-SAFE. While we always need the community's help during times of heightened alert, public safety is the responsibility of all of us year-round. So, if you have information about an unsolved crime and want to remain anonymous, dial \*\*TIPS from your cell phone. If the information you provide leads to an arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward."

Attorney General Moody recently recognized <u>the 25th anniversary of Florida Crime Stoppers</u> <u>partnering with the Florida Attorney General's Office</u>. Flanked by local law enforcement leaders, Attorney General Moody encouraged the public to help solve difficult crimes using \*\*TIPS—the statewide anonymous reporting line created by Attorney General Moody and the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in 2020.

In February 2022, <u>Crime Stoppers USA took \*\*TIPS national</u>, meaning anyone in the country can dial \*\*TIPS and can be connected to the nearest Crime Stoppers office, all while remaining anonymous. Tips that result in an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward. Since 2019, more than 13,000 rewards have been approved for successful tips, with each reward averaging \$245.

For more information about \*\*TIPS, click here.

Last month, <u>Attorney General Moody teamed up with former America's Most Wanted host John</u> <u>Walsh and FACS</u> to encourage Floridians to report crime using \*\*TIPS. As a dedicated crime fighter, Walsh remarked that the \*\*TIPS tipline will give Florida law enforcement an advantage on criminals in hard-to-crack cases.

Floridians can take these steps to avoid becoming a victim of crime:

- Activate alarms and lock your homes and vehicles;
- Walk in well-lit, populated areas;
- Always be aware of your surroundings;
- Never carry or display large amounts of cash or expensive items in public; and
- Report suspicious behavior by calling or texting 911.

In an emergency, always dial 911.

Following the recent terrorist attacks in Israel, Attorney General Moody is encouraging Floridians to be on the lookout for suspicious activity. If anyone sees something that seems out of place, or irregular, call the Florida Department of Law Enforcement at 1(855) FLA-SAFE, or 911 in case of an emergency.

For more information, click here.

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